



Blairstown Lodge #165 Free & Accepted Masons

Established 1893 - Our 131st Year

11 Stillwater Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825

2nd & 4th Thursdays - 7:30 PM, except July, August, & legal holidays

TRESTLEBOARD for May/June of 2024

Mission Statement: FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.

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Living Past Masters of #165:

1987	Walter S. Orcutt, Jr.	2014	John E. Nause
1988	Larry K. Spangler	2015	Anthony N. St. Luce
1991	Stephen J. Lance	2016	Edward J. Rusek
1999	David C. Peck, Jr.	2017	William R. Chadwick
2000	Steven P. Wescott	2018	Scott L. Severns
2007	James P. McElroy	2019	Scott L. Severns
2008	Brian H. Walsh	2020	Edward Lubas
2009	Eric P. Neuffer	2021	Robert S. Moorhead
2010	David B. Ebbels	2022	Nicholas J. Kaufman
2011	Stephen Z. Gnall	2023	Nelson A. Drobness
2012	Scott B. Hill	2024	Michael D. Park
2013	Brian O. Snead		

2024 Dues:

Please remit 2024 dues; they were due on Jan 1st

2024 Dues for Regular Members = \$200.00

2024 Dues for Dual Members = \$127.75

Checks payable to: "Blairstown Lodge #165 F. & A. M."

Attn: Secretary

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Honorary Members:

M.W. John S. Ryan – PGM, PGS
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R.W. Curtis N. Balmer – PGC

Masonic Outreach Hotline: For Advice, Counsel, Aid, or Assistance 1.800.792.8690

Lodges of the First Masonic District:

First District Lodges:	Address:	Meeting Night:
Harmony #8	519 Rt. 206 Newton, NJ	1st & 3rd Thurs
Mansfield #36	275 Rt. 31 Washington, NJ	1st & 3rd Thurs
Musconetcong #42	20 Old Budd Lake Rd. Budd Lake, NJ	2nd & 4th Wed
Kittatinny #164	336 Rt. 206 Branchville, NJ	1st & 3rd Mon
Blairstown #165	11 Stillwater Rd. Blairstown, NJ	2nd & 4th Thurs

Upcoming Events:

May 9 – #165 Regular Communication at 7:30pm
Catered light dinner for \$10 starting at 6:30pm

May 18 - (Saturday) Blairstown Masonic Lodge -
8am to 10am **"Breakfast with Brothers"** RSVP to
Eric Neuffer @ 908-892-8877

May 23 - Regular communication and **Entered Apprentice Degree** with Harmony #8 (tuxedo/dark suit please)

May 26 - (Sunday) Blairstown **Memorial Day Parade** 1st Masonic District Lodges Marching
11am meet at Tractor Supply parking lot for
tailgating - 12pm Memorial Day Service in Cedar
Ridge Cemetery - 1pm Parade starts

May 28 – (Tuesday) **District Lodge of Instruction and First District Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters** at Blairstown #165 at 7:30pm. Dinner at 6:30pm (suit and tie please)

June 8 - (Saturday) Blairstown #165 **4th Annual Crawfish Boil** 2pm – 5pm - open to the public.
Tickets sold in advance at www.eventbrite.com

June 13 - #165 Regular Communication and **Official Visit** - 7:30pm Catered light dinner for \$10 starting at 6:30pm

June 27 - #165 Regular Communication at 7:30pm
Catered light dinner for \$10 starting at 6:30pm

From the East:

Brethren, amidst the noise of the world, let us give thanks to the quiet exemplars among us affecting change. To those who perform random acts of kindness without seeking recognition, your light shines bright in the shadows. For those looking for a place to begin, consider an embodiment of the values and behaviors you wish to promote. Practice by fostering kindness, exercising empathy, actively listening and advocating for justice and equality. Start small. A moment your time to smile at a stranger passing by, to say hello or thank you, to hold a door for someone, to slip the gas attendant a couple dollars for a coffee on a cold, wet or snowy day may have a profound impact on someone's day and life. Many are quietly fighting a battle in one way or another, a selfless act may uplift us all.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world," Mahatma Gandhi.

WB Mike Park

From the Secretary:

ALL members are REQUIRED to register in GrandView. Please register and update your email address. Many of our lodge notices will be transmitted via email. From your internet browser, please visit URL:

https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration

On **Saturday morning May 18th**, we are once again hosting a **“Breakfast for Brothers”**. We had several brothers attend in February who had not been able to attend Lodge for years, because of difficulty driving at night and other health or work related issues. RW Brother Eric Neuffer and his team go all out to prepare a really nice breakfast and even if you can't make it to regular Lodge meetings, this is a great opportunity to spend a little time with your brothers! This is NOT a fundraiser – just an opportunity for comraderie and fellowship amongst the brethren. Please RSVP to me at 908-310-4115 or Eric at 908-892-8877 so we can make sure we have more than enough bacon and eggs and sausage and pancakes!

Please also mark your calendars for our **4th Annual Crawfish Boil** to be held on **Saturday June 8th**. We had an extremely good turnout last year and the unlimited amount of food, fun and fellowship makes for a great experience! We are limiting the event to 100 tickets so please bring your friends, relatives or neighbors and make an afternoon of it! Here's the link and all you questions about the event can be answered there:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blairstown-crawfish-boil-4th-annual-tickets-894797261697?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

May God bless you all and keep our military and law enforcement safe and our country secure.

And finally, please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of any assistance - call, text or email me!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Walter

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