

Blairstown Lodge No. 165 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in a Regular Communication in their hall at the Masonic Temple,
 11 Stillwater Rd, Blairstown, NJ
 On the 22nd of January 2026 A.L. 6026

Officers Present

WB William Chadwick	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Joshua Williams-Como	Absent	Senior Warden
Bro Tom Bulger	X	Junior Warden
WB Michael D Park	X	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
Bro Steve Kazmierciewicz	Absent	Senior Deacon
Bro John Caruso	X	Junior Deacon
RW Brian Sneed, PGSB	Absent	Senior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Tyrone Coronato	Absent	Junior Master of Ceremonies
WB Robert S Moorhead, Jr	X	Senior Steward
RW Eric P Neuffer, PGC	X	Junior Steward
Bro Robert Agolio	Absent	Chaplain
Bro Arjune Sharma	X	Tyler
WB Walter S Orcutt, Jr	X	Marshal
Bro Jesse Woll	Absent	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Dwayne A Dolly, II, DDGM	RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI	WB Ed Lubas	Bro EA Eric Lohman
RW Nick Kaufman, DRI		WB Matt Kaufman	Bro EA Tim Berkheiser
		WB Dan Kaufman	
		WB Nelson Drobness	

There were 16 Master Masons present.

WB Ed Lubas sat in for the Senior Warden, WB Walter Orcutt for the Senior Deacon and RW Nick Kaufman for the Junior Deacon.

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 Annual Communication on January 8th, 2026, that were distributed via email, received no comments. These minutes were approved as distributed.

The Worshipful Master to a moment to thank WB Nelson Drobness and RW Eric Neuffer for their efforts in mentoring our Brothers EA. He also gave special thanks to the Stewards and helpers for the wonderful dinner this evening.

Sickness and Distress:

Bro Tom Bulger advised that his daughter is scheduled to have knee surgery.

RW Dwayne Dolly advised that as of this meeting, RW Leonard March was gravely ill and does not have good prognosis.

The Worshipful Master advised that Bro Kasmierkiewicz contacted him prior to the meeting advising that he would not be in attendance because he was to have a non-specific medical procedure. He instructed a card to be sent.

Joys and Celebrations:

Bro Tom Bulger advised that his daughter (same one getting knee surgery) won a short story contest at school.

Presentation of Bills:

Grand Lodge of NJ F&AM (lodge supplies) \$107.50, Water/sewer bill \$109.50. Total for Bill this evening is \$216.75.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay the bills when properly audited.

Communications:

N/A

Petitions:

A petition for membership for Mr. Robert P Stachowicz, of Easton, PA, was read in lodge. An investigation committee was not appointed yet, due to the anticipated additional time required for GL to perform the background check on an out-of-state resident. The committee should be appointed at the next meeting.

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that the lodge's accounts are solvent. Balances as follows (approximate)-

Operating account:	\$8,500.00 (balance lower due recent GL Assessment payment)
Savings account:	\$51,000.00

Buildings & Grounds:

WB Rob Moorhead advised that an emergency furnace repair was required this past week. All work has been completed and full function restored. It is recommended that additional service be performed in the non-heating season.

Charity:

WB Rob Moorhead advised that early registrations for the Chili Cookoff have exceeded expectations and that he anticipates the event to be much larger than in the past.

Rental Report:

WB rob Moorhead advised that although there are no rentals this week, there has been a lot of activity and is taking bookings into April.

Unfinished Business:

N/A

New Business:

The Worshipful Master advised that he wants to set a date for a Fellow Craft Degree and is seeking input from the brethren. After some discussion, a tentative date was set for March 12, 2026.

The Worshipful Master closed labor on the Master Mason Degree and opened labor on the Entered Apprentice Degree to allow our Brothers EA to enter the lodge.

Program:

“Edged Weapon” Show & Tell:

The Worshipful Master put the lodge on refreshment so the brethren could share stories about their selected edged weapons. Every MM in the room presented an edged weapon and a tale.

The Worshipful Master welcomed the District Deputy Grand Master to East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge.

*The DDGM then instructed the lodge to accord the WB Chadwick Grand Honors for having been installed as Worshipful Master for 2026.

*The DDGM advised that he will once again be participating in the NJ Polar Plunge, benefitting the Special Olympics on Saturday 2/28. He invited all interested parties to attend.

Announcements:

- 1/27 MWPM/DLI @ Kittatinny #164 (dinner @ 6:30 pm)- **all officers are required to attend.**
- 1/28 Entered Apprentice Degree @ Musconetcong #42
- 1/29 Entered Apprentice Degree @ Harmony #8
- 2/9 Baldwin Chapter RAM @ Harmony #8
- 2/28 Chili Cookoff @ Blirstown #165

The Worshipful Master advised that the brethren are to head downstairs immediately after closing so that the annual “Sketch the Master” contest can commence.

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 9:00 pm by WM Bill Chadwick.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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