



Blairstown Lodge No. 165 F. & A.M.

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Our 133rd Year 1893-2026 | 2025 A.D. - 6026 A.L.

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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

Blairstown Lodge No. 165: 2nd & 4th Thursday

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 2026 Officers

Worshipful Master WB William Chadwick

Senior Warden Bro Josh Williams-Como

Junior Warden

Treasurer WB Michael Park

Secretary Bro Barry George

Sr. Deacon Bro Stephen Kazmierkiewicz

Jr. Deacon Bro John Caruso

Chaplain

Sr. MC RW Brian Snead, PGSB

Jr. MC Bro Tyrone Coronato

Sr. Steward WB Dan Kaufman

Jr. Steward Bro Arjune Sharma

Marshall WB Walter Orcutt, Jr

Tyler RW Eric Neuffer, PGC

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WB Nelson Drobness 2026

RW Brian Snead, PGSB 2027

WB Matt Kaufman 2028

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RW Robert Hartman, PDDGM
RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM
RW William J VonDerHeide IV, PDDGM
RW Eric G Grove, PDDGM
RW Glen C Wilson, Sr, PDDGM
RW James A Taylor, PDDGM
RW Morris Sherrer, PSGD

In and About the Apartments of the Temple

Audit Committee

WB Rob Moorhead, Jr
WB Dan Kaufman
Bro Robert Agolio

Building and Grounds Committee

WB Rob Moorhead, Jr
RW Eric Neuffer, PGC
WB Walter Orcutt, Jr

By-Laws Committee

Bro Barry George
RW Eric Neuffer
Bro Tom Bulger

Candidate Instruction

WB Nelson Drobness

Charity Committee

WB Mike Park
Bro Chris Betts

Hall Rental

WB Robert Moorhead (908)334-7421

Ritual Instruction Committee

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Events in January & February

1/8	Blairstown- Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
1/12	Baldwin Chapter RAM @ #8	
1/15	Fellow Craft Degree @ Mansfield #36	7:30 pm
1/21	Entered Apprentice Degree @ Harmony #8	7:30 pm
1/22	Blairstown- Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
1/26	MWPM/DLI @ Kittatinny #165	6:30 pm
2/9	Baldwin Chapter RAM @ #8	
2/12	Blairstown- Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
2/23	MWPM/DLI @ Harmony #8	6:30 pm
2/26	Blairstown- Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm

Living Past Masters

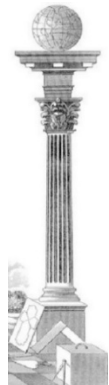
*(# Withdrew, * Inactive)*

1987 Walter S Orcutt, Jr	2013 Brian O Snead
1988 Larry K Spangler	2014 John E Nause#
1991 Stephen J Lance#	2015 Anthony St Luce#
1999 Davi C Peck, Jr	2016 Edward J Rusek#
2000 Steven P Wescott	2017 William R Chadwick
2007 James P McElroy*	2018 19 Scott L Severns
2008 Brian H Walsh	2020 Ed Lubas
2009 Eric P Neuffer	2021 Robert S Moorhead, Jr
2010 David B Ebbels	2022 Nicholas J Kaufman
2011 Stephen Z Gnall	2023 Nelson A Drobness
2012 Scott A Hill*	2024 Michael D Park

MASONIC Birthdays

In January & February

WB Matt Kaufman, 1/18	8 yrs
Bro Alan DeCarolis, 1/24	26 yrs
Bro Gregory Davitt, 1/24	28 years
Bro Kevin Bedell, 1/24	28 yrs
Bro William Dean, 2/14	35 years
WB Edward Lubas, 2/26	11 yrs



Grandview

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https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration

For help please call (973) 222-6783 or (973)600-0434

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Oriental Chair



Brethren,

A New Beginning, Built on Ancient Foundations

Nine years. A full cycle has passed since I last had the profound honor of serving as your Worshipful Master. It feels like yesterday and a lifetime ago all at once. To stand in the East again is a testament not just to the passage of time, but to the enduring strength and constant call of our Fraternity. I am deeply humbled and excited to serve alongside you in this new Masonic year.

For those of you who know me, you know where my loyalties lie: Family first, #165 second, and the Blirstown community always. These are not separate spheres; they are three strong pillars that support every good man, and they are the very principles upon which speculative Masonry is built. Our commitment to making good men better is realized only when we fully embrace our duty to our homes, our hall, and our neighbors.

To my active Brethren —the bedrock of our Lodge—I speak directly to you. We hold the memory of the past and the responsibility for the future. We are the generation that must now transition from learning the work to teaching it, from simply attending to truly leading. This year, I want us to focus on strengthening the quality of our bonds over the quantity of our meetings. Let us make every tiled meeting and every casual conversation a meaningful opportunity to build each other up.

Let's commit to these core areas this year:

1. Deepening the Connection: Reach out to that Brother you haven't seen in a while. A simple phone call or a shared meal strengthens the chain.
2. Visible Brotherhood: Let our presence be felt in the Blirstown community through our charity and our collective conduct.
3. Mentorship: Seek out our newest Brethren and share the wisdom accumulated over your decades in the Craft. Give them the benefit of your experience.

Masonry is the journey of a lifetime. It is a work of slow, deliberate refinement, like the master craftsman shaping the perfect ashlar. This year, let us return to the quarry with renewed energy and purpose. Let us polish ourselves, support our families, illuminate our Lodge, and serve our community.

The foundation is strong. The tools are ready. The work awaits.

Fraternally,
WB William Chadwick
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 help 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

