

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 26th of March 2026 A.L. 6026

Officers Present

WB William Chadwick	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Joshua Williams-Como	X	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	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 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 Chaplain.

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 February 26th, 2026, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

None reported

Joys and Celebrations:

None reported

Presentation of Bills:

None to present.

Communications:

1. Reminder notice from Grand Lodge regarding the reservation deadline for the upcoming 1st, 11th and 14th District reception.
2. Notice from the Warren County PBA seeking donations.

Petitions:

The Secretary has received the Investigation Committee report on the petition for Mr. Robert Stachowicz. It is in good order and the findings are favorable.

Ballots:

The Worshipful Master spread the ballot for the election to membership by initiation for Mr. Robert Stachowicz. All Master Masons present voted. The ballot being clear in the South, West and East, the worshipful Master declared Mr. Stachowicz elected to membership by initiation.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that the lodge's accounts are solvent. Current Operating Account Balance: \$11,602.72

Bills recently paid-

Garbage:	\$22.00
Heating Oil:	\$240.00
Annual NJ Fire Safety Registration:	\$191.00
JCP&L:	\$254.37

Buildings & Grounds:

WB Moorhead reported that there will be an effort to do some cleaning and general maintenance at the lodge this weekend. Assistance will be appreciated from all those that can participate.

There was a discussion about hiring a professional cleaning service. WB Moorhead will explore this possibility and report any findings.

Charity:

None provided

Rental Report:

WB Moorhead advised that there are (9) rentals booked between April and May. He also recently booked the use of our parking lot for the standard building rental fee.

Unfinished Business:

The Secretary advised that with our new candidate in place, we will need to get an EA Degree scheduled. As it happens, Harmony has an EA Degree for their (2) candidates on Thursday, April 16. The Worshipful Master at Harmony, WB Steve Dugan, has extended an invitation for us to join their degree. The Worshipful Master and the brethren present all concurred. The Secretary will notify Mr. Stachowicz and confirm his availability.

As such, Harmony has scheduled **EA Degree rehearsals on each of the next three Tuesdays, 3/31, 4/7 & 4/14 at 7pm @ Harmony Lodge.** As we are participating in this degree, we should participate in the rehearsals as well. Blairstown officers should plan on attending if at all possible.

New Business:

WB Moorhead suggested that it would be a good thing for the lodge to host another brother's breakfast as has been done in recent years.

RW Eric Neuffer suggested that the lodge had hosted blood drives in the past, and perhaps should consider doing so again.

The Worshipful Master gave his thanks to the Stewards and helper for a most excellent dinner this evening.

Program:

The Worshipful Master reflected on the coming of Spring and parallels withing the Fellow Craft Degree ritual and the renewal of our fellowship as a lodge.

Announcements:

- 3/28 Demolay Installation @ Musconetcong #42 (Noon, jacket/tie)
- 3/31 EA Degree rehearsal @ Harmony #8 (7pm)
- 4/7 EA Degree rehearsal @ Harmony #8 (7pm)
- 4/9 Regular Communication @ Blairstown #165
- 4/11 Fisherman's Breakfast @ Harmony #8 (6-11am)
- 4/14 EA Degree rehearsal @ Harmony #8 (7pm)
- 4/16 EA Degree @ Harmony #8 (dinner @ 6:30pm)**
- 4/23 Regular Communication @ Blairstown #165
- 4/28 MWPM/DLI @ Blairstown #165 (dinner @ 6:30 pm)- ALL officers are required to attend.**

The Worshipful Master called RW Nick Kaufman to the East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge.

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in short form at 8:30 pm by RW Nick Kaufman, assisted by WB Bill Chadwick.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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