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FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
SEPTEMBER 2026



Happy Labor Day Brethren,

I hope your Holiday with your families and friends goes well and your Summer was wonderful. Our regular communication will be Monday, September 14 with the gavel sounding at 7:30pm.

I want to thank the Brothers that helped with the two clean ups had over the Summer. I also congratulate Brother Gregg Forsman who was passed to the Fellow Craft degree at Rising Sun lodge in Haddonfield. It was a wonderful degree.

We will have a ballot for membership for Mr. Timothy Wells on September 14th and if elected to membership he will be part of the Grand Masters one day class to welcome Mr. Wells to our great Brotherhood.

I also have attached a letter about the state of affairs at Clarksboro Lodge 87 and after reading it I hope our membership will come to our regular communications to discuss the best way to move our Clarksboro forward to ensure the future of the Lodge. I'm open to any suggestions or ideas to make this a reality. We are in need of officers to fill our stations and places along with some good suggestions for future fund raising for your lodge.

As Master I'm asking for help in these areas to keep our Lodge open.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Thank you Brothers
Sincerely,
WM Chris Roethke

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

Please note date change: Due to the first Monday in September being Labor Day our regular communication will be second Monday of September.

September 14, 2026 We will have our regular communication at 7:30 however no dinner will be served. At the meeting under new business there will be two important items for discussion:

- 1.The future of Clarksboro Lodge and the three pathways outlined in the attached letter from RW Rich Kell
- 2.Discussion of increasing the dues by \$25 as a result of increasing costs of maintaining the temple with a reading of the formal motion. This will require a second reading and discussion in October meeting before it can be voted on.

We will have a ballot for Timothy Wells of Swedesboro, NJ who has been cleared by Grand Lodge and whose investigation committee has found favorable.

September 19, 2026 There will be a one day class at the Masonic Center in Burlington, NJ hosted by the Grand Master and upon successful ballot for Timothy Wells will be a participant and receive three degrees.

September 22, 2026 Three of our brother Fellowcrafts Jose Avila, Ennold Obas, and Gregg Forsman will be raised to Master Mason at Woodstown Lodge. Please not the first section at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6:30 then the second section at 7:30 performed by the law enforcement degree team.

September 24, 2026 The District Lodge of Instruction will be held at Williamstown #166 at 7:00 and is open to all Master Masons. Business attire is requested.

September 26, 2026 Clarksboro will host the 2026 Gold Token Lunch for members with 50 years and more. Lunch will be at 12:00 followed by the ceremony in the lodge room. The event is open to Masons and their families.

Over the next few months there will be important discussions about the future and direction of Clarksboro Lodge so all members are encouraged to attend our regular communications this Fall.

Fraternally,
Jason Neal
Secretary

Living Past Masters

1970 J. M. Dare ^S	1991 J. C. Magee, III ^P	2008 G. R. Bruynell ^{PS}
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. ^S	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2008 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. ^P	1992 D. P. Doak ^P	2009 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. ^F	1993 G. E. Sleet ^S	2010 J. A. Link ^{PS}
1979 W. L. Villanova ^S	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGM ^F	1995 P. J. Peacock	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 T. D. Clow, PGM ^F		2016 J. P. Neal
1980 C. W. McTyre ^S	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1983 J. R. Corliss ^P	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2018 T. G. Rathof RWDDGM
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^{PS}	2019 T. G. Rathof, RWDDGM
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2003 J. C. Legge ^{PS}	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2005 C.B. Jarrell ^{PS}	2021 T. G. Rathof, RWDDGM
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2006 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P	2007 R D. Bailey ^{PS}	2024 J. J. Higgins DRI
1990 Lee Brown ^F		2025 J. J. Higgins DRI

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Peppler, 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	

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

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Clarksboro Lodge No. 87 F&AM

2026

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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

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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