

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 12th of February 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	X	Senior Deacon
Bro John Caruso	X	Junior Deacon
RW Brian Sneed, PGSB	Absent	Senior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Tyrone Coronato	X	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	Absetn	Marshal
Bro Jesse Woll	X	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Nick Kaufman, DRI		WB Ed Lubas	
		WB Matt Kaufman	
		WB Dan Kaufman	

There were 15 Master Masons present. WB Ed Lubas sat in for the Sr Deacon and Bro Ty Coronato for the Jr 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 December 11th, 2025, that were distributed via email, did generate comments and were thus amended. These minutes were approved as Amended.

Sickness and Distress:

The Secretary reported that the card sent by the lodge to Bro Kazmierciewicz was returned as undeliverable. Apparently, his mailbox was buried in a snowbank. As such, the card was hand delivered during the meeting by the Worshipful Master. He then put the lodge on refreshment so that the many thoughtful comments contained in card could be read aloud.

WB Dan Kaufman reported that WB Steve Dugan had fallen on some ice yesterday and was not feeling well enough to attend this evening. He is reportedly doing better and recovering at home. A card will be sent to WB Dugan.

Joys and Celebrations:

None reported.

Presentation of Bills:

None to present.

Communications:

N/A

Petitions:

Regarding the petition of Mr. Rob Stachowicz, the Secretary reported that the Grand Lodge background check has been returned and he has been cleared. The Worshipful Master then appointed an investigation committee.

The following brothers volunteered to participate:

- Bro Tom Bulger (chair)
- WB Matt Kaufman
- RW Nick Kaufman

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

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

Charity account:	\$4,648.00
Operating account:	\$8,484.00
Savings account:	\$51,520.00

The Treasurer reported that the lodge was in the red approximately (\$6,200.00) for 2025.

Buildings & Grounds:

WB Rob Moorhead reported:

1. The lodge ran out of heating oil over the weekend and some pipes froze. However, due the fast action of several brothers, propane and electric heaters were put in place and the building was defrosted before anything could burst. An oil delivery was made, and the furnaces were brought back online. A big thanks to all those that lent a hand.
2. The lounge was thoroughly cleaned and polished.
3. A TV was installed in the banquet room for the benefit of our renters and future use by the brethren.

Charity:

Bro Tom Bulger posed a question for those present to consider for a future discussion. Should there be a Haunted Halls in 2026? This may be a topic at the next meeting.

Rental Report:

WB Moorhead advised that there are currently two booked rentals in February.

Unfinished Business:

N/A

New Business:

Secretary's 2025 Annual Report-

Membership: Raised	(3) new Master Masons
Initiated	(3) new brothers (currently EA)
Suspended for NPD	(-4) brothers
Passed	(-2) brothers

Net change in membership (-3) Master Masons

>>Current membership stands at (60)

Cash receipts for 2025:

Dues	\$11,853.00
Donations/fundraisers	\$5,735.42
Rental income	<u>\$9,750.00</u>
Total receipts for 2025	\$27,335.42

WB Rob Moorhead advised that WB Matt Walsh is seeking to be reinstated from NPD. He was directed to advise WB Walsh to contact the Secretary, and he will guide him thru the process.

Program:

As the theme for the dinner this evening was "Fat Thursday", the Worshipful Master provided commentary on the meaning of Mardi Gras and it's implications within Masonry at large as well as current lodge events and our lives as individuals.

Announcements:

2/24 MWPM/DLI @ Harmony #8 (dinner @ 6:30 pm)- **ALL officers are required to attend.**

2/26 Regular Communication (dinner @ 6:30)

2/28 Chili Cook-Off!!

3/8 Daylight Savings

3/12 Regular Communication-Fellow Craft Degree

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:50 pm by WM Bill Chadwick.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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