



# Harmony Lodge No. 8 F. & A.M.

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Our 238<sup>th</sup> Year 1788-2026 | 2025 A.D. - 6026 A.L.

V.I.T.R.I.O.L.

## TRESTLEBOARD

January/February 2026

### ***OUR MISSION STATEMENT***

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with principals of brotherly love, relief, and truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor, and Self.

### ***Lodges in the 1st Masonic District***

Harmony Lodge No. 8: 1st & 3rd Thursday  
Mansfield Lodge No. 36: 1st & 3rd Thursday  
Musconetcong Lodge No. 42:  
2nd & 4th Wednesday  
Kittatinny Lodge No. 164: 1st & 3rd Monday  
Blairstown Lodge No. 165:  
2nd & 4th Thursday

### ***Harmony 2026 Officers***

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	WB Stephen J Dugan
<b>Senior Warden</b>	RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Bro Arjune M Sharma
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr
<b>Secretary</b>	Bro Barry W George
<b>Sr. Deacon</b>	Bro Carlos Torres
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Bro Ryan Carroll
<b>Chaplain</b>	WB Clay Kraemer
<b>Sr. MC</b>	Bro Chris Brown
<b>Jr. MC</b>	WB Chris Bailey
<b>Sr. Steward</b>	Bro Jose Ascencio
<b>Jr. Steward</b>	WB Patrick Conroy
<b>Marshall</b>	Bro Patrick Harrison
<b>Tyler</b>	WB Matthew C Kaufman
<b>Historian</b>	Bro Robert G Woldt, DB
<b>Organist</b>	Bro Henry F Repp
<b>Proxy to GL</b>	Bro Chris Brown

### **Lodge Trustees**

WB Matthew C Kaufman	2026
Bro Robert G Woldt	2027
RW Eric G Grove	2028

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## **In and About the Apartments of the Temple**

### ***Audit Committee***

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

### ***Building and Grounds Committee***

WB Daniel Kaufman

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### ***By-Laws Committee***

RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI

WB Michael Shepherd

### ***Candidate Instruction***

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

### ***Charity Committee***

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI

Bro Arjune Sharma

Bro David J King, Bread of Life Coordinator

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### ***Hall Rental***

WB Matthew C Kaufman

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### ***Ritual Instruction Committee***

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

### ***Events in January & February***

1/6	Rehearsal	7:30 pm
1/12	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:30 pm
1/13	Rehearsal	7:30 pm
1/15	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
1/20	Rehearsal	7:30 pm
<b>1/21</b>	<b>Emergent Communication -EA Degree</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	<b>(dinner @ 6:30 catered)</b>	
	<b>(Attire: tuxedo or dark suit)</b>	
1/24	Bread of Life	11:00 am
	(First Presbyterian Church-Newton)	
1/26	MWPM/DLI @ Kittatinny #164	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: casual)	
2/5	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	

2/9	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:30 pm
2/19	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
2/23	MWPM/DLI @ Harmony #8	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: casual)	
2/28	Bread of Life	11:00 am
	(First Presbyterian Church-Newton)	

### ***Active Past Masters***

(\* Other than Harmony | # Withdrew)

1976 Fred O Rosenberg Jr.	2004-05 George J. Stypolkowski
1977 Cornelius Martin Jr.	PDRI
1980 Robert H Stang Jr.	2006 24 Daniel C Kaufman
1981 H. Ralph Smith	2010 Patrick W Conroy
1982 89 99 2011 25	2013 John B Jennings*
Fred W Fox, PGC	2014 Clay D Kraemer
1988 2012 Eric G Grove PDDGM	2018 Christopher A Bailey
1991 Jerry J Jagger PGC	2019 Abraham L Jacinto
1988 2012 Eric G. Grove PDDGM	2020 Luke F Wikander
1994 Eugene M Ingraham III	2021 Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI
1996 Nelson A Drobness #	2022 Daniel J Gialanella#
2000 Michael DiCiccio#	2023 Matthew C Kaufman
2001 Michael F Shepherd*	
2001 James H Vander Veer PDDGM	
2002 09 Bernard E Triano PGC	

### ***MASONIC Birthdays in January & February***

RW Bernard Triano, 1/4	30 yrs
Bro Curvey Purkett, Jr, 1/6	7 yrs
WB Matt Kaufman, 1/18	8 yrs
WB Fred Rosenberg, Jr, 2/3	62 yrs
WB Michael Shepherd, 2/16	25 yrs
Bro Michael Keegan II, 2/20	9yrs

### ***In the Quarries***

#### **Awaiting EA Degree**

Mr. Ryan McKenzie

## *Grandview*

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## *Oriental Chair*



My Brothers,

All the best for the upcoming Christmas and New Year and sincerest thanks to all for your support and encouragement that will bring me to the East on Saturday 13 December. As this is written, there is but one week until Installation. While serving you as Worshipful Master is, by itself, a distinct honor this is amplified by the fact that 2026 is also the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America! In this, our 238th year, I see us with the opportunities to participate in the celebration that is America and in so doing increase our public presence. These decisions will come from all of us and your ideas are needed. Some ideas include - joining in the Memorial Day parade in Newton, Andover Township Day in June, and the Fourth of July parade in Sparta. I promise to continue my best effort to all of you for a rewarding and fulfilling year. Each of us has a part in making that happen.

I am happy and thankful for our exceptional officers' line up for this year. I am further encouraged by the potential growth of our Fraternity. We have an EA degree scheduled for Wednesday 21 January. We also have two potential candidates that have joined us for dinner and assisted with the November Bread of Life.

As always there are the challenges of keeping our building and grounds in good shape. Projects needing attention include repairs to the rental hall floor, repairs to the lodge room outer door, and repairs to the rental hall entrance. We've handled large projects over the course of 2025 and I am confident we can do the same in 2026.

My brethren, never forget the special bond that exists among us. Be honest and unafraid of speaking the truth. Be conscious of your brother and his cable-tow. Remember that I am always there for you; my phone is always on!

I am looking forward to a great 2026.....

Fraternally,  
WB Stephen Dugan  
Worshipful Master 2026

***From the Secretary's desk***



Brethren,

As the old year has drawn to a close, we thank you for your support over the past year. A new year begins and the cycle resets. Dues notices for the 2026 Masonic year are going out and payment is actually due by 12/31/25. The funds collected from your 2026 dues go to fund the operations of the lodge during the year. Please do what you can to send in your payments as soon as possible. That said, we are looking forward to the new year with anticipation for the light we can seek and the adventures we may find together.

Fraternally,  
Bro Barry George  
Secretary

