

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 1st of October 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	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	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	X	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Dwayne A Dolly, II, DDGM	RW Eric Grove, PDDGM	WB Dan Kaufman	Bro Steve Boutillette
RW Nick Kaufman, DRI	RW Fred Fox, PGC	WB Alex Kronick #163	Bro FC Ron Genier
			Bro FC Eli Rodriguez

Bro Boutillette sat in for the Marshal.

There were 19 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 suspended 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 17th, 2026, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

RW Fred Fox advised that MW Len Vanderhorn recently had surgery.

Bro Sharma advised that his wife is to have additional shoulder surgery.

Joys and Celebrations:

Bro FC Eli Rodriguez advised that he, along with Bro Purkett and Bro Carroll are joining the Newton Fire Department.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>	<u>Bill For</u>
No bills this evening	

**The Secretary advised that the lodge should consider a withdrawal from the investment account sometime soon to cover expenses thru the end of the year. The Treasurer noted that he is reviewing upcoming expenses and will make a recommendation to the Worshipful Master this week.*

Communications:

The Secretary advised that Grand Lodge sent an email this week regarding procedures for offsite voting at the upcoming Annual Communication. The brethren should look for this email and review as necessary.

Petitions:

N/A

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer advised the following account balances-

General Fund: \$1,985.00, Bread of Life: \$508.96, Grand Lodge: \$4408.00, Harmony Foundation: \$100.00, Layton Scholarship: \$100.00

Recent payments include:

Vonage: \$22.20, Blue Diamond: \$177.00, Optimum; \$149.08

Buildings & Grounds:

No report provided

Charity:

The Worshipful Master advised that the last Bread of Life event was well staffed and there was sufficient food provided for the approximately (35) guests. The next event is scheduled for 10/24.

Rental Report:

WB Matt Kaufman advised that there has been a steady flow of rental inquiries and we have several bookings coming up (10/24, 10/31, 11/6-9, 11/14).

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

N/A

Program:

The Worshipful Master put the lodge on refreshment to allow the DDGM and the other RW Brethren to leave the lodge room so that the DDGM could be received for an Official Visit.

**The Worshipful Master admitted the DDGM and received him in the East. Grand Honors were given and the Worshipful Master tendered him the gavel of the lodge.*

The DDGM called RW Nick Kaufman to the East and tendered him the gavel of the lodge so that he may leave informally with the Treasurer and Secretary to review the books.

The Bros FC Genier and Rodriguez left the room as well so that labor on the MM Degree could be restored while the DDGM, Secretary and Treasurer were outside the lodge room.

**While the review of the lodge books was occurring, the District Ritual Instructor reviewed the lodge's exemplification of the 1st section of the MM Degree.*

The Worshipful Master closed labor on the MM Degree and opened labor on the FC Degree.

After returning to the lodge and receiving the gavel back, the DDGM advised that the books are in good order.

The DDGM advised that there were Gold Token recipients at Harmony Lodge this year. The Secretary identified the honorees as follows-

Bro Robert T Cassidy, 50 yrs
Bro Steven W Mills, 55 yrs
Bro Denton J Quick Jr, 60 yrs

**Unfortunately, none of these brethren were able to attend this meeting. Pins & certificates will be sent as soon as possible.*

The DDGM thanked the brethren for their support over the last four years as this will be his last visit in his current capacity.

Announcements:

10/6 MM Degree rehearsal @ 7pm (district wide)

10/7 1st Section MM Degree @ Musconetcong #42 (unconfirmed)

10/13 MM Degree rehearsal @ 7pm (district wide)

10/14 Official Visit @ Musconetcong #42

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

10/17 District MM Quarry Degree @ Sterling Mining Museum, Ogdensburg
4:00 set up, 6:00 pm dinner, 7:30 pm ceremonies begin

10/19 Official Visit @ Kittatinny #164

10/24 Bread of Life

10/27 DLI @ Mansfield #36, 6:30pm dinner, 7:30 gavel, **ALL officers are expected to attend**, all Master Masons are welcome.

RW George Stypolkowski advised that our lodge was again invited to participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremonies, this year on Saturday 12/19. More info to follow.

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in short form at 9:15 pm by RW Dwayne Dolly, II, DDGM, assisted by WB Steve Dugan.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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