



Harmony Lodge No. 8 F. & A.M.

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Our 236th Year 1788-2024 | 2023 A.D. - 6024 A.L.

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May 2024

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with principals of brotherly love, relief, and truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor, and Self.

Lodges in the 1st Masonic District

Harmony Lodge No. 8: 1st & 3rd Thursday
Mansfield Lodge No. 36: 1st & 3rd Thursday
Musconetcong Lodge No. 42:
2nd & 4th Wednesday
Kittatinny Lodge No. 164: 1st & 3rd Monday
Blairstown Lodge No. 165:
2nd & 4th Thursday

Harmony 2024 Officers

Worshipful Master	WB Daniel C Kaufman
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RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI

WB Michael Shepherd

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RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Events in May

5/2/24	Regular Communication Moved to Mansfield #36 Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
5/7/24	Rehearsal	7:00 pm
5/14/24	Rehearsal	7:00 pm
5/15/24	Rehearsal (if necessary)	7:00 pm
5/16/24	Regular Communication- FC Degree Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Tuxedo/Dark Suit)	7:30 pm
5/24/24	Fellowship Night	7:30 pm
5/25/24	Bread of Life (First Newton Presbyterian Church)	11:00 am
5/28/24	DLI/MWPM- Blairstown #165 Dinner: 6:30 meal (Attire: suit/tie)	7:30 pm

In the Quarries

Petitioner

Carlos Domingo Torres

Awaiting EA Exam

Bro Daniel Kelly Miles

Christopher Daniel Brown

James McNeill Born

Patrick Thomas Harrison

Active Past Masters

(* Other than Harmony | # Withdrew)

1976 Fred O. Rosenberg Jr.
1977 Cornelius Martin Jr.
1980 Robert H. Stang Jr.
1981 H. Ralph Smith
1982 89 99 2011 Fred W. Fox
1986-87 Curtis N. Balmer PGC#
1988 2012 Eric G. Grove PDDGM
1990 Douglas A. Houskeeper
1991 Jerry J. Jagger PGC
1994 Eugene M. Ingraham III
1996 Nelson A. Drobness #
1996 Neal A. McCarthy PDDGM*
2000 Michael DiCiccio#
2001 Michael F. Shepherd*
2001 James H. Vander Veer PDDGM
2002 09 Bernard E. Triano PGC
2004-05 George J. Stypolkowski PDRI
2006 Daniel C. Kaufman
2009 11 Timothy D. Gill*
2010 Patrick W. Conroy
2012 Robert W.J. Beers
2013 John B. Jennings*
2014 Clay D. Kraemer
2014 William J. VonDerHeide IV PDDGM*
2018 Christopher A. Bailey
2019 Abraham L. Jacinto
2020 Luke F. Wikander
2021 Nicholas J. Kaufman
2022 Daniel J Gialanella
2023 Matthew C Kaufman

Masonic Birthdays in May

Bro Joseph Nouri, 5/2
Bro Paul Kaczkin, 5/12
Bro Denton Quick Jr, 5/16



Grandview

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Oriental Chair

Brethren,



***“If you share with the world your wealth,
you may be called a philanthropist.
If you share with the world yourself,
you may be called a Mason.”***

For years I have sat in lodge and listened to the requests from various worthy organizations for monetary donations to help their cause. More times than not, members stand up, make a motion to help that organization and the lodge votes to do this. Sometimes it becomes so standard that we don't even think about what we are doing. I also sat in a lodge, watched the vote, and then overheard a brother ask his neighbor, “What did we just vote for?”; I am not advocating that we stop this. These are worthy causes that need our assistance. However, as they always say, “charity begins at home”; I consider the lodge my extended family and my home away from home. It is only right that we should look inward when we are looking for places to help. With all the places to give of yourself, I hope that you can be as satisfied as I am when it comes to helping our lodge.

Brethren, some time ago, the lodge voted to stay in its current location and proceed on a “path to success” which involves developing membership and changing operations to make us more financially viable for the continued future of the lodge. Membership is off to a great start with three new EA's initiated and one potential candidate to be voted on shortly. I charge each and every one of you to welcome our new members and ensure we show them the quality lodge we all know and love. I also charge you to continue this momentum so we can fill our lodge as we have in the past.

On the financial front we are doing ok. We have taken a hard look at our expenses and cut everything that can be cut without severely affecting our operations. Unfortunately, many of our expenses such as insurance and utilities are outside our direct control. On the income side, the lodge voted for only a minimal increase in dues which barely covered our loss in membership over the past year. It seems the membership present would rather look at other means of income other than putting the burden on all the membership. Our rentals continue to outpace our budgeted estimate, which I am cautiously optimistic about.

The last piece of our income equation is fundraisers. We have just held a somewhat successful Fisherman's breakfast. Even though we made a little bit of profit, which is positive for our first time in years trying this, we really didn't have a strong support from the lodge other than the members who came and worked. Soon we are trying to run a couple more fundraisers and will need a lot more active support from the membership. Without it we will either fail or marginally succeed but burn out those who continue to support the programs.

Brethren, this is not my lodge; it is our lodge. We all need to do our part to make the lodge a success. Without the support of each and every member, I hate to image what the future may hold. As Brother Franklin once said “We must all hang together, or we will surely hang separately.” While its meaning today is not as literal as when it was said, there is still some truth to that quote.

I hope to see of all soon in lodge and at our future events. If there is anything I can do to help you help the lodge, let me know.

Fraternally,
WB Dan Kaufman
Worshipful Master 2024

The West



Brethren,

in continuation of my series on the principal tenets of Freemasonry, next we will go over Relief.

While often conflated with charity, particularly that word in the modern sense, relief is not the same as charity. It is lending a helping hand to those in need, “particularly upon Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affections”. It truly is beautiful to witness how brothers help, aid, and assist each other, which also goes back to the other tenet of Brotherly Love. We are all linked by the mystic tie and should extend that helping hand to those in need, especially the brethren.

Keep searching for more Light, brothers!

Fraternally,
RW Nicholas Kaufman, DRI
Senior Warden 2024

