



Harmony Lodge No. 8 F. & A.M.

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Our 238th Year 1788-2026 | 2026 A.D. - 6026 A.L.

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May/June 2026

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with principals of brotherly love, relief, and truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor, and Self.

Lodges in the 1st Masonic District

Harmony Lodge No. 8: 1st & 3rd Thursday
Mansfield Lodge No. 36: 1st & 3rd Thursday
Musconetcong Lodge No. 42:
2nd & 4th Wednesday
Kittatinny Lodge No. 164: 1st & 3rd Monday
Blairstown Lodge No. 165:
2nd & 4th Thursday

Harmony 2026 Officers

Worshipful Master	WB Stephen J Dugan
Senior Warden	RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI
Junior Warden	Bro Arjune M Sharma
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Secretary	Bro Barry W George
Sr. Deacon	Bro Carlos Torres
Jr. Deacon	Bro Ryan Carroll
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Jr. Steward	WB Patrick Conroy
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Historian	Bro Robert G Woldt, DB
Organist	Bro Henry F Repp
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Bro Robert G Woldt	2027
RW Eric G Grove	2028

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WB Michael Shepherd

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Bro Carlos Torres

Bro Chris Brown

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RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Events in May & June

5/5	Rehearsal-FC Degree	7:00 pm
5/7	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Suit & Tie)	
5/11	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:30 pm
5/12	Rehearsal-FC Degree	7:00 pm
5/14	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Suit & Tie)	
5/19	Rehearsal-FC Degree	7:00 pm
5/23	Bread of Life	11:00 am
5/26	MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong ##43	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: casual)	
	(First Presbyterian Church-Newton)	
6/2	Rehearsal-MM Degree	7:00 pm
6/4	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Suit & Tie)	
6/8	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:30 pm
6/9	Rehearsal-MM Degree	7:00 pm

6/15	GLI- 1 st District @ Musconetcong #42	5:00pm
6/16	Rehearsal-MM Degree	7:00 pm
6/18	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Suit & Tie)	
6/23	MWPM/DLI (PICNIC) @Kittatinny #164	6:30 pm

Active Past Masters

(* Other than Harmony | # Withdrew)

1976 Fred O Rosenberg Jr	2004-05 George J Stypolkowski
1977 Cornelius Martin Jr	PDRI
1980 Robert H Stang Jr	2006 24 Daniel C Kaufman
1981 H. Ralph Smith	2010 Patrick W Conroy
1982 89 99 2011 25	2013 John B Jennings#
Fred W Fox, PGC	2014 Clay D Kraemer
1988 2012 Eric G Grove	2018 Christopher A Bailey
PDDGM	
1991 Jerry J Jagger PGC	2019 Abraham L Jacinto
1994 Eugene M Ingraham III	2021 Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI
1996 Nelson A Drobness #	2022 Daniel J Gialanella#
2001 Michael F Shepherd*	2023 Matthew C Kaufman
2001 James H Vander Veer PDDGM	
2002 09 Bernard E Triano PGC	

MASONIC Birthdays in May & June



Bro Joseph Nouri, 5/2	53 yrs
Bro Denton J Quick, 5/16	60 yrs
Bro Anthony Masucci, 6/9	18 yrs
Bro Scott Whitford, 6/9	34 yrs
Bro F Gary Wikander, 6/15	59 yrs
Bro Michael Scuzzese, 6/17	16 yrs
Bro Ryan Carroll, 6/18	4 yrs
RW Eric Grove, 6/18	45 yrs
Bro Richard Nemeth, 6/18	34 yrs
Bro Arjune Sharma, 6/18	4 yrs
Bro Stephen Boutillette, 6/19	16 yrs
RW Fred Fox, 6/20	52 yrs
Bro David King, 6/20	7 yrs
WB Ralph Smith, 6/20	52 yrs
WB Abraham Jacinto, 6/21	14 yrs
Bro Scott Kearney, 6/21	14 yrs
Bro John Cooper, 6/24	44 yrs
Bro Barry George, 6/29	9 yrs
Bro Henry Repp, 6/29	9 yrs



In the Quarries

Awaiting FC Degree

Bro EA Ryan McKenzie

Bro EA Eli Rodriguez

Bro EA Ronald Genier

Grandview

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For help please call (973) 222-6783 or (973)600-0434



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Oriental Chair



My Brothers,

Congratulations and welcome to our new Entered Apprentice Brethren Ron Genier and Eli Rodriguez! They join current Bro EA Ryan McKenzie as we look forward to their upcoming Fellow Craft Degree.

Furthermore, we have GLI rapidly approaching Monday 15 June at Musconetcong with a 5PM start time. We will be presenting the second section of the Master Mason degree and will need both participation and practice to ensure success. I would like all to consider, in addition to Tuesday rehearsals, a Saturday 13 June Master Mason rehearsal 10:00 am. This would be “all hands on” and light breakfast will be provided.

We continue our support for Bread of Life – Newton with the planned Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, May 9, as well as our usual fourth Saturday lunches at the First Presbyterian Church of Newton.

Over our summer “break” I would like to have buildings and grounds work accomplished. This will include rental hall floor repairs, repairs to the outdoor spotlights at our building corners, and inspection and sealing of holes that may allow for wasp entry. This will involve rental of a man-lift, perhaps over a full weekend.

Additional maintenance tasks needed are the annual oil burner inspection, air conditioning & water softener inspection/maintenance. These will be handled by contractors; weekday support may be needed.

I cannot thank you all enough for your efforts in bringing Masonic Light to our community. Our participation in the Newton St. Patrick’s Day parade, our increased attendance at the Fisherman’s breakfast, and upcoming USA-250 event on May 16, at the Old Newton Burial Ground will gently foster our public appearance. As there is apparently no Newton Memorial Day parade this year, we may join the Blairstown event.

Finally, brethren, forget not that this is your lodge – your thoughts and suggestions move us forward. Your hard work is apparent in our amazing ritual work and is deeply appreciated!

Fraternally,

WB Stephen Dugan, AKA “Ben Franklin”

Worshipful Master 2026

The West



“Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less.”

Gen. Robert E. Lee

My Brothers,

Masons are reminded of the duties they owe to God, country, their neighbors, and themselves. These duties which are so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in Lodge. However, there is one duty which is seldom emphasized. This is our duty to the Lodge.

Not to the physical building, but to the body of men who gather together to bond under those sacred and mystical ties. Our spiritual building exists not only in heaven. Each of us is a stone in our spiritual Lodge building. For a structure to be strong, each stone must be present to support the whole.

Harmony Lodge has existed for quite some time. Many more Lodges in New Jersey have come and gone than are present today. Perhaps this is just a natural process. We, however, have remained because our past Brothers saw value in sustaining our Lodge for the future. There is an ad campaign for a very expensive watch which says “You never actually own the watch. You merely look after it for the next generation.”

It is our duty to see that the next and future generations of Freemasons have a Harmony Lodge #8 to call home. It’s true that our membership isn’t what it was in the past. We no longer have the luxury of casual membership. This is not to say that duty to the Lodge is to supersede the aforementioned ones. We must always be mindful of our cable-tows.

Masonry is a way of life, but it is also a fraternity. Fellowship is as valuable a tenet as any moral lesson ever taught to us.

Fraternally,
RW George Stypolkowski
Senior Warden

