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Brethren,

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen -
Ephesians 4:29

I caught myself quietly judging how someone was doing something. I can't remember what it was, but I guess that we can fill in the blank. I sat with it and realized, if I was hangry, anxious, grumpy that day, I may have opened my big unfiltered mouth. Was it because I somehow was smarter? I don't know the person and don't know who they are. Was it because I somehow was more mature? Ironic, since I was silently judging the other person.

Unwholesome talk has been described as cussing, but have we considered it also to be not just gossip, but unsolicited opinions? What about opinions that we frame as facts? What about believing that our opinion is necessary and may benefit?

We are not talking about spinach in our teeth.
We are not talking about our zipper being down.
Both are facts.

What is it about our opinion that we frame as helpful when it actually is not? What about those moments where we share freely then cover ourselves with, "that's just my opinion?"

Here's a rule to live by: simply don't share your opinion about people and to people. Who cares about your opinion?

Allow the Holy Spirit, the presence of God, to lead you. When we pray, we invite the Holy Spirit to lead us in everything, including our words.

We should simply listen and listen well.

John Higgins WM
WM Clarksboro Lodge #87 of Free and Accepted Masons

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

May 6, 2024 Regular Lodge Communication at 7:30 P.M. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

May 20 2024 We will be holding a Fellowcraft degree for Brother EA Larry Oksten. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with the degree following at 7:30pm. Any support to help pass our candidate to the Fellowcraft is always appreciated.

May 23, 2024 District Lodge of Instruction at Williamstown Lodge #166 at 7:00pm.

June 10, 2024 Regular Lodge Communication (Please note our June meeting will be moved from its normal first Monday date due to coinciding on the same day as the Grand Master's golf outing where our Top 3 officers will be in attendance)

From the Secretary:

New Emails for Secretary and Treasurer—This month the secretary and treasurer will begin using new emails to help maintain a consistent method of reaching either of us along with providing an archive for all communication. Often using personal emails can result in messages about lodge business being missed or stuck in our Spam folders. This also allows email communication and archival to be passed down to future officers in both positions.

Our new addresses:

Secretary = secretary.clarksboro87@gmail.com

Treasurer = treasurer.clarksboro87@gmail.com

To help ensure more adequate communication and efficient delivery of monthly trestleboards in the future, I plan sending from the new secretary email address. Later this month, I will be sending test messages and test version of the May trestleboard. Please let me know if you do not receive a message in May or need to be added to our distribution list.

Ordering new nametags— For anyone needing a new Clarksboro Lodge nametag, please mail me at secretary.clarksboro87@gmail.com with how you would like your name spelled by May 10 so I can put in an order.

Fraternally

Jason Neal

Living Past Masters

1966 E. L. Erdner ^S	1991 J. C. Magee, III ^P	2008 G. R. Bruynell ^{PS}
1970 J. M. Dare ^S	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2008 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. ^S	1992 D. P. Doak ^P	2009 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. ^P	1993 G. E. Sleet ^S	2010 J. A. Link ^{PS}
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. ^F	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2010 D. S. Moser ^F
1979 W. L. Villanova ^S	1995 P. J Peacock	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2014 H. Egberts
1980 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F	1999 D. C. Henson ^F	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 C. W. McTyre ^S	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2016 J. P. Neal
1983 J. R. Corliss ^P	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^{PS}	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2003 J. C. Legge ^{PS}	2018 T. G. Rathof DRI
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 C.B. Jarrell ^{PS}	2019 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2005 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2006 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2021 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2007 R.D. Bailey PGC ^{PS}	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P	2007 J. N. Earle ^F	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 Lee Brown ^F		

^P -Paulsboro
^S -Swedesboro

Honorary Members

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

21st Masonic District Lodges

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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2023

Elected Officers

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WB Bret Biel
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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
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Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Sr. Master of Ceremonies
Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Marshal
Tyler
Director of Ritual

Jack Magee, PM
Roger L. Thomas, PGC
James Earle PM
Gerardo Batista
Bret Biel, PM
Joseph Pardo
James Earle, PM
Jesse Thorn
Cory Hunt, Jr.
Jack Magee, PM
Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM

Trustees

Financial

C. W. McTyre, PM 2026
R. D. Bailey PGC 2024
E. L. Erdner PM 2025

Temple Maintenance

Eric Rathof PM 2026
Thomas Rathof DRI 2025
R.B. Kell Grand Orator 2027
Wm T. Dutka, PDDGM 2024

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

Most Worshipful Leonard Vander Horn

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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