



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

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## TRESTLEBOARD

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***

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***

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	WB William Chadwick
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Bro Josh Williams-Como
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Bro Tom Bulger
<b>Treasurer</b>	WB Michael Park
<b>Secretary</b>	Bro Barry George
<b>Sr. Deacon</b>	Bro Stephen Kazmierkiewicz
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Bro John Caruso
<b>Chaplain</b>	Bro Robert Agolio
<b>Sr. MC</b>	RW Brian Snead, PGSB
<b>Jr. MC</b>	Bro Tyrone Coronato
<b>Sr. Steward</b>	WB Robert Moorhead, Jr
<b>Jr. Steward</b>	RW Eric Neuffer, PGC
<b>Marshall</b>	WB Walter Orcutt, Jr
<b>Tyler</b>	Bro Arjune Sharma
<b>Historian</b>	Bro Jesse Woll
<b>Proxy to GL</b>	RW Brian Snead, PGSB

### **Lodge Trustees**

WB Nelson Drobness	2026
RW Brian Snead, PGSB	2027
WB Matt Kaufman	2028

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## ***In the Quarries***

### ***Awaiting the FC Degree***

Bro EA Tim Berkheiser  
Bro EA Eric Lohman  
Bro EA Anthony Quan

### ***Honorary Members***

MW John S Ryan, PGM, PGS  
RW Thomas W Murphy, PDDGM  
RW Robert Hartman, 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***

TBD

### ***Candidate Instruction***

WB Nelson Drobness  
RW Eric Neuffer

### ***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 March & April***

3/2	Rehearsal- FC Degree	7:00 pm
3/9	Rehearsal- FC Degree (if needed)	7:00 pm
3/9	Baldwin Chapter RAM @ #8	
3/12	Blairstown- Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	<b>*Fellow Craft Degree*</b>	
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Tuxedo or dark suit)	
3/24	MWPM/DLI @ Mansfield #36	6:30 pm
3/26	Blairstown- Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
4/9	Blairstown- Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
4/13	Baldwin Chapter RAM @ #8	
4/23	Blairstown- Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered)	
	(Attire: Suit & Tie)	
4/28	MWPM/DLI @ Blairstown #165	6:30 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
	2025 Matthew C Kaufman

### ***MASONIC Birthdays***

#### ***In March & April***

Bro Russell Gladd, III 3/2	13 yrs
Bro John Caruso, 3/15	1 yr
Bro Ryan Cino, 3/15	1 yr
Bro David Amoros, 3/15	49 yrs
Bro Ty Parker, 3/17	38 yrs
WB Patrick Conroy, 3/19	28 yrs
Bro Donald Whitford, 3/23	37 yrs
Bro Dieter Frank, 3/28	52 yrs
Bro David Conrad, 4/6	69 yrs
WB Walter Orcutt, Jr, 4/12	42 yrs
WB Daniel Gialanella, 4/19	19 yrs
WB Allen Hay, 4/23	16 yrs



## *Grandview*

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[https://nj.grandview.systems/membership\\_registration](https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration)

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

Want to know what is going on in the 1st Masonic District? Join our group chat by scanning the code on the right:



## *Oriental Chair*



Brethren,

As we look upon the Trestleboard of our lives and our Lodge, I am reminded of the diverse DNA that makes Blairstown so unique. We are not a monolith of stone, but a vibrant mosaic. Whether your background is in Law Enforcement, Education, Technology, or Sales, you bring a specific set of tools to our spiritual building. However, we must remember that while we use the discipline of the station or the innovation of the lab, we are first and foremost a Masonic Lodge—a sanctuary of trust and growth.

### The Balance of Steel and Charcoal

Our recent Edge Weapons and Sketch night served as a powerful metaphor for our daily walk. We carry the Steel of discipline to guard our West Gate and cut away the rough edges of our own egos and prejudices. Yet we must also pick up the Charcoal, the symbol of fervency and zeal. Charcoal is soft and malleable; it reminds us that we are works in progress, allowing us to smudge out our errors and redraw our designs with a charitable heart.

### Relief in the Biting Cold

The true test of our character, however, does not happen when the wine is pouring during the Mardi Gras moments of life. It happens when the pipes freeze. This past month, we saw the abstract concept of Relief become a tangible reality. I want to thank again the Brothers who prioritized the Lodge over family obligations and vacation prep to deliver heaters, clear snow and ice so the fuel truck could reach our fill pipe and manage logistics to ensure our fires never went out.

### Building a Culture of Trust

Brethren, a Temple is not held up by wood and stone, but by stewardship and sacrifice. I ask you to continue trusting the process as we build a culture of positivity. If you see a crack in our foundation, do not complain in the shadows or abandon your seat. My door is always open. I only ask that if you bring me a problem, you also bring a potential solution.

### Looking Ahead: A Season of Innovation

There is a renewed energy moving through our halls as we look toward the coming months. Our Stewards are hard at work crafting exciting and new themed meal nights that promise to nourish both the body and our fellowship. To complement these efforts, the Tyler is working closely with them to ensure the spirit of the evening continues seamlessly into the Tyler's Lounge.

As your Worshipful Master, I am committed to weaving these unique themes into our Masonic labor, transforming our shared experiences into meaningful lessons of learning and self-improvement. I invite each of you to come out to the Lodge and be a part of this exciting time. Join us for the learning, stay for the Brotherhood, and help us continue to build something extraordinary together.

We are the creators and the caretakers of this living body. Let us move forward with the strength of the steel and the beauty of the charcoal.

Fraternally,  
WB William Chadwick  
Worshipful Master 2026

