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FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT JULY & AUGUST
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Happy New Year Brethren.

I trust you all had a great holiday season with Family and loved ones in your lives. As we wrap up 2024 with a holiday season and start our journey in 2025 it brings to my mind our fraternity. Freemasonry is not a thing we can hold in our hands, but in our hearts and minds. While living a Masonic life is our way of life, if we do it without our brethren it is somewhat like an object and lacking the greater intent. When we mix and mingle with our brethren, we get the greatest feeling of freemasonry and its intent (or at least this is how I feel). Recently speaking with a long-time brother who has not regularly visited the lodge due to various reasons and has made an effort to come out and visit the lodge and his brethren. He told me how much he enjoyed meeting his brothers he remembers and equally as excited to meet all the new brothers who have not only joined the fraternity but who have embraced it and are currently in the chairs and growth with the lodge and our way of life. As we recently had our holiday season and enjoyed many good times and presents under the tree, the real gift is not the presents we receive or give, but it is our presence with one another that brings out the true love for one another, so if you are able and would like to enjoy the fellowship and love of Freemasonry with your brethren who love you and want to see you, come on out to your or a lodge and enjoy the best part of Freemasonry, your brethren.

At our next meeting we will review the Tyler's oath and refresh it in our minds to better enable us to travel to lodges where we have not been or know another brother if we wish

Fraternally,
John Higgins WM
WM Clarksboro Lodge #87 of Free and Accepted Masons

This message was written with the help of Worshipful brother Bailey. Whom I asked to help me as I have had to have emergency surgery on December 17th. No worries all is well. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next regular communication on January 6th, 2025. We will have a guest speaker, discussing degree work we will have in January (Fellowcraft), February (EA), March (MM), April (Fellowcraft).

Upcoming News and Dates for Clarksboro Lodge

January 6, 2024 We will our first regular communication with dinner at 6:30 followed by the ceremony starting at 7:30 pm.

We will have a guest speaker to talk about symbolic meaning of the Tyler's Oath.

January 20, 2024 Fellow Craft Degree We will be holding a Fellow Craft degree on at least one candidate. Dinner will be at 6:30 followed by the degree starting at 7:#0pm. Any help is always appreciated as we pass our EA brethren to the Fellow Craft.

Dues are now available to paid electronically via Amity which I will attach a PDF along with the e-mailed version of the trestleboard.

The Amity App can be used on a smartphone and the web on your computer. One of its features is that it syncs with Grandview, and your lodge members can pay their dues through Amity. Dues go securely through their "Strand" payment system and are sent to the lodge bank account. An email is immediately sent to the Lodge secretary and treasurer informing them who sent the payment and the amount. The member pays the payment processing fee.

To register on Amity, you just need the email registered with Grandview, your Grand Lodge member #, and bank account info. and if you need help registering or have any questions please feel free to email me at secretary.clarksboro87@gmail.com or my cell phone 609-213-4763

A tutorial is available at this link: <https://vimeo.com/1007129718>

Thank you to all those who have their dues, I have ordered physical Blue Cards and will mail them out when I receive them to those who paid their 2025 dues. In the meantime electronic version of the Blue Card are available on Grandview or I can download and email to you.

Fraternally,
Jason Neal
Secretary

Living Past Masters

1966 E. L. Erdner ^S	1991 J. C. Magee, III ^P	2008 G. R. Bruynell ^{PS}
1970 J. M. Dare ^S	1992 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2008 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1971 C. C. Murschell, Jr. ^S	1992 D. P. Doak ^P	2009 F. H. Stigale IV ^F
1972 J. S. Emrick, Sr. ^P	1993 G. E. Sleet ^S	2010 J. A. Link ^{PS}
1975 W.D. Hansen, Jr. ^F	1994 A. L. Milsted, Jr.*	2010 D. S. Moser ^F
1979 W. L. Villanova ^S	1995 P. J Peacock	2012 C. J. Roethke PDDGM
1979 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F	1998 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2014 H. Egberts
1980 T. D. Clow, PGMar ^F	1999 D. C. Henson ^F	2015 D. W. Getsinger
1980 C. W. McTyre ^S	2001 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^{PS}	2016 J. P. Neal
1983 J. R. Corliss ^P	2002 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^{PS}	2017 R. L. Thomas PGC
1987 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2003 J. C. Legge ^{PS}	2018 T. G. Rathof DRI
1987 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2005 C.B. Jarrell ^{PS}	2019 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1988 R. B. Kell, PDDGM ^P	2005 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2020 J. C. Magee, III
1988 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2006 Ellis H. Otto ^F	2021 T. G. Rathof, DRI
1990 W. T. Dutka, PDDGM ^S	2007 R.D. Bailey PGC ^{PS}	2022 E. J. Rathof
1990 B. E. Bolopue ^P	2007 J. N. Earle ^F	2023 B. J. Biel
1990 Lee Brown ^F		2024 J. J. Higgins

^P -Paulsboro

Honorary Members

1980 E. N. Peppler, PGM	2007 H. S. May, III, PGC	MW L. S. Plasket PGM
1993 R. Stowman, PM	2008 F. D. Jones, PDDGM	RW A. L. Hann PJGD
1996 W. E. Hackney, PGM	2008 J. C. Stephenson, PDRI	RW C. G. Hocknell PDDGM
	2009 W. H. Berman, PGM	2018 MW D. B. Hees PGM
	2014 D. A. Dorworth, PGM	

21st Masonic District Lodges

Penns Grove Excelsior No. 54, Carneys Point	1st Wednesday at 7:30pm
Clarksboro No. 87, Clarksboro	1st Monday at 7:30pm
Mantua No. 95, Mantua	2nd Thursday at 7:30pm
Woodstown No. 138, Woodstown	1st Tuesday at 7:30pm
Williamstown, No. 166, Williamstown	1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm
Pitman, No. 197, Pitman	2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm

**Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men
with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth
in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.
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2025

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WB Bret Biel
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Appointed Officers

Proxy to Grand Lodge
Chaplain
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Sr. Master of Ceremonies
Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Marshal
Tyler
Director of Ritual

Jimmy Earle, PM
Roger L. Thomas, PGC
James Earle PM
Cory Hunt
Brian Spencer
Geovanie Rodriguez Gonzalez
Ronald Erdman
Joseph Forman
Richard Kell, PDDGM
Gerardo Batista
Christopher J. Roethke, PDDGM

Trustees

Financial

Charles Murschell 2025
John Leach 2026
R. D. Bailey PGC 2027

Temple Maintenance

Thomas Rathof DDGM 2025
Eric Rathof PM 2026
R.B. Kell PDDGM 2027
Wm T. Dutka, PDDGM 2028

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

Most Worshipful J. Eugene Margroff

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Right Worshipful Thomas Rathof

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Right Worshipful Evan Boggs Grand Chaplain

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If anyone in your Lodge is ailing, in need of a phone call, card, or visitation ... If you need assistance with a Masonic funeral ... Or anything else, please contact the Grand Chaplain