

Harmony Lodge No. 8 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in a Regular Communication/Official Visit in their hall at the Masonic Temple,
 519 US Highway 206, Newton (Andover Township), NJ
 On the 19th of September 2024 A.L. 6024

Officers Present

WB Daniel C Kaufman	Absent	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	X	Tyler
Bro Henry F Repp	Absent	Organist
Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr	Absent	Marshal
Bro Johannes W DeWaal	Absent	Historian

Brothers Present

<u>Current Grand Officers</u>	<u>Past Grand Officers</u>	<u>Brothers Present</u>	
RW Nicholas J Kaufman DRI	RW Eric G Grove PDDGM	WB Mike Steinhardt #164	Bro Robert Woldt, DB
RW Fred W Fox GC	RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI	WB Clay Kraemer	Bro Paul Stahl, DB #42
RW Dwayne A Dolly, II, DDGM	RW Brian Clouse, PGC #164		Bro Henry Archer #42
	RW Ray Cabrera, PGT #20		
	RW Lous Cicala, PGC #42		

RW Nick Kaufman sat in for the Worshipful Master, RW Eric Grove for the Junior Warden, RW Cicala for the Junior Deacon, WB Kraemer for the Chaplain, WB Steinhardt for the Marshal, Bro Stahl for the Senior Steward, RW Cabrera for the Junior Steward, and RW Clouse for the Junior Master of Ceremonies.

There were 17 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 September 5th, 2024 that were distributed via email, were discussed. It was noticed that the minutes failed to properly identify Bro Woldt as “Distinguished Brother”. The minutes were so amended and approved by the Worshipful Master.

Sickness and Distress:

None reported

Joys and Celebrations:

RW George Stypolkowski reported that our FC Brother Chris Brown received his MM Degree at St. John’s Lodge No.1 on Wednesday evening, and we welcome him to our ranks.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>		<u>Bill For</u>	
AJ’s Fuel (heating oil)	\$1,748.77		
Amazon (repl. water filter)	\$127.95		
ShopRite (dinner)	\$87.16		
Hayek’s Market (dinner)	\$164.85		

The sum total for the bills this evening is \$2,128.73. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills, when properly audited.

Communications:

None reported

Petitions:

None

Ballots:

None

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Treasurer’s Report:

None provided this evening

Buildings & Grounds:

Brother Dugan reported that a large hornets nest was discovered on the exterior of the building, but is reluctant to call in an exterminator given that it is getting late in the season. RW Stypokowski suggested that we contact BR FC Pat Harrison for advice, as he is a beekeeper.

Charity:

BOL activities are currently suspended until further notice.

Rental Report:

None provided

Unfinished Business:

RW Fred Fox made a motion that the lodge hold an open installation on Saturday, December 7th. The motion was seconded and carried.

New Business:

The Worshipful Master advised the lodge of a request for payment from the West Jersey Masters Association (WJMA) in the amount of \$2,000.00 as seed money to contribute to the cost of the district's 1, 11 & 14 reception (scheduled for 9/26), this from lodges with honorees. The sum is to be at least partially reimbursed from the proceeds of admission sales to the event. After some discussion explaining the how the funds have been handled in the past, Brother Secretary advised that a check had been made out in advance of the meeting, in the event that the lodge approved the payment, so that it could be given to the DDGM during his visit. A motion was made to pay the amount, seconded and carried. Said payment was delivered to the DDGM.

Program:

The District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit. After being introduced and received in the East, The DDGM retired from the lodge room with the Secretary to inspect the lodge's books and papers.

During the inspection the lodge exemplified the ritual of a secret ballot for the District Ritual Instructor, followed by questions with follow on discussion with RW Nick Kaufman, DRI.

Upon returning the lodge room, the DDGM reported that Harmony's books and papers were found to be in good order.

Announcements:

The DDGM advised of the following events-

1. Upcoming DLI on 9/25 @ Musconetcong #42
2. District Reception on 9/26 @ Mainline Catering, Phillipsburg
3. District Bourbon Tasting event on 10/5 @ Harmony Lodge #8

The DDGM invited Bro Tyler, WB Chris Bailey, to the East for a special presentation of the "Paster Master's Award". The award was pinned on WB Bailey by RW Eric Grove.

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 9:30 pm by RW Dwayne A Dolly, II, DDGM, assisted by RW Nick Kaufman, DRI.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2024

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