

Harmony Lodge No. 8 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in the **Regular Communication** in their hall at the Masonic Temple,
 519 US Highway 206, Newton (Andover Twp), NJ
 On the 16nd of April, 2026 A.L. 6026

Officers Present

WB Stephen Dugan	X	Worshipful Master
RW George Stypolkowski, PDR1	X	Senior Warden
Bro Arjune Sharma	X	Junior Warden
Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr	Absent	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
Bro Carlos Torres	X	Senior Deacon
Bro Ryan M Carroll	X	Junior Deacon
Bro Chris Brown	X	Senior Master of Ceremonies
WB Chris Bailey	X	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Jose Ascencio	Absent	Senior Steward
WB Patick Conroy	Absent	Junior Steward
WB Clay Kraemer	X	Chaplain
WB Matt Kaufman	X	Tyler
Bro Henry F Repp	Absent	Organist
Bro Patrick Harrison	Absent	Marshal
Bro Robert Woldt, DB	X	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
	RW Eric Grove, PDDGM	WB Dan Kaufman	Bro Steve Boutillette
	RW Fred Fox, PGC		Bro EA Ryan McKenzie

RW Georg Stypolkowski sat in for the Worshipful Master.

Visiting this evening were the following brothers:

Blairstown #165

RW Eric Neuffer
 WB Walter Orcutt
 WB Rob Moorhead
 WB Nelson Drobness

WB Ed Lubas
 Bro Tom Bulger
 Bro John Caruso
 Bro FC Tim Berkheiser

Musconetcong #42

WB Alan Hay
 Bro Zack Muniz

Joining us for dinner prior to the meeting were candidates Eli Rodriguez, Ron Genier.

There were 24 Master Masons present.

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 from the Regular Communication on April 2, 2026, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

None provided

Joys and Celebrations:

Bro Sharma advised that tax day is over and that his wife is recovering from her medical procedure nicely.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>		<u>Bill For</u>
State of NJ (fire safety registration)	\$512.00	
USPS Postage	\$78.00	
Bro Arjune Sharma (kitchen supplies)	\$24.51	

Total for bills this evening is \$614.51.00. ***A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay the bills when properly audited.***

REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report:

The Secretary provided the Treasurer’s report on his behalf and advised on the current account balances:

Operating fund:	\$4,628.00	<u>Auto-paid bills since last meeting:</u>	
Bread of Life:	\$748.32	Liability Insurance	\$733.43
Grand Lodge:	\$2,912.00	Electric	\$360.87
Harmony Foundation:	\$100.00		
Layton Scholarship:	\$100.00		

The Worshipful Master call Bro Arjune Sharma the East to begin the degree.

The Worshipful Master closed labor on the Master Mason Degree and opened labor on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The Entered Apprentice Degree was then conferred upon Mr. Eli Rodriguez and Mr. Ronald Genier.

Entered Apprentice Degree positions:

Worshipful Master:	Bro Arjune Sharma	Sr Master of Ceremonies:	Bro Chris Brown
Senior Warden:	RW George Stypolkowski	Jr Master of Ceremonies:	WB Chris Bailey
Junior Warden:	WB Nelson Drobness	Senior Steward:	WB Rob Moorhead
Treasurer:	Bro Curvey Purkett	Junior Steward:	RW Eric Neuffer
Secretary:	Bro Barry George	Marshall:	WB Walter Orcutt
Senior Deacon:	Bro Carlos Torres	Asst. Marshall:	RW Fred Fox

Junior Deacon:	Bro Ryan Carroll	Chaplain:	WB Clay Kraemer
EA Lecture:	Bro Ryan Carroll	EA Charge:	WB Matt Kaufman
Working Tools:	Bro Chris Brown	Reception Address:	WB Chris Bailey
Aprons:	Bro Arjune Sharma	Books:	Bro Arjune Sharma

The Worshipful Master congratulated Brothers EA Eli Rodriguez and Ron Genier and gave thanks for a most excellent degree to the degree team and the many hours of dedicated rehearsal. Thanks was also given the many visitors from around the 1st District and to WB Dan Kaufman for an excellent meal.

RW George Stypolkowski was called the East and the gavel returned by Bro Arjune Sharma.

Announcements:

- 4/18 Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial @ Sparta Cemetery
- 4/21 Rehearsal-FC Degree (7pm)
- 4/25 Bread of Life
- 4/27 District Lodge of Instruction (DLI) @ Blairstown #165 (dinner @ 6:30, gavel @ 7:30)- **All officers are expected to attend (date changed to MONDAY)**
- 5/7 Regular Communication (dinner @6:30 pm, gavel @ 7:30 pm)

The Worshipful Master called WB Steve Dugan to the East.

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 10:20 pm by RW George Stypolkowski, assisted by WB Steve Dugan.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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