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FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
DECEMBER 2025



Brethren,

I has been an honor to serve as Worshipful Master for these past two years, as you should know our installation is Monday December 1st 2025 at the lodge, 6 pm appetizers, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 gavel. I would hope to see all of you there. Also bring your wives or significant others—this is an open installation.

A quick message to the younger masons—come to lodge-make suggestions on how to make it better, get involved.

A quick message to the older mason—past masters, come to lodge-be a part of your lodge—get back involved.

Have a happy Thanksgiving brethren

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

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

December 1, 2025 We will have our annual Feast of the Saints John as we welcome in our 2026 lodge officers and start a new Masonic year. This will be an open installation so brethren and their non-Mason guests are welcome to attend. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the ceremony beginning at approximately 7:30pm.

As a result of the elections held at our November regular communication the following officers will be installed 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

The following officers appointed by the Worshipful Master will also be installed:

Senior Deacon = Michael Tinsley
Junior Deacon = Brian Spencer
Senior Master of Ceremonies = Keith Lypka
Senior Steward = Tom Rathof
Junior Steward = John Higgins
Marshal = Rich Kell
Chaplain = Ken Thomsas
Tyler = Jack McGee

A friendly reminder that 2026 dues notices have been both electronically and physically mailed. If you have not received them by early December, please let me know. Also please feel free to e-mail or call with any questions about dues. If you have already paid your dues and receive a notice by mail please disregard.

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
1990 Lee Brown ^F	2007 R D. Bailey ^{PS}	

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	

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

**Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men
with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth
in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.
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2025

Elected Officers

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Worshipful Master

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Junior Warden

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Secretary

WB Jason Neal
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Treasurer

WB Bret Biel
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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
Chaplain
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
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

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff

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Right Worshipful Thomas Rathof

District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District

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Right Worshipful Christopher J. Roethke

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Right Worshipful Evan Boggs Grand Chaplain

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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