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Constituted April 28, 2011
Regular Communications
First Monday of Each Month
Except July & August
November 2026

Hello Brothers

First I would like to congratulate our newly elected Grand Master Bruce Golway and wish him a successful year in leading our Craft. I invite you all to our November communication where we will have our annual election of Officers for the ensuring Masonic year. Please do your best to attend and support the Brothers of Clarksboro Lodge. As the holiday season approaches let us be reminded to spread Brotherly love and affection to our Families, Brothers and friends. I encourage you to reach out to a Brother you have not seen in a while and wish him well as we begin our fall season. Let us be thankful for the many blessings we have I wish you and your families a happy Thanksgiving. In closing I look forward to seeing you at our communication.

Sincerely,
WM Chris Roethke

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

Please note due to Grand Lodge on the first week of November we will be moving our November regular communication on the second Monday in November

November 9, 2026 We will have dinner at 6:30 followed by our regular communication at 7:30.

We will have elections for the 2027 Masonic year

Worshipful Master — Keith Lypka
Senior Warden — James Earle
Junior Warden — Eric Rathof
Treasurer — Brett Biel
Secretary— Jason Neal
Building Maintenance Trustee — Tom Rathof
Financial Trustee — John Leach
Proxy To Grand Lodge — Chris Roethke

We will also be voting for non Payment of Dues for brethren who still owe dues for 2026. They would have until the end of 2026 to pay dues before facing suspension.

November 16, 2026 The District Lodge of Instruction will be held at Woodstown Lodge #138 at 7:00 and is open to all Master Masons. Business attire is requested.

This month we will be sending out 2027 Dues notices via both e-mail and regular mail. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Fraternally,
Jason Neal
Secretary

Living Past Masters

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

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Peppler, PGM
1993 R. Stowman, PM
1996 W. E. Hackney, PGM
2007 H. S. May, III, PGC
2008 F. D. Jones, PDDGM
2008 J. C. Stephenson, PDRI
2009 W. H. Berman, PGM
2014 D. A. Dorworth, PGM
MW L. S. Plasket PGM
RW C. G. Hocknell PDDGM
2018 MW D. B. Hees PGM

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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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with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth
in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.
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2026

Elected Officers

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Junior Warden
WB Eric Rathof
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Secretary
WB Jason Neal
609-213-4763
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Treasurer
WB Bret Biel
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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge	Michael Tinsley
Chaplain	Ken Thomas, PGC
Senior Deacon	Michael Tinsley
Junior Deacon	Brian Spencer
Sr. Master of Ceremonies	Keith Lypka, PGC
Jr. Master of Ceremonies	George Bruynell, PGC
Senior Steward	Tom Rathof, RWDDGM
Junior Steward	John Higgins, DRI
Marshal	Richard Kell, PDDGM
Tyler	Jack Magee, PM
Director of Ritual	Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM
Ambassador	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
Most Worshipful Omar S. Morris
100 Barrack Street Trenton, NJ 08608 email: njgm2024@gmail.com

Right Worshipful Thomas Rathof
District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District
Phone: 856-981-8844 email:trathof@gmail.com

Right Worshipful John Higgins
District Ritual Instructor of the 21st Masonic District
Cell 609-743-2043 jhiggs219@verizon.net

Right Worshipful Jon A. Bowles Grand Chaplain
Cell 856-889-1719 secretary.williamstown166@gmail.com

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