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**REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS**  
**FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST**  
**JANUARY 2026**



Brethren,

Happy New Year to the Brothers of Clarksboro Lodge 87

First and foremost I would like to thank the installation team for the wonderful job of installing me and the Officers of our Lodge. I also appreciate the trust you have for electing me as your Master and I looking forward to working with each and every one to help our Lodge spread Masonic light.

My congratulations to RW John Higgins for a great year and for preparing me to assume the duties of Worship Master. I look forward to seeing you all at our January regular communication. In closing I will do my best to lead our Lodge into the future.

Chris Roethke  
WM Clarksboro Lodge #87 of Free and Accepted Masons

## **Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge**

**January 5, 2026** We will have our regular communication for the month of January. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the ceremony beginning at approximately 7:30pm.

Please note there will not be an emergent communication this month to allow our candidates more time to prepare for the Fellowcraft degree.

**January 14, 2026** District Lodge of Instruction at Williamstown lodge at 7pm. All brethren are welcome to attend, business attire is requested.

Thank you for everyone who has paid their 2026 dues. The 2026 Blues cards are available on Grandview for those with an account. I will be sending out physical dues cards in late January/early February

Fraternally,  
Jason Neal  
Secretary

## Living Past Masters

1970 J. M. Dare <sup>S</sup>	1991 J. C. Magee, III <sup>P</sup>	2008 G. R. Bruynell <sup>PS</sup>
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. <sup>S</sup>	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>S</sup>	2008 F. H. Stigale IV <sup>F</sup>
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. <sup>P</sup>	1992 D. P. Doak <sup>P</sup>	2009 F. H. Stigale IV <sup>F</sup>
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. <sup>F</sup>	1993 G. E. Sleet <sup>S</sup>	2010 J. A. Link <sup>PS</sup>
1979 W. L. Villanova <sup>S</sup>	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGMar <sup>F</sup>	1995 P. J Peacock	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 T. D. Clow, PGMar <sup>F</sup>		2016 J. P. Neal
1980 C. W. McTyre <sup>S</sup>	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>PS</sup>	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1983 J. R. Corliss <sup>P</sup>	1999 D. C. Henson <sup>F</sup>	2018 T. G. Rathof RWDDGM
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM <sup>P</sup>	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>PS</sup>	2019 T. G. Rathof, RWDDGM
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>S</sup>	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM <sup>PS</sup>	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM <sup>P</sup>	2003 J. C. Legge <sup>PS</sup>	2021 T. G. Rathof, RWDDGM
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>S</sup>	2005 C.B. Jarrell <sup>PS</sup>	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>S</sup>	2005 Ellis H. Otto <sup>F</sup>	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 B. E. Bolopue <sup>P</sup>	2006 Ellis H. Otto <sup>F</sup>	2024 J. J. Higgins DRI
1990 Lee Brown <sup>F</sup>	2007 R D. Bailey <sup>PS</sup>	2025 J. J. Higgins DRI

## 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

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in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.  
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# Clarksboro Lodge No. 87 F&AM

2026

## *Elected Officers*

### *Senior Warden*

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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

Michael Tinsley  
Ken Thomas, PGC  
Michael Tinsley  
Brian Spencer  
Keith Lypka, PGC  
George Bruynell, PGC  
Tom Rathof, RWDDGM  
John Higgins, DRI  
Richard Kell, PDDGM  
Jack Magee, PM  
Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM

## *Trustees*

### *Financial*

John Leach 2026  
R. D. Bailey PGC 2027  
Charles Murschell 2028

### *Temple Maintenance*

Eric Rathof PM 2026  
R.B. Kell PDDGM 2027  
Wm T. Dutka, PDDGM 2028  
Thomas Rathof DDGM 2029

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

**Most Worshipful Omar S. Morris**

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**Right Worshipful John Higgins**

**District Ritual Instructor of the 21st Masonic District**

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**Right Worshipful Jon A. Bowles 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