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



Greetings Brothers of Clarksboro Lodge 87.

Hope your all staying warm with this extremely cold winter, I just finished snow blowing and shoveling snow with, approximately 18 inches of snow. Greetings Brothers of Clarksboro Lodge 87.

A huge thank you to RW John Higgins for plowing our lodges parking lot and walks.

We will be having our regular communication and also an emergent communication on Monday March 16th for the Fellowcraft degree on one candidate. I look forward to seeing our lodge full and myself and our Officers could use your help.

Brothers on April 25th your lodge will be hosting our annual beef and beer fundraiser at the Paulsboro Sportmans club. Tickets price is only \$40 will include Karaoke night and auction. We had a great night last year and this benefit is open to family and friends. I earnestly ask for your support in this fund raiser as it will help us keep our costs in check and afford us the opportunity of being a charitable lodge in our community. I will have the tickets at our March regular communication. Even if you cannot make this event, any donations would be greatly appreciated by me and your Brethren.

In closing I congratulate our RW Junior Grand Warden Glen Visscher on a great reception and felt proud to part his special evening.

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

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

February 26, 2026 The 21st district will have their Grand Lodge of Instruction held at Clarksboro Lodge #87. Appetizers and dinner will be start 5pm with the gavel for the event expected to drop at sometime around 6:30pm. Formal attire is requested.

March 2, 2026 We will have our regular communication for the month of March. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting beginning at 7:30pm.

March 16, 2026 We will have a Fellowcraft degree on one candidate Brother EA Jose Avila. Dinner will be around 6:30pm with the degree starting at 7:30pm

March 26, 2026 The 21st district will have their District Lodge of Instruction held at Mantua Lodge #95. The meeting will start at 700pm and is open to all Master Masons. Formal attire is requested.

April 25, 2026 Clarksboro Lodge Annual Beef N Beer at the Paulsboro Sportsmen Club featuring karaoke, silent auction, and dinner. Tickets are \$40 and will be available at our March communication and degree. More information to come next month.

Dues cards have been ordered and when they arrive I will send out to all those who have paid their 2026 dues. In the meantime you can download your 2026 dues card via Grandview which works the same as a physical paper card. Please feel free to reach out if any questions around registering for Grandview.

Fraternally,
Jason Neal
Secretary

Living Past Masters

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

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Pepler, PGM	2007 H. S. May, III, PGC	MW L. S. Plasket PGM
1993 R. Stowman, PM	2008 F. D. Jones, PDDGM	RW C. G. Hocknell PDDGM
1996 W. E. Hackney, PGM	2008 J. C. Stephenson, PDRI	2018 MW D. B. Hees PGM
	2009 W. H. Berman, 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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with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth
in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.
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Clarksboro Lodge No. 87 F&AM

2026

Elected Officers

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WB Bret Biel
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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
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Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Sr. Master of Ceremonies
Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Marshal
Tyler
Director of Ritual
Ambassador

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
Michael Tinsley

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 Thomas Rathof

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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