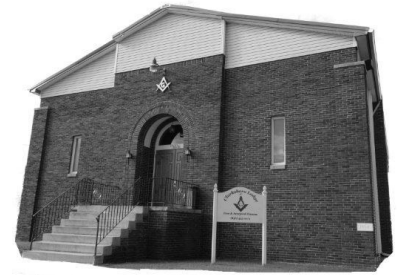




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REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS
FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
NOVEMBER 2025



Hello Brethren,

The Worshipful Master was wandering around the lodge on Halloween night and came across a trunk in a dark corner. He opened the trunk and the ghosts of Past Masters escaped and shouted 'We Didn't Do It That Way In My Year'. The Worshipful Master asked the Past Masters to show him and the lodge how they did it in their year. So the Past Master's representing Florence, Swedesboro, Paulsboro, and Clarksboro lodges will gather on Monday, November 17th at 7:30pm to confer the Fellowcraft degree on one Entered Apprentice candidate.

We will have our regular communication on Monday, November 3rd at 7:30 for the election of officers and suspension of members for non-payment of dues as per the Constitution and By-Laws.

Remember this you lodge and the bonds of brotherhood are best built when we work together.

Rehearsal Dates for the Fellowcraft degree:

Sunday, November 2 at 6pm for the First section of the FC degree

Sunday, November 9 at 6pm for the second section of the FC degree

Sunday, November 16 at 6pm for the first section and speaking parts in the second section of the FC degree

Fraternally yours,
John Higgins
WM Clarksboro Lodge #87 of Free and Accepted Masons

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

November 3, 2025 We will have our November regular communication starting at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30.

Among the agenda items:

-We will have lodge elections for the following positions for the 2026 Masonic year:

Worshipful Master = Chris Roethke

Senior Warden = James Earle

Junior Warden = Eric Rathof

Treasurer = Brett Biel

Secretary = Jason Neal

Proxy to Grand Lodge = Michael Tinsley

Financial Trustees = Charles Murschell

Building Maintenance Trustees = Tom Rathof

November 17, 2025 We will have a Past Master's degree for the Fellowcraft on Brother EA Ennold Abas. If anyone is interested in participating please contact James Earle at (609) 820-4680

-We will also be having a vote for suspension of 28 members for non-payment of dues and 20 due to potential lost contact. Members voted for suspension would have until December 31, 2025 for either paying dues or restoring contact for avoiding suspension. If you still have not paid 2025 dues, we kindly ask to please provide payment to help us avoid having to suspend members. If you are not sure of your 2025 status or have questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Next month I will be sending out dues notices for 2026 which will stay the same as this year so please keep an eye out for mail and e-mail notices.

Fraternally,
Jason Neal
Secretary

Living Past Masters

1970 J. M. Dare ^S	1991 J. C. Magee, III ^P	2008 G. R. Bruynell ^{PS}
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. ^S	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2008 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. ^P	1992 D. P. Doak ^P	2009 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. ^F	1993 G. E. Sleet ^S	2010 J. A. Link ^{PS}
1979 W. L. Villanova ^S	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGM ^F	1995 P. J. Peacock	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 T. D. Clow, PGM ^F		2016 J. P. Neal
1980 C. W. McTyre ^S	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1983 J. R. Corliss ^P	1999 D. C. Henson ^F	2018 T. G. Rathof DRI
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2019 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^{PS}	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2003 J. C. Legge ^{PS}	2021 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 C.B. Jarrell ^{PS}	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P	2006 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2024 J. J. Higgins

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Peppler, PGM	2007 H. S. May, III, PGC	MW L. S. Plasket PGM
1993 R. Stowman, PM	2008 F. D. Jones, PDDGM	RW A. L. Hann PJGD
1996 W. E. Hackney, PGM	2008 J. C. Stephenson, PDRI	RW C. G. Hocknell PDDGM
	2009 W. H. Berman, PGM	2018 MW D. B. Hees PGM
	2014 D. A. Dorworth, PGM	

21st Masonic District Lodges

Penns Grove Excelsior No. 54, Carneys Point	1st Wednesday at 7:30pm
Clarksboro No. 87, Clarksboro	1st Monday at 7:30pm
Mantua No. 95, Mantua	2nd Thursday at 7:30pm
Woodstown No. 138, Woodstown	1st Tuesday at 7:30pm
Williamstown, No. 166, Williamstown	1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm
Pitman, No. 197, Pitman	2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm

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2025

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Secretary

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Treasurer

WB Bret Biel
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Sr. Master of Ceremonies
Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Marshal
Tyler
Director of Ritual

Jimmy Earle, PM
Roger L. Thomas, PGC
James Earle PM
Cory Hunt
Brian Spencer
Geovanie Rodriguez Gonzalez
Ronald Erdman
Joseph Forman
Richard Kell, PDDGM
Gerardo Batista
Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM

Trustees

Financial

Charles Murschell 2025
John Leach 2026
R. D. Bailey PGC 2027

Temple Maintenance

Thomas Rathof DDGM 2025
Eric Rathof PM 2026
R.B. Kell PDDGM 2027
Wm T. Dutka, PDDGM 2028

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Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff

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If anyone in your Lodge is ailing, in need of a phone call, card, or visitation ... If you need assistance with a Masonic funeral ... Or anything else, please contact the Grand Chaplain