



Harmony Lodge No. 8 F. & A.M.

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Our 238th Year 1788-2026 | 2026 A.D. - 6026 A.L.

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March/April 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

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 Lodge No. 165:
2nd & 4th Thursday

Harmony 2026 Officers

Worshipful Master	WB Stephen J Dugan
Senior Warden	RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI
Junior Warden	Bro Arjune M Sharma
Treasurer	Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr
Secretary	Bro Barry W George
Sr. Deacon	Bro Carlos Torres
Jr. Deacon	Bro Ryan Carroll
Chaplain	WB Clay Kraemer
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Jr. MC	WB Chris Bailey
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Jr. Steward	WB Patrick Conroy
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Historian	Bro Robert G Woldt, DB
Organist	Bro Henry F Repp
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WB Matthew C Kaufman	2026
Bro Robert G Woldt	2027
RW Eric G Grove	2028

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WB Michael Shepherd

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Bro Arjune Sharma

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RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Events in March & April

3/5	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)1/12	7:30 pm
3/9	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:30 pm
3/19	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
3/24	MWPM/DLI @ Mansfield #36 Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: casual)	7:30 pm
3/28	Bread of Life (First Presbyterian Church-Newton)	11:00 am
4/2	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
4/13	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:30 pm
4/16	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
4/25	Bread of Life (First Presbyterian Church-Newton)	11:00 am

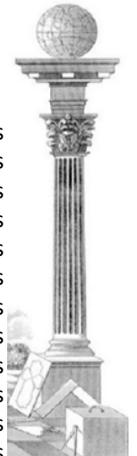
4/25 MWPM/DLI @ Blirstown #165 7:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: casual)

Active Past Masters

(* Other than Harmony | # Withdrew)

1976 Fred O Rosenberg Jr.	2004-05 George J. Stypolkowski
1977 Cornelius Martin Jr.	PDRI
1980 Robert H Stang Jr.	2006 24 Daniel C Kaufman
1981 H. Ralph Smith	2010 Patrick W Conroy
1982 89 99 2011 25	2013 John B Jennings*
Fred W Fox, PGC	2014 Clay D Kraemer
1988 2012 Eric G Grove PDDGM	2018 Christopher A Bailey
1991 Jerry J Jagger PGC	2019 Abraham L Jacinto
1994 Eugene M Ingraham III	2021 Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI
1996 Nelson A Drobness #	2022 Daniel J Gialanella#
2001 Michael F Shepherd*	2023 Matthew C Kaufman
2001 James H Vander Veer PDDGM	
2002 09 Bernard E Triano PGC	

MASONIC Birthdays in March & April



Bro Robert Hunt, 3/6	46 yrs
Bro Henry Long, 3/6	46 yrs
Bro William Lindquist, 3/15	42 yrs
Bro Kurt Stanwick, 3/15	25 yrs
Bro Gary Cooper, 3/16	65 yrs
Bro Ty Parker, 3/17	38 yrs
Bro Carl Kinney, 3/18	72 yrs
Bro Thad Smith, 3/19	34 yrs
Bro Allen Armstrong, 3/19	29 yrs
RW George Stypolkowski, 3/19	29 yrs
WB Patrick Conroy, 3/19	28 yrs
WB Robert Stang, 3/20	51 yrs
RW Jerry Jagger, 3/20	40 yrs
Bro Fank Malozzi, 3/20	40 yrs
Bro William Lunger, 3/21	30 yrs
Bro Dimitri Protogeropoulos, 3/21	30 yrs
Bro Donald Whitford, 3/23	37 yrs
Bro Lawrence Hunt, 4/4	35 yrs
Bro John Laner, 4/4	35 yrs
Bro Mark Slachetka, 4/4	35 yrs
Bro Wilmer Johnson, 4/17	23 yrs
Bro Brent Minahane, 4/19	37 yrs
Bro Brian Ukson, 4/20	20 yrs
Bro Dhaval Trivedi, 4/21	10 yrs

