

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 15th of October 2026 A.L. 6026

#8 Officers Present

WB Stephen Dugan	Absent	Worshipful Master
RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI	X	Senior Warden
Bro Arjune Sharma	X	Junior Warden
Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr	Absent	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

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
	RW Eric Grove, PDDGM	WB Dan Kaufman	Bro Steve Boutillette
	RW Fred Fox, PGC	WB Rob Moorhead #165	Bro Josh Williams-Como #165
	RW Eric Neuffer, PGC #165	WB Ed Lubas #165	Bro Steven Kazmierkiewicz #165
	RW Brian Snead, PGSB #165	WB Mike Park #165	
		WB Nelson Drobness #165	

Visting this evening from Atlas Pythagoras #10, Bro Ryan Jones.

RW George Stypolkowski sat in for the WM, WB Nelson Drobness for the JW, and Bro Steve Boutillette for the JD.

There were 21 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 October 1st, 2026, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

The Worshipful Master reported that WB Steve Dugan is still recovering from his recent health issues. A card is to be sent.

Joys and Celebrations:

WB Dan Kaufman reported on the recent wedding of his son, RW Nick Kaufman and that a good time was had by all.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>		<u>Bill For</u>
Completely Clean (Inv. 765)	\$292.80	
Bears Landscaping (Inv.192154)	\$219.25	

The total for bills this evening is \$512.05.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay the bills when properly audited.

New Business:

The Worshipful Master opened nominations for the election of officers for the 2027 Masonic Year.

The Worshipful Master dispensed with all other unnecessary business in order to proceed with the degree.

Program:

The Worshipful Master proceeded to begin the first section of the Master Mason degree for the following Brothers Fellowcraft:

Harmony #8: Eli Rodriguez, Ryan McKenzie, Ronald Genier
Blairstown #165: Timothy Berkheiser, Eric Lohman

Degree Participants-

Worshipful Master:	RW George Stypolkowski	Marshall:	RW Fred Fox
Senior Warden:	Bro Arjune Sharma	Asst. Marshall:	RW Eric Grove
Junior Warden:	WB Nelson Drobness	Asst. Marshall:	WB Mike Park
Secretary:	Bro Barry George	Asst. Marshall:	Bro Josh Williams-Como
Treasurer:	WB Dan Kaufman	Asst. Marshall:	RW Brian Snead
Senior Deacon:	Bro Ryan Carroll	Chaplain:	WB Clay Kraemer
Junior Deacon:	Bro Steve Boutillette		
Senior Master of Ceremonies:	Bro Chris Brown	Junior Master of Ceremonies:	WB Chris Bailey

At the conclusion of the 1st section of the Master Mason Degree, the Worshipful Master placed the lodge on refreshment.

Under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of NJ, the Charter of Harmony Lodge No.8 is to be moved to a remote location in order to complete the 2nd section of this Master Mason Degree. The lodge is to be reconvened on Saturday 10/17 for the "Quarry Degree".

Saturday 10/17/26, Location: remote quarry at the Stirling Hill Mining Museum, Ogdensburg, NJ

After the brethren were gathered, the Worshipful Master took the lodge off refreshment and began the 2nd section of the Master Mason Degree.

There were approximately (50) Master Masons present (*visitor attendance was not taken*).

Brother Master Masons to be raised:

<u>Harmony #8</u>	<u>Mansfield #42</u>	<u>Musconetcong #36</u>	<u>Blairstown #165</u>
Ronald Genier	Nicolas Bogado-Torres	Eddy Torres	Eric Lohman
Ryan McKenzie	Scott Hasko	Salvatore Capucci	Timothy Berkheiser
Eli Rodriguez	Stefan Romanuk	Maxwell Smith	
		Owen Jeff	
		Devon Woelki	

Degree positions:

(For MM #1 to #7)

Worshipful Master:	WB Matt Kaufman	Sr. Steward:	Bro Dan Kaufman
Senior Warden:	WB Alan Hay	Jr. Steward:	Bro Dan Silvershotz
Junior Warden:	Bro Mike Inga	Sr. Master of	
Sr. Deacon:	Bro Steve Kazmierkiewicz	Ceremonies:	Bro Zach Muniz
Jr. Deacon:	Bro Shane Randazzo	Jr. Master of	
Treasurer:	Bro Curvey Purkett	Ceremonies:	WB Alex Kronen
Secretary:	Bro Barry George	Tyler:	DB Paul Stahl
Chaplain:	WB Clay Kraemer	Marshal:	RW Fred Fox

(For MM #8 to #13)

Worshipful Master:	WB Henry Archer	Craftsman #1:	RW George Stypolkowski
Senior Warden:	WB Alan Hay	Craftsman #2:	Bro Arjune Sharma
Junior Warden:	Bro Mike Ingna	Craftsman #3:	WB Matt Kaufman
Sr. Deacon:	Bro Steve Kazmierkiewicz	Craftsman #4:	RW Nick Kaufman
Jr. Deacon:	Bro Shane Randazzo	Craftsman #5:	Bro Carlos Torres
Treasurer:	Bro Curvey Purkett	Craftsman #6:	WB Ed Lubas
Secretary:	Bro Barry George	Craftsman #7:	WB Walter Orcutt
Chaplain:	WB Clay Kraemer	Craftsman #8:	WB Nelson Drobness
Marshal:	RW Fred Fox	Craftsman #9:	WB Rob Moorhead
Tyler:	DB Paul Stahl	Craftsman #10:	Bro Zach Muniz
Sr. Steward:	WB Dan Kaufman	Craftsman #11:	RW Eric Grove
Jr. Steward:	Bro Robert Ronceray	Craftsman #12:	Bro Brandon Kornbluh
Sr. Master of		Jr. Master of	
Ceremonies:	RW Brian Snead	Ceremonies:	WB Alex Kronen

<i>Jubela:</i>	<i>Bro Chris Brown</i>	<i>Seafaring Man: DB Paul Stahl</i>
<i>Jubelo:</i>	<i>WB Chris Bailey</i>	<i>MM Lecture: RW David Lorenz</i>
<i>Jubelum:</i>	<i>Bro Ryan Carroll</i>	<i>MM Charge: Bro Arjune Sharma</i>

Presentation of books by Worshipful Masters of each lodge.

Announcements:

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.

11/3-5 Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Atlantic City)

11/19 Regular Communication (nominations close)

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in short form at 11:30 pm by RW Nick Kaufman.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary

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