

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 9th of April 2026 A.L. 6026

Officers Present

WB William Chadwick	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Joshua Williams-Como	X	Senior Warden
Bro Tom Bulger		Junior Warden
WB Michael D Park	X	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
Bro Steve Kazmierkiewicz		Senior Deacon
Bro John Caruso		Junior Deacon
RW Brian Sneed, PGSB		Senior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Tyrone Coronato		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		Tyler
WB Walter S Orcutt, Jr	X	Marshal
Bro Jesse Woll		Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
	RW George Stypolkowski	WB Ed Lubas	
		WB Matt Kaufman	
		WB Steve Dugan	

There were 11 Master Masons present. WB Ed Lubas sat in for the Junior Warden, WB Matt Kaufman for the Senior Deacon, WB Rob Moorhead for the Junior Deacon and WB Walter Orcutt 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 Regular Communication on March 26th, 2026, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

WB Moorhead reported that Bro Kazmierkiewicz is under the weather and unable to attend this evening. The Worshipful Master directed a card to be sent.

Joys and Celebrations:

None reported

Presentation of Bills:

None to present.

Communications:

1. Notice from GL regarding a delay in the closing on the sale of the Masonic Home due to the regulatory process that should be resolved for a closing in early June.

Petitions:

None

Ballots:

None

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that the lodge's accounts are solvent.

Bills recently paid- Balbi (garbage collection) \$22.00

Buildings & Grounds:

WB Moorhead advised that he is planning a work day at the lodge for some paint and other maintenance in the coming weeks. Keep a look out in the chat group for updates.

Charity:

No report provided

Rental Report:

No report provided

Unfinished Business:

The Worshipful Master provided an update on the upcoming EA Degree, to be held at Harmony Lodge No.8 on Thursday, 4/16. We need as many of the brethren as possible to attend and show our support for our candidate and our Tyler, Bro Sharma (who is also the Junior Warden at Harmony), who will be in the East for the degree.

The Secretary advised that there will be an **EA Degree rehearsal on Tuesdays 4/14 at 7pm @ Harmony Lodge.** Blairstown members should plan on attending if at all possible.

New Business:

RW Eric Neuffer advised of a plan to host a Brother's Breakfast at the lodge on May 3rd. With sufficient support shown by the brethren present this evening, the Worshipful Master approved the plan. It will be added to the calendar and advertised.

Program:

The Worshipful Master thanked the Stewards for providing an excellent dinner this evening.

In honor of the Master's golf tournament this week, the Worshipful Master presented his thoughts on the parallels of golf, the tournament, Freemasonry and the tools of each.

Announcements:

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

4/27 MWPM/DLI @ Blairstown #165 (dinner @ 6:30 pm)- ALL officers are required to attend.

**This date has been changed and will now occur on Monday.*

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:20 pm by WB Bill Chadwick.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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