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CONSTITUTED APRIL 28, 2011
REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS
FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
APRIL 2026

Happy Spring my Brothers

Spring to me is a time of renewal, as the flowers and trees start to bloom especially after this cold long winter. I challenge you Brothers to renew your Masonic obligation and to come out to your lodge and as you go about your day to try and help a fallen Brother, who maybe has lost his way or could use some friendly counsel.

I also would like to ask all to help with our Beef and Beer fundraiser that could really use your support. This event is open to all Brothers as well as friends and family.

My goal is to sell at least 100 tickets to make this a Masonic success. Please consider purchasing a ticket or two or to make a donation to your lodge as we really need it. I thank you in advance.

We just passed two Brothers to the Fellow Craft degree and I hope to have an emergent degree on Monday, April 20th for a candidate in waiting. Please come out and support our Officers for this degree.

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

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

April 2, 2026 Clarksboro Lodge will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. To sign up visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and walk ins are welcome

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

During this meeting we will have two ballots:

1) Ballot of Membership for Mr. Gregory Forsman of Gibbstown, NJ who has been given clearance from Grand Lodge and pending committee of investigation

2) Ballot for Reinstatement for WB Jeff Link and Br John Harris

April 20, 2026 We will have a Entered Apprentice degree on one candidate Mr. Gregory Forsman pending successful ballot at our regular business meeting. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the degree starting at 7:30pm

April 23, 2026 The 21st district will have their District Lodge of Instruction held at Woodstown Lodge #138. The meeting will start at 7:00pm 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, tricky tray, silent auction, and dinner. Tickets are \$40 and will be available at our April communication and degree.

For tickets or information please call WM Chris Roethke 609-868-1232 or RW John Higgins 609-743-2043

Dues cards have been sent out. If you have not received one by mid-April please feel free to reach out.

As a friendly reminder if mailing anything to the lodge please use our mailing address P.O. Box 276, Clarksboro, NJ 08020. Anything sent to our physical address will likely get returned to sender.

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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2026

Elected Officers

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Worshipful Master

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Junior Warden

WB Eric Rathof
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Secretary

WB Jason Neal
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Treasurer

WB Bret Biel
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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
Chaplain
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
John Higgins, DRI 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 John Higgins

District Ritual Instructor of the 21st Masonic District

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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