



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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TRESTLEBOARD

September/October 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
Treasurer	Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr
Secretary	Bro Barry W George
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Jr. Deacon	Bro Ryan Carroll
Chaplain	WB Clay Kraemer
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Jr. MC	WB Chris Bailey
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Jr. Steward	WB Patrick Conroy
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Tyler	WB Matthew C Kaufman
Historian	Bro Robert G Woldt, DB
Organist	Bro Henry F Repp
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Lodge Trustees

WB Matthew C Kaufman	2026
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

Bro Arjune Sharma

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RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Events in September & October

9/3	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Suit & Tie)	
9/8	Rehearsal-MM Degree	7:00 pm
9/14	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:30 pm
9/15	Rehearsal-MM Degree	7:00 pm
9/17	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Suit & Tie)	
9/22	DLI @ Harmony #8	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: casual)	
9/26	Bread of Life	10:30 am
	(meet at Lodge to load)	
10/1	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Suit & Tie)	
10/12	Baldwin Chapter RAM	7:30 pm
10/15	Harmony #8 Regular Communication	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: Suit & Tie)	
10/24	Bread of Life	10:30 am
	(meet at Lodge to load)	
10/27	DLI @ Mansfield #36	7:30 pm
	Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: casual)	

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 September & October



WB Steve Dugan, 9/11	27 yrs
Bro Frank Abruzzo, 9/17	11 yrs
Bro Chris Brown, 9/18	2 yrs
Bro Rich Hagie, 9/20	53 yrs
Bro Shawn Leonardo, 10/5	20 yrs
Bro William Jeskey, 10/6	33 yrs
Bro James Born, 10/12	2 yrs
Bro Patrick Harrison, 10/12	2 yrs
Bro Carlos Torres, 10/12	2 yrs
WB Clay Kraemer, 10/12	19 yrs
WB Chris Bailey, 10/20	15 yrs
Bro John Danko, 10/20	10 yrs
RW Nick Kaufman, 10/20	10 yrs
Bro Scott Wikander, 10/25	14 yrs



In the Quarries

Awaiting FC Proficiency

Bro FC Ryan McKenzie

Bro FC Eli Rodriguez

Bro FC Ronald Genier

Grandview

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Oriental Chair



My Brothers,

I hope that all have had a great summer!

As we welcome our Fraternity back to labor after break, I am reminded of our role as "Guardians of History" and the influences of Freemasonry upon our great nation. Twenty-five years ago, the attack on our nation that destroyed the World Trade Center, damaged the Pentagon, and caused the death of thousands on an otherwise-beautiful September morning. We must never forget.

Here in Sussex County, we have a memorial ceremony each year on 11 September. Held at Sussex County Community College, we will begin at 9:00 AM Friday morning. This event is usually attended by local Police, Fire, and EMS personnel and is open to the public. Also, Friday 11 September's Newton High School Football game will feature a special tribute to Police, Fire, EMS, Dispatchers, Veterans, and Emergency Volunteers. This is open to the public at 5:30 PM. Please keep these events in mind for discussion on 3 September.

We are looking forward to a Master Mason degree in the September / October time frame. There are plans in the works for an outdoor degree at a local quarry. This is a unique presentation of the degree that will likely see it split into two distinct halves; one in Lodge, one in the quarry. More on this as we progress. Thanks to Dan Kaufman and Eric Neuffer for their efforts.

We will begin our rehearsals for the Master Mason degree on Tuesday 8 September. Many thanks to the brothers who have assisted our Fellowcraft Brothers in the preceding degrees.

As we return to our Masonic labors I also must re-state my deep appreciation to all for what we are able to accomplish. Let us continue these endeavors and never forget the spreading of Masonic Light comes in many forms but always starts with You!

Fraternally,
WB Stephen Dugan
Worshipful Master 2026



“Waste no more time arguing what a good man should be. Be One.”

Marcus Aurelius – Roman Emperor and Philosopher

My Brothers,

What is the measure of a good man? Is he a family man, a hard worker, a man of faith, his brother's keeper, all of these? Masonry asks us to be good men. It teaches lessons and offers guidance to point us to that goal. I dare say that most, if not all Brothers, who have knocked on the door were good men to start. Else they would not have recognized the beneficence of becoming a Mason.

A good man is one of integrity. He aligns his actions with his values. He is a man of his word. He treats those around him with respect and uses his strength to lift others up rather than tear them down. He looks for ways to provide for, encourage, and teach others. He is resilient, but not afraid to show vulnerability and ask for help when needed. He is a man who can forgive the transgressions of others and aid in their reformation.

The qualities of a good man are many. Our goal is to live by them as best as we can, but perfection is not an attribute we possess. Being a good man takes work, every day. But we, as Masons, are lucky. We have been given the tools and designs to build a good and better man.

Ask yourself, am I a better man today than when I first knocked on the inner door? Perhaps that question is best answered by those who know us best. It can be difficult sometimes to measure the man in the mirror. But here's the good news: You don't have to be flawless to be good; just be steadfast every day to strive for that goal.

Fraternally,

RW George Stypolkowski

Senior Warden

