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GPS address: 187 W. Cohawkin Road  
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**CONSTITUTED APRIL 28, 2011**  
**REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS**  
**FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST**  
**JUNE 2026**

Hello Brothers and Happy Memorial Day to you and your families

I am having my right knee replacement surgery on May 18th and hope for a successful procedure and recovery. We will have our regular communication on Monday June 15th during which we will be honored by our District Deputy who will be making his official visit of our Lodge.  
Please come out and support you lodge with this endeavor and assist WB James Earl who will be our Master for the evening.

Dinner will be at 6:30pm  
Official visit starting at 7:30pm

Thank you Brothers  
Sincerely,  
WM Chris Roethke

## Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

**Please note date change: Due to the Grand Master's Golf Outing occurring on Monday, June 1st which conflicts with our normal regularly scheduled communication on the first Monday of the month. We have received dispensation from the Grand Master to move our June communication to the third Monday.**

**June 6, 2026** The 21st district will continue its tradition of volunteering for the ARC Walk in support of the ARC of Salem County. The event will take place at Riverview Park in Pennsville from 9am to 12pm. Brethren from local Masonic lodges help distribute hot dogs, snacks, and drinks free of charge to all participants. RWDDGM Tom Rathof needs volunteers to help load supplies for the event at Clarksboro Lodge at 7am for transport to Pennsville. Please reach out to Tom Rathof if interested in helping prior to the event.

**June 15, 2026** We will have our regular communication for the month of June which will also serve as the official visit of RWDDGM Tom Rathof with the lodge asked to demonstrate a piece of ritual before DRI RW John Higgins. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting beginning at 7:30pm.

During this meeting we will have a ballot for the reinstatement of Richard Dasch

**June 23, 2026** We will have a joint Fellowcraft degree on four candidates at Woodstown Lodge #138 including Pitman Lodge #197 and one of our candidates Br EA Gregory Forsman. This degree will be held at Woodstown Lodge and we would love to have as many members of Clarksboro lodge come out to help our brother pass to the fellowcraft. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the degree starting at 7:30pm

**June 25, 2026** The 21st district will have their District Lodge of Instruction held at Penns Grove Excelsior Lodge #54 which will be the district's annual picnic featuring items off the grill and refreshments. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and is open to all Master Masons plus family and friends. Dress is casual attire for comfort and dinner is free.

**July 2, 2026** Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Clarksboro Lodge from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Appointments can be made at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and searching for Clarksboro Lodge

For those registered on Grandview, the minutes from each regular communication will be posted under File Vault/Clarksboro No 87/Minutes. If unable to attend in person this will help you keep informed on all business conducted during the regular communications.

July and August we will be dark with no degrees or meetings so wishing everyone a Happy, healthy Summer!

Fraternally,  
Jason Neal  
Secretary

## Living Past Masters

1970 J. M. Dare <sup>S</sup>	1991 J. C. Magee, III <sup>P</sup>	2008 G. R. Bruynell <sup>PS</sup>
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. <sup>S</sup>	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>S</sup>	2008 F. H. Stigale IV <sup>F</sup>
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. <sup>P</sup>	1992 D. P. Doak <sup>P</sup>	2009 F. H. Stigale IV <sup>F</sup>
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. <sup>F</sup>	1993 G. E. Sleet <sup>S</sup>	2010 J. A. Link <sup>PS</sup>
1979 W. L. Villanova <sup>S</sup>	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGMar <sup>F</sup>	1995 P. J Peacock	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 T. D. Clow, PGMar <sup>F</sup>		2016 J. P. Neal
1980 C. W. McTyre <sup>S</sup>	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>PS</sup>	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1983 J. R. Corliss <sup>P</sup>	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>PS</sup>	2018 T. G. Rathof RWDDGM
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM <sup>P</sup>	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM <sup>PS</sup>	2019 T. G. Rathof, RWDDGM
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>S</sup>	2003 J. C. Legge <sup>PS</sup>	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM <sup>P</sup>	2005 C.B. Jarrell <sup>PS</sup>	2021 T. G. Rathof, RWDDGM
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>S</sup>	2005 Ellis H. Otto <sup>F</sup>	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM <sup>S</sup>	2006 Ellis H. Otto <sup>F</sup>	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 B. E. Bolopue <sup>P</sup>	2007 R D. Bailey <sup>PS</sup>	2024 J. J. Higgins DRI
1990 Lee Brown <sup>F</sup>		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	

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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

**Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men  
with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth  
in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.  
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# Clarksboro Lodge No. 87 F&AM

2026

## *Elected Officers*

### *Senior Warden*

WB James Earle  
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### *Worshipful Master*

RW Chris Roethke DRI  
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### *Junior Warden*

WB Eric Rathof  
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### *Secretary*

WB Jason Neal  
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jneal522@yahoo.com

### *Treasurer*

WB Bret Biel  
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bbiel77@gmail.com

## *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**

100 Barrack Street Trenton, NJ 08608 email: njgm2024@gmail.com

**Right Worshipful Thomas Rathof**

**District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District**

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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