

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 18th of June, 2026 A.L. 6026

#8 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	X	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
Bro Carlos Torres	Absent	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	Absent	Historian

#8 Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
	RW Eric Grove, PDDGM	WB Abraham Jacinto	Bro Steve Boutillette
			Bro Dave King
			Bro FC Ron Genier
			Bro FC Eli Rodriguez

Bro Carroll sat in for the Sr Deacon and Bro Brown for the Jr Deacon.

There were 14 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 June 4, 2026, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

None presented.

Joys and Celebrations:

*WB Bailey advised that his mother recently had successful heart surgery and is recovering nicely. Also that his daughter just had her 8th grade graduation.

*RW Bro Grove advised that his granddaughter just received the rank of Eagle Scout, also that two granddaughters are graduating from high school and that this evening is his 45th anniversary of being raised a Master Mason.

*Bro Boutillette advised that his last child just graduated high school.

*Bro Sharma advised that both Bros Carroll and Torres received degree bars at the GLI this week.

*Bro Carroll advised that his son just graduated middle school and that this evening is also the 4th anniversary of both he and Bro Sharma being raised Master Masons.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>	<u>Bill For</u>

The Secretary reported that there were no bills to present (also good news!!)

****A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay the necessary bills during the summer months.***

Communications:

The Secretary received a thank you note from the Bread of Life staff for our recent monetary donation and continued support for the program.

Petitions:

N/A

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report:

Bro Treasurer reported that following account balances:

Operating Account: \$5,208.48

Bread of Life: \$614.53

Grand Lodge: \$2,919.00

Harmony Foundation & Scholarship Fund remain at \$100.00 each

The following bills were paid since the last meeting-

USPS PO Box renewal: \$126.00, Optimum Internet: \$149.08, First Energy (electric): \$248.55

Buildings & Grounds:

The Worshipful Master advised the following:

1. He is looking to schedule a work weekend at the lodge to tackle various projects. After some discussion, it was agreed to schedule this effort for August 8 & 9. More to follow.
2. We will need to have our oil burners and water softener system serviced this summer.

Charity:

The Worshipful master reminded us that the next Bread of Life event is scheduled 6/27 and that both assistance day of and food donations are still needed. Please reach out to the Worshipful Master if you can help.

Rental Report:

WB Matt Kaufman advised that there are (2) rentals booked for July and (1) in August.

Old Business:

RW Bro Grove advised of recent discussions to plan a Washington DC trip in September 2027. That he is looking to involve other brothers to train them in how to plan this event in the future.

Bro Sharma advised that his is still planning for a summer fellowship get together at the lodge on 8/1. More to follow.

The Worshipful Master discussed his desire to schedule a Master Mason degree sometime in September. However, as this will require coordination with other lodges, a final date and location remains to be determined.

- The Secretary advised of external discussions into alternate sites for a MM Degree and that these are being investigated.

The Worshipful Master recounted how the recent Andover Twp day transpired and his desire to get more people involved in the future.

New Business:

Bro King advise of his intention to move to Pennsylvania and that he has furniture available to a good home. Please contact him directly with any questions.

Announcements:

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

- Harmony was asked to provide beer/soda/water as well as dessert items for the event. Volunteers accepted purchasing tasks and will be reimbursed by the lodge.

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:45 pm by WB Steve Dugan.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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