

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2026 A.L. 6026

## **#8 Officers Present**

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| WB Stephen Dugan             | X      | Worshipful Master           |
| RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI | 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            | X      | Senior Deacon               |
| Bro Ryan M Carroll           | X      | Junior Deacon               |
| Bro Chris Brown              | X      | 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         | X      | Marshal                     |
| Bro Robert Woldt, DB         | Absent | Historian                   |

## **#8 Brothers Present**

| <u>Current Grand Officers</u> | <u>Past Grand Officers</u> | <u>Brothers Present</u> |                       |
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|                               | RW Eric Grove, PDDGM       | WB Mike Shepherd        | Bro Steve Boutillette |
|                               |                            | WB Dan Kaufman          | Bro FC Ron Genier     |
|                               |                            | WB Abraham Jacinto      | Bro FC Eli Rodriguez  |
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There were 15 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.

The Worshipful Master closed labor on the Master Mason Degree and opened labor on the Fellow Craft Degree.

The Worshipful Master admitted Brothers FC Eli Rodriguez and Ronald Genier into the lodge room.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the Regular Communication on September 3rd, 2026, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

**Sickness and Distress:**

None offered

**Joys and Celebrations:**

Bro Boutillette advised that his son had successfully completed advanced training toward his military career.

**Presentation of Bills:**

None presented at this meeting.

**Communications:**

The Secretary advised that although there is none to present at this meeting, all brethren should check their respective emails for any messages from Grand Lodge that may pertain to them.

**Petitions:**

N/A

**Ballots:**

N/A

**REPORTS****Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer advised the following account balances-

General Fund: \$2,930.00, Bread of Life: \$508.96, Grand Lodge: \$2,912.00

Recent payments include: First Energy \$406.07, Liability Insurance \$733.43

The Secretary initiated a discussion about funding the general fund to cover expenses for the remainder of the year. No action was taken.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

The Worshipful Master advised that there is nothing new to report.

**Charity:**

The Worshipful Master advised that additional food donations and volunteers are needed for the upcoming Bread of Life event on 9/26. Please contact him if you can assist.

**Rental Report:**

WB Matt Kaufman advised of many new inquiries and a new booking in October and November.

**Old Business:**

Bro Sharma provided an update on the missing lodge payment to Grand Lodge for his Masonic Leadership Conference registration. It was determined that GL had received and deposited the check. No further action is required.

**New Business:**

It was noted that WB Jacinto is assisting the Secretary in finding a new Internet Service Provider to save the lodge money. More details to follow.

The Worshipful Master provided an update on the progress of a planned district wide Master Mason Degree at a local quarry:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> section to be performed at the quarry location on Saturday 10/17.
- 1<sup>st</sup> sections are to be done at each lodge respectively.
- Assistance will be needed setting up.
- A dinner may be included at 6pm, with the degree at 7pm.

More information will be provided shortly.

**Program:**

The Worshipful Master called Bro Ryan Carroll to the East with our Brothers Fellow Craft to perform their FC examinations. After completion, the Worshipful Master congratulated them on a job well done.

**Announcements:**

9/22 DLI @ Harmony #8, 6:30pm dinner, 7:30 gavel, **ALL officers are expected to attend**, all Master Masons are welcome.

9/26 Bread of Life

9/29 MM Degree rehearsal @ 7pm

10/1 Official Visit of DDGM & Gold Token Night @ Harmony #8.

10/6 MM Degree rehearsal @ 7pm

10/13 MM Degree rehearsal @ 7pm

10/15 Regular Communication- 1<sup>st</sup> Section of MM Degree

10/17 District MM Quarry Degree

**Closing:**

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 9:00 pm by WB Steve Dugan.

Fraternally,

*Bro Barry W George*

Secretary

Harmony Lodge No.8 F&AM

