

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 4th of June 2026 A.L. 6026

#8 Officers Present

WB Stephen Dugan	X	Worshipful Master
RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI	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	Absent	Senior Deacon
Bro Ryan M Carroll	X	Junior Deacon
Bro Chris Brown	Absent	Senior Master of Ceremonies
WB Chris Bailey	Absent	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Jose Ascencio	Absent	Senior Steward
WB Patick Conroy	Absent	Junior Steward
WB Clay Kraemer	Absent	Chaplain
WB Matt Kaufman	X	Tyler
Bro Henry F Repp	Absent	Organist
Bro Patrick Harrison	Absent	Marshal
Bro Robert Woldt, DB	X	Historian

#8 Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
		WB Abraham Jacinto	Bro Steve Boutillette
		WB Dan Kaufman	Bro FC Eli Rodriguez

WB Matt Kaufman sat in for the Jr Deacon, Bro Boutillette for the Tyler, WB Jacinto for the Treasurer and Bro Carroll for the Sr Deacon.

There were 10 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 May 21, 2026 (FC Degree), that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

WB Jacinto advised that Dorris Coe (widow of Bill Coe) is in the hospital.

Joys and Celebrations:

WB Dan Kaufman advised that today is WB Matt Kaufman’s Birthday.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>		<u>Bill For</u>
Completely Clean (Inv. 607)	\$292.80	
Bears Landscaping (Inv.191580)	\$329.48	
WB Dugan (BOL supplies)	\$64.99	
WB Dugan (Lodge supplies)	\$121.97	
WB Dugan (dishwasher parts)	\$75.61	

Total for bills this evening is \$884.85. ***A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay the bills when properly audited.***

Communications:

The Secretary reported the following-

1. Grand Lodge notice of upcoming wreath laying ceremony, honoring the Battle of Monmouth on 6/27.
2. The Grand Master advised of a now scheduled 1-day class in Burlington on 9/18.
3. We received notification from BusinessRate (online service) that Harmony Lodge No.8 was voted the best lodge in Sussex County for 2026. We are supposed to receive a plaque in commemoration.

Petitions:

N/A

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report:

The Treasurer was not present to provide a report this evening. However, the Secretary was able to provide the following information on recently paid bills: Vonage \$21.45, heating oil \$1,736.00

Buildings & Grounds:

The Worshipful Master advised-

1. That the lodge passed the county health inspection this week.
2. That the AC systems throughout the lodge were recently serviced.

Charity:

The Worshipful master advised that the next BOL event is scheduled for 6/27 and that additional assistance and food items are needed.

Rental Report:

WB Matt Kaufman reported a steady flow of rental inquiries and that there are currently (2) bookings in July. He also advised on a recent inquiry about a long-term lease of our kitchen. He is investigating this scenario and will have more to report at a later date.

He also advised that the Harmony Banquet & Rental calendar is available for all those that wish to have visibility. See WB Matt for more information.

Old Business:

The Secretary reported that there are currently (25) of our (90) members that have yet to pay their 2026 dues. Reminder dues notices went out on 6/1.

Bro Sharma reported that his wellness check-ins with brethren that we have not seen in lodge recently is ongoing. He will continue to work the list and report his findings.

Bro Carroll advised that Newton Day is scheduled for this Saturday, 6/6. However, due to the short timeline for preparation, he will not pursue this activity.

The Worshipful Master advised that Andover Day is scheduled for next Saturday, 6/13 and would not cost the lodge any fees to participate. After some discussion, there was consensus that the lodge should put its efforts into participating in this event. **Brethren will be needed that day to assist. See Bro Carroll with any questions. More information to follow.**

The Senior Warden reminded the lodge of the upcoming GLI (Grand Lodge of Instruction) and the importance of our officers attending both the remaining rehearsals and the main event on 6/15.

New Business:

Bro Sharma advised of efforts to host a brother's social event at the lodge on Saturday, 8/1. The event is to be a potluck meal and BYOB. The events committee has put together a flyer that will be shared online. He asks that anyone deciding to attend reach out to him with details on any food items they want to bring.

The Worshipful Master, after reflection on the recent Revolutionary War Memorial events, did some research and read names of some of the famous Freemasons in history.

**The Senior Warden added that MW David Brearly, a Colonel in the Continental Army, First Chief Justice of the NJ Supreme Court, signer of the US Constitution and 1st Grand Master of the State of NJ should be included in any such list.*

Announcements:

6/9 GLI Rehearsal- 1st section 7pm

6/10 GLI Rehearsal- 2nd section @ #42 Musconetcong (details on district group chat).

6/15 Grand Lodge of Instruction (GLI) @ Musconetcong #42-All officers expected to attend (tuxedo, or dark suite required), all MM welcome.

6/18 Regular Communication (dinner @ 6:30 pm / gavel @ 7:30 pm)- **Last Regular Communication for the summer.**

6/23 DLI Picnic @ Kittatinny #164 (District Staffing for 2027 Masonic Year to be announced)

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 9:05 pm by WB Steve Dugan.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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