



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

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## TRESTLEBOARD

September 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***

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	WB Daniel C Kaufman
<b>Senior Warden</b>	RW Nicholas J Kaufman
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Bro Stephen J Dugan
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bro Arjune M Sharma
<b>Secretary</b>	Bro Barry W George
<b>Sr. Deacon</b>	RW Fred W Fox
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Bro Brian J Ukson
<b>Chaplain</b>	Bro Ryan M Carroll
<b>Sr. MC</b>	WB Matthew C Kaufman
<b>Jr. MC</b>	Bro Robert Gerald
<b>Sr. Steward</b>	Bro Connor M Sokol
<b>Jr. Steward</b>	Bro Scott M Waselik
<b>Marshall</b>	Bro Curvey A Pukett, Jr
<b>Tyler</b>	WB Christopher A Bailey
<b>Historian</b>	Bro Johannes W DeWaal
<b>Organist</b>	Henry F Repp
<b>Proxy to GL</b>	Bro Brian Ukson

### **Lodge Trustees**

Bro Robert G Woldt	2024
RW Eric G Grove	2025
WB Matthew C Kaufman	2026

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## **In and About the Apartments of the Temple**

### **Audit Committee**

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### **Building and Grounds Committee**

Bro Stephen Dugan, JW, Chairman

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### **By-Laws Committee**

RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM, Chairman

RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI

WB Michael Shepherd

### **Candidate Instruction**

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

### **Charity Committee**

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Bro Stephen J Dugan

Bro David J King, Bread of Life Coordinator

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### **Ritual Instruction Committee**

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

### **Events in June**

9/5/24	Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
9/19/24	Regular Communication-Official Visit Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Officers-Tuxedo/Dark Suit)	7:30 pm
9/23/24	MWPM/DLI Musconetcong #42 Dinner @ 6:30 (Attire: Suite & Tie)	7:30 pm
9/27/24	No.8 Bus Trip to Washington DC 9/27-29	
9/28/24	Bread of Life (First Newton Presbyterian Church)	11:00 am
10/5/24	<b>1st District Bourbon Tasting Event</b> Harmony No.8 Open to public	6:00 pm

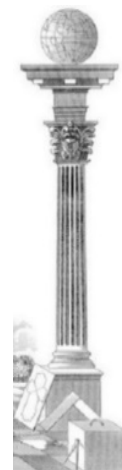
## **Active Past Masters**

(\* Other than Harmony | # Withdrew)

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

## **Masonic Birthdays in September**

Bro Steve Dugan, 9/11  
Bro Frank Abruzzo, 9/17  
Bro Richard Hagie, 9/20



## **In the Quarries**

### **Awaiting EA Exam**

Bro Daniel Kelly Miles

### **Awaiting FC Exam**

Bro Carlos Domingo Torres

### **Awaiting MM Degree**

Bro Christopher Daniel Brown

Bro James McNeill Born

Bro Patrick Thomas Harrison

## ***Grandview***

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## ***Oriental Chair***



Brethren,

“A good leader does not know everything. Good leaders surround themselves with people who know everything. Those leaders are also willing to listen and learn from those that surround them.”

When I started this year as Master, I knew there would be challenges but since I have been here before, I figured it would be easier. For the most part I was right but there have been times that I felt that it would take the wisdom of Solomon to handle the issue at hand without causing further strife. Those who know me know that I do not possess the wisdom of Solomon. It was those times that I sought out the advice of Brethren who were only more than willing to “whisper friendly counsel in my ear.” I have been pleasantly surprised as to how many brethren were out there to assist me.

Together we have made some strides towards making our lodge viable for the future. That is not to say we are done. “We have a rough and rugged road to travel.” However, if we continue to show support for the lodge and its leadership, I have no doubt we will continue to do great things. As RW Bernard E. Triano once said, “To have friends and Brothers come together with the paramount goal of accomplishing something for the good of the Lodge, the benefit of our order, and ultimately for the good of society gives credence to the phrase ‘who best can work and best agree.’”

Continue your search for more light and share it with your brethren.

Fraternally,  
WB Dan Kaufman  
Worshipful Master 2024

## *The West*



Brethren,

In the last segment of my series on the principal tenets of Freemasonry, we will cover Truth.

From the very moment we enter the craft as Entered Apprentices, our search for truth in the Universe begins. We are taught in that lecture, that truth is the foundation that every other virtue is built upon. It is the very first lesson we are taught. We must start with contemplating what is true when endeavoring to do something. Sometimes, this contemplation is subconscious, but we know that we must first sort through what is true and what is false, in any endeavor, before proceeding to take action. Let us each contemplate upon the divine attribute of Truth and our own journey in search of it as we endeavor to regulate our conduct.

Keep searching for more Light, my brothers!

Fraternally,  
RW Nick Kaufman, DRI  
Senior Warden 2024