In the Quarries

Petitioners

Mr. Ronald Genier

Candidates

Mr. Eli Rodriguez

Awaiting FC Degree

Bro EA Ryan McKenzie

Grandview

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Oriental Chair



My Brothers,

Six weeks (or so) into 2026 and we have accomplished quite a bit. We have our first EA of the year and one petition in process with another expected. I am excited to have a team of officers consisting of, like myself, first-time-in-position members with senior members also in place. At this 250th anniversary of our great nation we have much to look forward to. I am grateful for the enthusiasm shown by all!

Thanks to the efforts of Bro Ryan Carrol we will participate in Newton's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday 7 March. This is a morning event and a fun day for families and participants. The Angler's Breakfast - This is held on the opening day of NJ Trout Season Saturday 11 April. Long a stable event at Harmony Lodge, it was on hiatus for some time and re-instituted in 2024. We have seen moderate growth, and I look toward the same this year. There is much to be done in a short time to make this successful. Fliers need to be produced and distributed to other lodges and local businesses. I am working on getting this on WNNJ and perhaps other radio stations as a "free" public-service announcement. This involves an early morning start and will be further discussed at our next meeting.

Despite challenges, we continue with our support of Bread of Life of Newton (BOLN). Recent concerns of the Presbyterian Church found BOLN needing its own liability insurance, which was overcome. Then the requirement of an on-site security guard was presented. BOLN was able to secure a security guard from a local commercial firm. Contract signing is imminent as of this writing. Rest assured we will support BOLN with our regularly-scheduled 28 February date. With the additional cost of the security guard, we have offered to host a BOLN fund raiser at Harmony Lodge on Saturday 9 May. Likely to be a spaghetti and meatballs dinner.

Looking further, we have the Newton Memorial Day Parade, Blirstown Memorial Day Parade (usually different days), Andover Township Day on 13 June, and a county-wide event also in June. Then there is the Fourth of July...

We need to establish committees and chairmen. While we have people acting in these capacities, we need to formalize these: Building and Grounds, Charity, Entertainment and Fund Raisers, Funeral Services, and Ritual Instruction. There are others we may form on an "as needed" basis.

Aside from the America 250 events that are yet to be formalized we should look to Buildings & Grounds projects to complete over the summer. The rental hall floor repairs, finding and sealing holes in the building exterior, repairs to the roof hatch should be accomplished before we return from summer break. This should alleviate the wasp infiltration.

Please remember that what we have before us are challenges - not difficulties! As we come together as brothers, we can accomplish much! Thank you all for your continued efforts!

"It is the working man who is the happy man. It is the idle man who is the miserable man"

WB Benjamin Franklin

Fraternally,
WB Stephen Dugan
Worshipful Master 2026

The West



“There is no effort without error”

These words come from a speech given by Brother Teddy Roosevelt in 1910. He refers to what he calls “The Man in the Arena”. This is the man who dares to strive to do the deeds. Though he may fail time and time again, he does so while daring greatly. Thus, making his eventual triumph all the more great; surpassing the timid who know neither victory nor defeat.

These words came to mind after a recent conferring of an Entered Apprentice Degree. Many of our officers in new positions, performing their duties for the first time, yet they faced the task with enthusiasm and confidence. They stood in “the Arena” and challenged themselves to succeed. They did.

This display of dedication and competency on their part gave me comfort in knowing that the future of our Lodge is in good hands. As they continue to grow in Masonic knowledge and leadership skills, Harmony Lodge will be creating better men for decades to come.

This notion of daring to succeed should extend to every Brother in every aspect of our lives. Failures are inevitable. Defeat is assured only when we fail to try. Have the tenacity of that marathon runner who takes 12 hours to finish the race. That victory is much sweeter.

Fraternally,
RW George Stypolkowski
Senior Warden

