

Harmony Lodge No. 8 Free & Accepted Masons

Met in a Regular Communication in their hall at the Masonic Temple,
 519 US Highway 206, Newton (Andover Township), NJ
 On the 3rd of October 2024 A.L. 6024

Officers Present

WB Daniel C Kaufman	X	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	X	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 Clay Kraemer	Bro Robert Woldt, DB
RW Fred W Fox GC	RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI		Bro Chris Brown

WB Matt Kaufman sat in for the Junior Deacon, WB Clay Kraemer for the Chaplain, Bro Bob Woldt, DB for the Historian.

There were 13 Master Masons present.

With dispensation received from Grand Lodge to waive the requirement for jackets & ties, the Worshipful Master made this meeting a "Hawaiian shirt night". See our motley crew below.



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.

Following the opening, the Worshipful Master invited RW George Stypolkowski to the East to perform the Master Mason proficiency exam with Bro Chris Brown. The exam was completed in exemplary fashion and the Worshipful Master congratulated our new brother on a job well done.

The Worshipful Master then closed labor on the Master Mason Degree and opened labor on the Fellow Craft Degree. Brothers Fellow Craft Pat Harrison and Carlos Torres were then admitted to the Lodge.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Official Visit of September 19th, 2024, that were distributed via email, were discussed. These minutes were approved as amended.

Sickness and Distress:

None

Joys and Celebrations:

RW Nick Kaufman shared with the brethren that he was recently engaged to his girlfriend at the Sparta Renaissance Fair. **Congratulations, Nick!!**

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>	<u>Bill For</u>
ServSafe Certification (Bro Dugan) \$15.99	Restaurant Supply.com (new refrigerators) \$1,354.98
ServSafe Certification (Bro Purkett) \$10.88	
JLM Property Maint (Sept lawn maint) \$230.00	
Amazon (kitchen storage cabinet) \$210.16	
LinenTableCloth.com (new linens) \$143.73	

Total for bills presented this evening is \$1,965.74. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills, when properly audited.

Communications:

Bro Secretary advised of the email he forwarded to the brethren regarding the hurricane Helene relief effort being sponsored by Grand Lodge and requested that anyone wishing to donate should see the email.

Petitions:

N/A

Ballots:

N/A

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

None provided

Buildings & Grounds:

Bro Dugan reported the following activities:

1. Lighting work in the kitchen and elsewhere around the building is in progress.
2. Wall repair/painting of walls in kitchen is in progress.
3. Delivery of two new refrigerators is scheduled for next week.
4. A new supply cabinet will be placed in the kitchen after the refrigerators are installed.

He thanked those brothers that have been assisting and welcomes further support from anyone that can get involved.

Charity:

The Bread of Life activities remain suspended until the issues between the church and BOL Ministries have been resolved. Important to note is that they are making progress. We will advise when we can re-engage.

Rental Report:

WB Matt Kaufman advised that there has been a large wave of rental inquiries in the past two weeks and is hopeful that we will have more bookings soon.

Unfinished Business:

RW Eric Grove reported on the recent Washington DC bus trip:

- (46) Brothers and family members attended; a great time was had by all.
- Scheduling was a challenge, but it all came together as planned.

- Preliminary estimates put the net profit from the trip at approximately \$5,200.00, that will be split between the Harmony Foundation and the lodge.
- He is also working on a potential refund for those few that were unable to attend but paid for the trip.

New Business:

None

Program:

In honor of Hawaiian shirt night, a reading of an article entitled “Hawaii’s Freemason Kings” was presented to the lodge by RW Nick Kaufman, followed by discussion.

- The text of the article will be attached with the minutes for your reference and reading pleasure.

Announcements:

10/8 MM Degree rehearsal @ Harmony

10/12 MM Degree @ Harmony

*No DLI in October, due to conflict with GL Candidates Night event on 10/28.

10/26-27, 11/2-3 Haunted Halls event at Blairstown #165

11/2 Casino Night @ Musconetcong #42

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order in short form at 8:45 pm by RW Nick Kaufman, assisted by WM Daniel C Kaufman, Bro Bob Woldt DB, and Bro Chris Brown.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2024

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