



# Blairstown Lodge No. 165 F. & A.M.

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Our 132<sup>nd</sup> Year 1893-2025 | 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**

Blairstown Lodge No. 165:

2nd & 4th Thursday

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 2025 Officers**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	WB Matthew C Kaufman
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Bro Josh Williams-Como
<b>Junior Warden</b>	WB Ed Lubas
<b>Treasurer</b>	WB Mike Park
<b>Secretary</b>	Bro Barry W George
<b>Sr. Deacon</b>	WB DJ Gialanella
<b>Jr. Deacon</b>	Bro Ty Coronado
<b>Chaplain</b>	WB Stephen Gnall
<b>Sr. MC</b>	Bro Tom Bulger
<b>Jr. MC</b>	WB Dan Kaufman
<b>Sr. Steward</b>	Bro Bob Agolio
<b>Jr. Steward</b>	WB Bill Chadwick
<b>Marshall</b>	WB Walter Orcott, Jr
<b>Tyler</b>	RW Eric Neuffer
<b>Historian</b>	WB Robert Moorhead
<b>Proxy to GL</b>	WB Stephen Wescott

### **Lodge Trustees**

RW Nicholas Kaufman	2025
WB Nelson Drobness	2026
RW Brian Snead	2027

### **Contacts**

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### **In the Quarries**

#### **Awaiting MM Degree**

Bro FC John Henry Caruso

Bro FC Ryan K Cino

### ***Honorary Members***

MW John S Ryan, PGM, PGS  
RW James H Vander Veer, PDDGM  
RW William J VonDerHeide IV, PDDGM

## ***In and About the Apartments of the Temple***

### ***Audit Committee***

TBD

### ***Building and Grounds Committee***

WB Rob Moorhead  
RW Eric Neuffer, PM  
WB Walter Orcutt

### ***By-Laws Committee***

TBD

### ***Candidate Instruction***

WB Daniel J Gialanella

### ***Charity Committee***

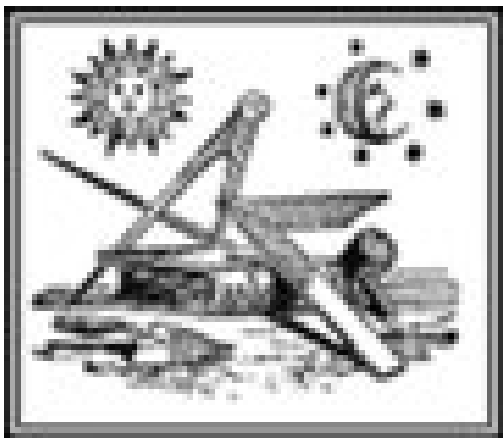
WB Mike Park  
Bro Chris Betts

### ***Hall Rental***

WB Robert Moorhead (908)334-7421

### ***Ritual Instruction Committee***

RW Nicholas J Kaufman, DRI



### ***Events in JANUARY***

1/9/25	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
1/23	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
1/27	MWPM/DLI- Mansfield #36 Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Business Casual)	7:30 pm
2/13	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm
2/24	MWPM/DLI- Musconetcong #42 Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Business Casual)	7:30 pm
2/27	Blairstown- Stated Communication Dinner: 6:30 meal (catered) (Attire: Suit & Tie)	7:30 pm

### ***Active Past Masters***

(# Withdrew)

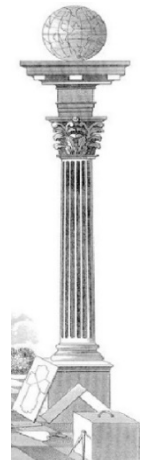
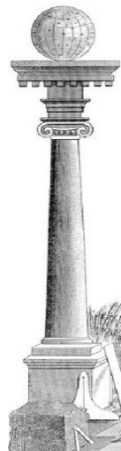
1987 Walter S Orcutt, Jr	2015 Anthony St Luce
1988 Larry K Spangler	2016 Edward J Rusek#
1991 Stephen J Lance	2018 19 Scott L Severns
2000 Stephen P Wescott	2020 Ed Lubas
2008 Brian H Walsh	2021 Robert S Moorhead
2009 Eric P Neuffer	2022 Nicholas J Kaufman
2010 David B Ebbels	2023 Nelson A Drobness
2011 Stephen Z Gnall	2024 Michael D Park
2013 Brian O Snead	
2014 John E Nause#	

### ***MASONIC Birthdays in January***

WB Matt Kaufman, 1/18  
Bro Kevin Bedell, 1/23  
Bro Greg Davitt, 1/24  
Bro Alan DeCarolis, 1/24

### ***ACTUAL Birthdays in January***

Bro Gary Lopresti, 1/12  
Bro Herbert Orth, 1/14  
Bro Russell Gladd III, 1/20  
WB Walter Orcutt, 1/28



## *Grandview*

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## *Oriental Chair*



Brethren,

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your Worshipful Master this year. I would like to thank you all for the support and guidance that has led to this point. This journey is at a new beginning for all of us collectively as a Lodge. As with every new beginning or chapter there comes a degree of changes. I would like to remind each and every brother that change happens and that is not immediately a bad thing.

In the spirit of change and bringing masonic light, I find myself reflecting on the working tools of a Master mason. I believe that in a Master Mason's tool kit there is no greater tool for change than the gavel. It is the potent instrument of the Master of the lodge who can dictate change as he sees fit. It is also taught to us that as an operative mason utilizes the gavel to break off the corners of rough stones, so to must the speculative mason break off the rougher parts of his character and improve himself. Brethren, we should all work together to improve ourselves and our lodge.

I look forward to an exciting Masonic year ahead and hope to see you all very soon at Lodge.

Fraternally,

WB Matthew Kaufman

Worshipful Master 2025

