



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

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Our 237th Year 1788-2025 | 2025 A.D. - 6025 A.L.

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TRESTLEBOARD

January & February 2025

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 2025 Officers

Worshipful Master	RW Fred W Fox, PGC
Senior Warden	Bro Stephen J Dugan
Junior Warden	WB Christopher A Bailey
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Jr. Deacon	Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr
Chaplain	WB Clay Kraemer
Sr. MC	Bro Ryan Carroll
Jr. MC	Bro Carlos Torres
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Jr. Steward	Bro Patrick Harrison
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Historian	Bro Robert G Woldt, DB
Organist	Bro Henry F Repp
Proxy to GL	Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr

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WB Matthew C Kaufman	2026
Bro Robert G Woldt	2027

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In and About the Apartments of the Temple

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RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI

WB Michael Shepherd

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RW George J Stypolkowski, PDRI, Chairman

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RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI

MASONIC Birthdays in January & February

RW Bernard E Triano, PGC 1/4

Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr 1/6

WB Matthew C Kaufman, 1/18

WB Fred O Rosenberg, 2/3

Bro Connor Sokol, 2/10

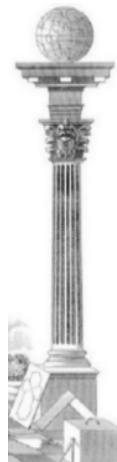
Bro Robert E Hartman, Sr, 2/15

WB Michael F Shepherd, 2/16

In the Quarries

Awaiting EA Exam

Bro Daniel Kelly Miles



Events in January/February

1/2/25	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm
1/4	Trustees Meeting @ Harmony	10:00 am
1/7	Rehearsal @ Harmony No.8	7:30 pm
1/16	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm
1/24	Bread of Life Prep @Harmony #8	6:30pm
1/25	Bread of Life (First Newton Presbyterian Church)	11:00 am
1/27	MWPM/DLI @ Mansfield #36 Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: business casual)	7:30 pm
2/6	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm
2/11	Rehearsal @ Harmony No.8	7:30 pm
2/20	Harmony #8 Regular Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30pm
2/24	MWPM/DLI @ Musconetcong #42 Dinner: 6:30 pm (Attire: business casual)	7:30 pm

Active Past Masters

(* Other than Harmony | # Withdrew)

1976 Fred O Rosenberg Jr.	2006 24 Daniel C Kaufman
1977 Cornelius Martin Jr.	2009 11 Timothy D Gill*
1980 Robert H Stang Jr.	2010 Patrick W Conroy
1981 H. Ralph Smith	2012 Robert WJ Beers
1982 89 99 2011 Fred W Fox	2013 John B Jennings*
1988 2012 Eric G Grove PDDGM	2014 Clay D Kraemer
1991 Jerry J Jagger PGC	2014 William J VonDerHeide IV
1988 2012 Eric G. Grove PDDGM	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
2002 09 Bernard E Triano PGC	
2004-05 George J. Stypolkowski	
PDRI	

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

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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,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to again serve you this year as Worshipful Master.

We have progressed greatly since the pandemic and last year's Master has made some great improvements. We are not done. These next years we can grow and prosper even more. Freemasonry is a gift, that we must maintain and practice for the good of all mankind and also to preserve and develop so future generations may also know and share in its benefits.

This year I realize that many members are living in other states. I would like each brother to send me a short note telling us how you are doing and what, if anything, we can do for you.

Masonry is not what someone can do for you, but what you can do for someone else. Masons help Masons. We are taught through Masonry's symbolism not to ridicule or degrade or put down other Masons. Our lesson in the present hour is of still more abiding interest. Do good unto all men, especially a brother Mason.

Fraternally,
RW Fred W Fox, PGC
Worshipful Master 2025

The West



Brethren,

Welcome our 2025 Masonic Year!

Thank you for electing me to this office. I would like to thank Junior Past Master Dan Kaufman for his efforts and mentoring over the past year, as well as all those contributors to the improvement in our financial position and lodge infrastructure. Thanks also to the new brethren who have joined us, the active members who continue to keep the lodge viable, and those who may not be able to participate yet support us financially. I am confident that we can continue this trajectory as we approach the 250th. Anniversary of our Nation!

Fraternally,
Bro Stephen Dugan
Senior Warden 2025

Buildings & Grounds Update

Brethren,

2024 proved a banner year for improvements to our Lodge with repairs and maintenance accomplished on our HVAC systems, water softener, and kitchen systems. Old and failing fluorescent lighting has been upgraded to LED. All required inspections were completed in a timely manner and should be easily repeated this year. But there is certainly more to be done:

- Lighting replacement continues - the 'big one' will be replacement of the fluorescent lighting in the Lodge room with LED fixtures.
- Rental hall floor - border of carpeted area needs replacement woodwork. Carpet needs deep cleaning.
- Kitchen and back hallway floor - tile replacement and polish/wax.
- Fire escape and door - lubricate and replace weather stripping as needed.
- Hall entrance doors - sill work and weatherstripping.
- Building exterior - seal holes around HVAC lines, wires.
- Replace upper building corner floodlights with LED.
- Repair or replace roof hatch.

Some of these items have been discussed. This is a 'short list'. As with any building, there are many small maintenance items that are present. There will likely be early spring work weekends to be scheduled to address these items - stay tuned and certainly your help is both urged and deeply appreciated.

Fraternally,
Bro Stephen Dugan
Senior Warden 2025

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren,

A new Masonic year is upon us. A time of renewal and new beginnings. We look forward to what we all hope are better times. That said, we do need to refocus our efforts on the tasks in front of us and support the lodge to the best of our individual abilities. Be it physically or monetary. By the time you receive this Trestleboard, you should have received your annual dues statements for 2025. Snail mail may take longer. If you did not receive one, please contact me directly. The 2025 dues, in the amount of \$300.00, is due on 12/31/24. The funds collected from annual dues go directly to the operational account of the lodge and pays the bills to keep the lights on and all the other expenses required to keep the lodge up and running. Every day you delay in remitting your dues puts the lodge in greater hardship as we continue to operate with a budget deficit in 2025. Please do everything you can to help the lodge.

As always, should you require any assistance, please contact the Worshipful Master or myself.

Fraternally,
Bro Barry George
Secretary 2025

