

Blairstown Lodge No. 165 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in a Regular Communication in their hall at the Masonic Temple,
11 Stillwater Rd, Blairstown, NJ
On the 23rd of October 2025 A.L. 6025

Officers Present

WB Matthew C Kaufman	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Joshua Williams-Como	X	Senior Warden
WB Edward Lubas	X	Junior Warden
WB Michael D Park	X	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
WB Daniel J Gialanella	Absent	Senior Deacon
Bro Tyrone Coronato	X	Junior Deacon
Bro Thomas J Bulger	X	Senior Master of Ceremonies
WB Daniel C Kaufman	X	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Robert W Agolio	Absent	Senior Steward
WB William R Chadwick	Absent	Junior Steward
WB Stephen Z Gnall	X	Chaplain
RW Eric P Neuffer, PGC	X	Tyler
WB Walter S Orcutt, Jr	X	Marshal
WB Robert S Moorhead, Jr	X	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Nicholas Kaufman, DRI	RW Tom Murphy, PDDGM (#164)	WB Nelson Drobness	Bro John Caruso
RW Brian Snead, GSB	RW Walter Siri, PATGM (#164)		Bro Steve Kazmierkiewicz
	RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI (#8)		Bro Jesse Woll
			Bro Steve Dugan

RW Nick Kaufman sat in for the Senior Deacon, Bro Steve Kazmierkiewicz for Sr Steward, and Bro John Caruso for the Jr Steward.

There were 22 Master Masons present!!!

Opening:

The Lodge was opened in due and ancient form at 7:30 PM at labor on the Master Mason Degree, with a salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Regular Communication of October 9th, 2025, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

None reported.

Joys and Celebrations:

Only that there were no reports of sickness and distress.

Presentation of Bills:

The Secretary advised the there were no bills to present this evening.

Communications:

The Secretary advised the there were none to present this evening.

Petitions:

N/A

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that the lodge's accounts are solvent.

Buildings & Grounds:

WB Orcutt advised that the property has been prepped for the end of the season (new roof and mowers put away).

Charity:

WB Park advised that:

- Preparations for the upcoming Masonic Santa project have begun and he is soliciting lists of needy families.
- The Masonic Road Drive is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. More details to follow.

Rental Report:

WG Moorhead advised that there were (2) rentals this past weekend and that bookings are already extending out into April 2026.

Unfinished Business:

Non reported

New Business:

RW Nick Kaufman advised that RW Ken Beers is trying to coordinate a district wide Gold Token night in 2026 in honor of RW Dwayne Dolly's last year as DDGM.

Program:

The Worshipful Master read Chapter 30 of Claudy's book "Foreign Countries" for the brethren. It details the symbolic meaning of a brother's travels thru the hidden lands within the rituals of Freemasonry, followed by discussion.

Announcements:

10/27 MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong #42
10/28 Rehearsal- EA Degree (7:30 pm)
11/4-6 Grand Lodge Annual Communication
11/10 Baldwin Chapter RAM @ Harmony #8
11/11 EA Degree (dinner @ 6:30, attire: officers-black tie)
11/13 Regular Communication- Nominations open/close

Upcoming Installations:

12/1 Kittatinny #164 Open
12/11 Blirstown #165
12/13 Harmony #8 Open
12/18 Mansfield #36 Open

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:30 pm by WM Matthew C Kaufman.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2025

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