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

Hello Brothers

Merry Christmas and Happy holidays Brothers I hope you're Thanksgivings with your family and friends went well.
It's hard to believe that my Masonic year as your Master is coming to an end.
I invite you and your families to our open installation of the Feast of Saint Johns on December 7th with dinner and installation starting at 6pm.
I truly thank you all for supporting me and Clarksboro Lodge 87 during our Masonic year.

I encourage you all to come out to lodge to support RW Keith Lypka and his officers to help spread the light and look forward to his ideas to strengthen our fellowship.
I in closing will do my best to support our lodge and District and look forward to spending time with our Brothers.
Thank you again for entrusting me to serve as your Master. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,
WM Chris Roethke

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

December 7, 2026 We will have our annual Feast of Saint Johns and installation of officers for the Masonic Year of 2027. Dinner will be at 6:30pm hosted by the ladies of the Eastern Star. There will be a brief business meeting at 7:30 pm for Clarksboro members only and the ceremony will start at approximately at 7:45 pm.

Friends and family are welcome to attend

The following officers will be installed for the 2027 Masonic year

Worshipful Master — Keith Lypka
Senior Warden — James Earle
Junior Warden — Eric Rathof
Treasurer — Brett Biel
Secretary— Jason Neal
Senior Deacon — Chris Roethke

After our Feast of Saint Johns the lodge will be dark for the rest of December until our next regular communication on Monday, January 4 2027.

On behalf of the Clarksboro Lodge we wanted to wish all of our members a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!

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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Worshipful Master
RW Chris Roethke DRI
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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 Bruce C. Galway
100 Barrack Street Trenton, NJ 08608

Right Worshipful Joseph DiNovi
District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District
Phone: 609-670-7214 email:wa2gfk@hotmail.com

Right Worshipful John Higgins
District Ritual Instructor of the 21st Masonic District
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Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain
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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