

# Harmony Lodge No. 8 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in a Regular Communication in their hall at the Masonic Temple,  
519 US Highway 206, Newton (Andover Township), NJ  
On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 A.L. 6024

## Officers Present

WB Daniel C Kaufman	X	Worshipful Master
RW Nicholas J Kaufman	X	Senior Warden
Bro Stephen J Dugan	X	Junior Warden
Bro Arjune M Sharma	Absent	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
RW Fred W Fox	X	Senior Deacon
Bro Brian J Ukson	Absent	Junior Deacon
WB Matthew C Kaufman	X	Senior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Robert Gerald	Absent	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Connor M. Sokol	Absent	Senior Steward
Bro Scott M Waselik	Absent	Junior Steward
Bro Ryan M Carroll	Absent	Chaplain
WB Christopher A Bailey	Absent	Tyler
Bro Henry F Repp	Absent	Organist
Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr	X	Marshal
Bro Johannes W DeWaal	Absent	Historian

## Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Dwyane A Dolly II, DDGM	RW Eric G Grove PDDGM	WB H. Ralph Smith	Bro Robert Woldt
RW Nicholas J Kaufman DRI	RW James H Vander Veer PDDGM	WB Darrel Decker #164	DB Ted Unglab #164
RW Fred W Fox GC	RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI	WB Lee Doremus #164	Bro Scott McGrath #164
	RW Louis Cicala, PGC #42	WB Alan Hay #42	Bro Henry Archer #42
	RW Brian Clouse, PGC #164	WB Mike Stienhardt #164	Bro Bill Rosequist #42
	RW Ray Cabrera, PGT #164	WB Tim O'Connor #42	Bro Lafary Guzman #42

Bro Henry Archer sat in for the Tyler and Bro Bob Woldt for the Historian.

There were 27 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 of the Regular Communication of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as distributed.

**Sickness and Distress:**

RW Fred Fox mentioned that Bro Henry Repp was home from the hospital, but is in rehab. The Worshipful Master instructed that a card be sent.

**Joys and Celebrations:**

Bro Bob Woldt advised that he survived his 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**Presentation of Bills:**

<u>Bill For</u>		<u>Bill For</u>	
State of NJ (Fire registration renewal)	\$512.00	ShopRite (pancake breakfast)	\$69.91
Bestway Cleaners	\$200.00	Costco (pancake breakfast)	\$27.54
ShopRite (dinner)	\$37.59	Restaurant Depot (pancake breakfast)	\$463.62
Hayek’s Market (dinner)	\$149.85	Costco (lodge supplies)	\$27.54
Dollar General (pancake breakfast)	\$19.19	Restaurant Depot (lodge supplies)	\$75.66

The total for bills presented this evening is \$1,582.90.

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

**Communications:**

None at this time.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

None at this time.

**Petitions:**

A petition was received from Mr. Carlos Domingo Torres. He resides at 171 Rt. 284, Sussex, NJ, with his fiancé and four children. He works as a respiratory therapist and is a military veteran. His petition is in good order and deposit received.

The Worshipful Master requested volunteers to participate on the investigation committee. Bro Purkett, WB Matt Kaufman and Bro Secretary stepped up to this task, with Bro Purkett serving as the chairperson.

**Ballots:**

A request to withdraw membership from Harmony Lodge was received from WB Daniel J Gialanella. The lodge voted and approved his request.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Buildings & Grounds:**

None at this time.

### **Charity:**

Bro Senior Warden advised that the next Bread of Life event is schedule for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please try to participate if you can.

### **Rental Report:**

WB Kaufman advised that there are two rentals this month, one is a rental this Sunday, after the pancake breakfast on Saturday. We will need to be sure the lodge is properly cleaned up after the event for the rental. The other is on Saturday 4/27. He noted that we are doing very well in this area and interest has been steady. We are ahead of our budget for the year, having income of more than \$3,000.00 so far.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Bro Junior Warden reminded us that the Fisherman's Breakfast is to happen this Saturday, 4/6, from 6 – 11 am. Help is needed to staff the event. Please come out to assist is you can and please spread the word.

RW Eric Grove reported that he has received thus far (41) reservations for the Washington DC trip. The event is capped at (50) participants, so do contact him soon if you want to join us. He advised that the agenda for the trip is still in process, but there is a possibility of adding a show at the Ford theater.

### **New Business:**

None at this time.

### **Announcements:**

4/5- Prep for Fisherman's Breakfast  
4/6- Fisherman's Breakfast  
4/9- Rehearsal for FC Degree  
4/16- Rehearsal for FC Degree  
4/18- Regular Communication  
4/22- DLI @ Mansfield #36  
4/26- Fellowship night @ Harmony  
4/27- Bread of Life

### **Closing:**

The Worshipful Master requested that the RW DDGM join him in the East and tendered him the gavel. The RW DDGM advised of a couple of items on the Grand Lodge calendar:

6/1- Chairman's Ball (\$75/person)  
6/3- Grand Master's Golf Outing

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in short form at 8:00 pm by RW Fred Fox, assisted by WB H. Ralph Smith, WM Dan Kaufman and RW Dwayne Dolly, DDGM.

**Official Visit/Gold Token Ceremony:**

After closing, the lodge was opened to visitors and the RW DDGM was received for an official visit to present Gold Tokens for 50 years of service in Free Masonry to RW Fred Fox and WB H. Ralph Smith. A Widow's Pin was also presented to Mrs. Layton, the widow of the late RW J. George Layton, PGSB.

Fraternally,

*Bro Barry W George*

Secretary 2024

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