

# Blairstown Lodge No. 165 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in ANNUAL Communication in their hall at the Masonic Temple,  
 11 Stillwater Rd, Blairstown, NJ  
 On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 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	X	Senior Deacon
Bro Tyrone Coronato	Absent	Junior Deacon
Bro Thomas J Bulger	X	Senior Master of Ceremonies
WB Daniel C Kaufman	X	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Robert W Agolio	X	Senior Steward
WB William R Chadwick	X	Junior Steward
WB Stephen Z Gnall	Absent	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 Glen Vischer, GJW	RW James Taylor, PDDGM	WB Nelson Drobness	Bro Steve Kazmierkiewicz
RW Dwayne A Dolly II, DDGM	RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI	WB Alan Hay	Bro Jesse Woll
RW Nick Kaufman, DRI	RW Fred Fox, PGC	WB Alex Kronick (#164)	Bro Phillip Caltagirone
RW Brian Clouse, GSB	RW Brian Snead, PGSB		Bro Steve Dugan
RW Michael Steinhardt, GC	RW Ken Beers, PGC		Bro Ryan Carroll (#8)
			Bro Carlos Torres (#8)
			Bro Scott McGrath (#164)

Bro Carlos Torres sat in for the Junior Deacon.

There were (33) 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 November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

**Sickness and Distress:**

None presented.

**Joys and Celebrations:**

None presented.

**Presentation of Bills:**

None to report.

**Communications:**

The Secretary advised that the lodge had received its fire inspection certificate from the state, having passed inspection.

**Petitions:**

None at this time.

**Ballots:**

None at this time.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

\*A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay the bills during the holidays.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Bro Moorhead advised that after attempting to clean the sign in front of the lodge, it became apparent that repairs and new letters are needed. He suggested that purchase of the necessary materials would not exceed \$200.00.

\*A motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize the purchase of needed sign materials, not to exceed \$200.00.

**Charity:**

WB Park advised that the Masonic Santa Road drive occurred on Saturday, 12/6, and was very successful and well attended by the brethren. Funds raised for the charity that day amounted to \$2,165.00. With additional donations after the event, the fund is now up to \$2,700.00

The Gift give away is scheduled for Saturday, 12/20. However, additional assistance will be needed in sorting/wrapping gifts prior to the event. More information to follow.

**Rental Report:**

N/A

**Unfinished Business:**

N/A

### New Business:

The Worshipful Master opened discussions as required at the Annual Communication for the following:

1. **Lodge dues for 2026** (currently \$200.00): The Grand Lodge assessment for 2026 is to remain at \$76.00.

*\*As there was no discussion offered to change the dues amount for 2026, **a motion was made, seconded and carried to set the dues for 2026 to \$200.00 (remain the same as 2025).***

2. **2025 Conferral Fee** (currently \$500.00)- will remain the same if not voted to change.

*\*As there was no discussion offered to change the conferral fee, **a motion was made, seconded and carried to leave the conferral fee for 2026 the same as 2025 (\$500.00).***

### **3. Election of officers for the 2026 Masonic year:**

The Worshipful Master appointed RW Nick Kaufman as Judge, WB Gialanella and Bro Kazmierkiewicz as tellers.

The nominations for the following positions were made at the previous meeting and their responses noted-

**Worshipful Master:** WB William Chadwick (will serve if elected)

**Senior Warden:** Bro Josh Williams-Como (will serve if elected)

**Junior Warden:** Bro Tom Bulger (will serve if elected, WB Ed Lubas (respectfully declined)

**Secretary:** Bro Barry George (will serve if elected)

**Treasurer:** WB Mike Park (will serve if elected)

**Trustee:** WB Matt Kaufman (will serve if elected)

**Proxy to GL:** RW Brian Snead (will serve if elected), Bro Jesse Woll (respectfully declined).

***\*A motion was made, seconded and carried that if there be but one nomination for a position, that a unanimous ballot be cast for that position.***

As the nominations are all unopposed, the Worshipful Master called upon each nominee to declare whom they wish to cast their unanimous ballots:

