



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

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

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December 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

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In and About the Apartments of the Temple

Audit Committee

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RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM, Chairman

RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI

WB Michael Shepherd

Candidate Instruction

RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

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RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Bro Stephen J Dugan

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RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

Events in December

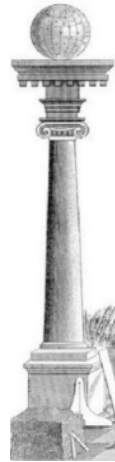
12/2	Kittatinny #164 Installation (open)	6:30pm
12/5	Harmony #8 Annual Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm
12/7	Harmony #8 Installation (open) Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Tuxedo or Dark Suit & Tie)	6:30pm
12/12	Blairstown #165 Installation (closed)	7:30pm
12/14	Wreaths Across America (Old Newton Cemetery)	TBD
12/14	Musconetcong #42 Installation (open)	5:00pm
12/19	Mansfield #36 Installation (open)	6:30 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 December



Bro Joseph Hodkins 12/1
Bro Henry Paul 12/3
Bro Jerry Lewis 12/3
Bro Lawrence Lewis 12/3
Bro Robert Moore 12/3
Bro Cornelius Martin Jr 12/7
Bro Eugene Ingraham III 12/16



In the Quarries

Awaiting EA Exam

Bro Daniel Kelly Miles

Awaiting MM Proficiency Exam

Bro Patrick Thomas Harrison

Bro James McNeill Born

LOST in the Quarries

Bro Charles Gebhardt (Newton)

Bro Daniel McCole (Milford)

If anyone has information about the condition, or whereabouts of our brothers, please contact the Secretary immediately.

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,



“Always leave something better than you found it.”

Over the years, this overarching philosophy has guided my actions in all that I do. I hope that you will agree with me that I accomplished this during 2024 as your Worshipful Master. Back in January, I indicated that we would continue our “Path to Success” started in 2023. While it was a “rough and rugged road to travel” at times, I feel we continued in the right direction throughout the year and will leave the next Worshipful Master in a place to continue our progress. There is still work to do so I ask that everyone support the ongoing initiatives as well as the new ones to come.

Last month, I reported on the work being done in the lodge to spread Masonic Light literally. The lights in Kitchen, Jimmy’s Lounge, and upstairs Foyer have been upgraded to LED with a plan to upgrade the lodge room, coat closet, downstairs hall and bathrooms to LED in the coming weeks/months. Along the way, a few electrical repairs / upgrades will be made to improve the function of the facility. The kitchen has been reorganized to make better use of the available space and make it more functional. We also have some new equipment thanks to generous donations supplemented by authorizations from the lodge. The result will be a more marketable kitchen for renters and a better work environment for our chefs.

Finally, I tried to spread masonic light in my messages based on what was going on at the time. I hope that my messages have inspired you to be a better man and a mason. I know that the feedback and support I have received from all of you this year have made me a better Worshipful Master.

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

Fraternally,
WB Dan Kaufman
Worshipful Master 2024

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren,

As another Masonic year draws to a close and our attention turns to the upcoming year and new faces in the chairs, we still have some housekeeping to complete.

Unfortunately, there remain a small number of brethren that still have not paid their 2024 Dues. Suspension for NPD for those brothers will be voted upon. As per the Grand Lodge Constitution, any member voted to be suspended for NPD will have until December 31, 2024, to make payment before the suspension takes effect. If payment is made, the vote will be null and void for that individual. I strongly encourage those that have not yet submitted payment of their 2024 dues to do so as soon as possible. Please contact me directly if there are any questions.

Our Annual Communication is to be held on December 5, 2024. At which time, we will hold the election of officers for 2025. Please make every effort to attend. An Open Installation will be held the following Saturday, 12/7, at 6:30pm.

Listed in the upcoming events are the installations of all the other lodges in the 1st Masonic District. Please make every effort to attend as many as possible to show your support for our fellow brethren.

On behalf of the 2024 Officers, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Please enjoy yourselves responsibly.

Fraternally,
Bro Barry George
Secretary 2024

