



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

P.O. Box 302, Newton, NJ 07860 | (973) 200-3556 | harmony8nj@gmail.com

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

V.:I.:T.:R.:I.:O.:L.:

TRESTLEBOARD

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

Lodge Trustees

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

Contacts

Worshipful Master

C: (201)841-1352

wm.harmony8nj@gmail.com

Secretary

C: (973)600-0434

sec.harmony8nj@gmail.com

Treasurer

C: (862)275-9984

Treas.harmony8nj@gmail.com

Grand Lodge Contacts

Grand Master

MW Leonard Vander Horn

C: (973)886-9486

lvanderhorn@gmail.com

District Deputy Grand Master

RW Dwayne A Dolly, II

C: (908)235-2134

ddgmj1st@gmail.com

District Ritual Instructor

RW Nicholas J Kaufman

C: (862)268-1778

drinj1st@gmail.com

Grand Chaplin

RW Fred W Fox

C: (973)670-3941

ffox@ptd.net

In and About the Apartments of the Temple

Audit Committee

TBD

Building and Grounds Committee

Bro Stephen Dugan, JW, Chairman

sjdugan043@centurylink.net

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

davek19662000@yahoo.com

Hall Rental

WB Matthew C Kaufman

m.strongblood@gmail.com

Ritual Instruction Committee

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Events in October

10/1/24	MM Degree rehearsal @ Harmony	7:00pm
10/3/24	Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
10/8/24	MM Degree rehearsal @ Harmony	7:00pm
10/12/24	1 st District Master Mason Degree Lunch: High Noon (catered) (Attire: Officers-Tuxedo/Dark Suit)	10:30am
10/17/24	Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm

*There will be no DLI in October due to conflict with the Grand Lodge North Jersey Candidates Night event that evening.

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 October

Bro Shawn Leonardo, 10/5

Bro William Jesky, 10/6

RW William VonDerHeide IV, 10/10,

WB Clay Kraemer, 10/12

WB Chris Bailey, 10/20

Bro John Danko, 10/20

Bro David Fair, 10/20

RW Nick Kaufman, 10/20

Bro Scott Wikander, 10/25



In the Quarries

Awaiting EA Exam

Bro Daniel Kelly Miles

Awaiting MM Degree

Bro Carlos Domingo Torres

Bro James McNeill Born

Bro Patrick Thomas Harrison

Awaiting MM Exam

Bro Christopher Daniel Brown

**Congratulations to Bro Brown on receiving
the MM Degree!!**

Grandview

ALL members are **REQUIRED** to register. 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

For help please call (973) 222-6783 or (973)600-0434



Want to know what is going on in the 1st Masonic District? Join our group chat by scanning the code on the right:

Oriental Chair



Brethren,

Over the years I have compiled an extensive collection of Trestleboards from various lodges, including ours when paper copies were the norm. I like to go back to them and read the Master's message and more times than not, the message is still valid today. I was reading a somewhat humorous story of a master who had started to decorate his house for Halloween for his young daughters. As with many people, some may call his decorating over the top, but they all enjoyed it. Well, his daughters have grown and moved away, and he has gotten a little older to the point that he was considering the value in doing all this work. Just when he was about to give it all up, a neighborhood child stopped by and inquired when he was going to put up his decorations. It was then that he realized he created a neighborhood tradition bigger than just him. With this renewed vigor and sense of commitment, he continued the tradition, and I would expect continues that today.

Masons do things for others. Sometimes it is for other lodges, maybe other brothers, maybe even a stranger in need. It is that selfless service than should drive us to be better men and should be at the core of our values as masons. It is that tradition of selfless service that we start and/or continue that we hope will last long after we meet the "Great Architect of the Universe" and we will be remembered for.

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

Fraternally,
WB Dan Kaufman
Worshipful Master 2024

The South



Brethren,

Welcome back from summer break! Please welcome new Master Mason Brother Chris Brown who was raised at St John's #1 in Mountain Lakes just a week prior to this writing!

Although summer finds a decrease in Masonic activities, the lodge operations continued with an unusual parking lot rental and maintenance on Lodge room air conditioning, kitchen vent hood and dishwasher, furnace room clean up, and more. My thanks to all who help keep our infrastructure clean and functioning. I am happy to report the completion of all necessary inspections – Health, Fire, Fire Extinguisher, Kitchen and Boiler.

Additional thanks to WM Dan and Secretary Barry for work on our food storage and refrigeration. They applied their engineering expertise. We were burdened with an old, inefficient kitchen refrigerator that was not cost effective to run continuously and a household refrigerator in the hall that had seen better days. These along with another unused old refrigerator have been disposed of – thank you SMC Matt. We expect delivery shortly of two new commercial refrigerators to be installed in the kitchen. The new units will cost less to operate.

As we progress into year-end with nominations and elections, I trust we will have good attendance at our meetings. I would also hope that our Saturday 12 October combined Master Mason degree is well attended – this one comes with lunch!

Fraternally,
Bro Stephen Dugan
Junior Warden 2024