**Worshipful Master:** WB William Chadwick requested that WB Rob Moorhead cast his unanimous ballot.

*\*Judge & tellers reported that a unanimous ballot for **WB William Chadwick** had been cast.*

**Senior Warden:** Bro Josh Williams-Como requested that WB Rob Moorhead cast his unanimous ballot.

*\*Judge & tellers reported that a unanimous ballot for **Bro Josh Williams-Como** had been cast.*

**Junior Warden:** Bro Tom Bulger requested that WB Rob Moorhead cast his unanimous ballot.

*\*Judge & tellers reported that a unanimous ballot for **Bro Tom Bulger** had been cast.*

**Treasurer:** WB Mike Park requested that WB Rob Moorhead cast his unanimous ballot.

*\*Judge & tellers reported that a unanimous ballot for **WB Mike Park** had been cast.*

**Secretary:** Bro Barry George requested that WB Rob Moorhead cast his unanimous ballot.

*\*Judge & tellers reported that a unanimous ballot for **Bro Barry George** had been cast.*

**Trustee:** WB Matt Kaufman requested that WB Rob Moorhead cast his unanimous ballot.

*\*Judge & tellers reported that a unanimous ballot for **WB Matt Kaufman** had been cast.*

**Proxy to GL:** RW Brian Snead requested that WB Rob Moorhead cast his unanimous ballot.

*\*Judge & tellers reported that a unanimous ballot for **RW Brian Snead** had been cast.*

The Worshipful Master congratulated the newly elected line and thanked the Judge & Tellers for executing their rolls and discharged them.

***The Worshipful Master ordered that the Secretary read the names & dates for those brethren that had departed to the Lodge on High in 2025. A moment of silence was then held.***

Brother Arthur L Huff            Initiated: 6/28/1973, Passed: 9/13/1973, Raised: 11/8/1973, LOH: 11/1/2025  
Brother Frank VanAlthius       Initiated: 4/22/1965, Passed: 5/27/1965, Raised: 6/24/1965, LOH: 1/9/2025

The bell was tolled, and the brethren remembered.

**Announcements:**

12/13 Wreaths Across America service (Hackettstown & Newton)  
12/13 Harmony #8 Open Installation (dinner @ 6pm, followed by the ceremony)  
12/18 Mansfield #36 Open Installation  
12/20 Masonic Santa Gift Give Away  
1/15 FC Degree a Mansfield #36  
1/21 Emergent Communication- EA Degree @ Harmony #8

The Worshipful Master called RW Glen Vischer to the East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge.

**Closing:**

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in short form at 8:10 pm by RW Glen Vischer.

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After closing the lodge, an ***open installation*** of officers was performed. The following brothers were installed for the 2026 Masonic Year:

***Elected line-***

**Worshipful Master:** WB William Chadwick  
**Senior Warden:** Bro Josh Williams-Como  
**Junior Warden:** Bro Tom Bulger  
**Secretary:** Bro Barry George  
**Treasurer:** WB Mike Park  
**Trustee:** WB Matt Kaufman  
**Proxy to GL:** RW Brian Snead

***Appointed-***

**Chaplain:** Bro Robert Agolio  
**Marshall:** WB Walter Orcutt, Jr  
**Senior Deacon:** Bro Steve Kazmierciewicz  
**Junior Deacon:** Bro John Caruso  
**Sr Master of Ceremonies:**  
RW Brian Snead, PGSB  
**Jr Master of Ceremonies:**  
**Sr Steward:** WB Robert Moorhead, Jr  
**Jr Steward:** RW Eric Neuffer  
**Tyler:** Bro Arjune Sharma  
**Historian:** Bro Jesse Woll

Installing Master: RW Nick Kaufman  
Installing Marshall: RW Fred Fox  
Ancient Charges delivered by: WB Nelson Drobness  
Charge to the Worshipful Master  
delivered by: RW George Stypolkoski  
Charge to the Wardens delivered by: RW Nick Kaufman  
Charge to the lodge delivered by: RW James Taylor

***A special thanks to the installation team for a most excellent installation.***

**Congratulations to you newly installed officers for the 2026 Masonic Year!!**



Fraternally,

*Bro Barry W George*

Secretary

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