

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 2nd of January 2025, A.L. 6025

Officers Present

RW Fred W Fox, PGC	X	Worshipful Master
Bro Stephen J Dugan	X	Senior Warden
WB Christopher A Bailey	X	Junior Warden
Bro Arjune M Sharma	X	Treasurer
Bro Barry W George	X	Secretary
RW George Stypolkowski, PDRI	X	Senior Deacon
Bro Curvey A Purkett, Jr	Absent	Junior Deacon
Bro Ryan M Carroll	Absent	Senior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Carlos Torres	X	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Bro Chris Brown	X	Senior Steward
Bro Patrick Harrison	X	Junior Steward
WB Clay Kraemer	Absent	Chaplain
WB Matt Kaufman	X	Tyler
Bro Henry F Repp	Absent	Organist
WB Dan Kaufman	X	Marshal
Bro Robert Woldt, DB	X	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 Michael Shepherd	
	RW George J Stypolkowski PDRI		
	RW Fred W Fox PGC		

RW Eric Grove sat in for the Junior Deacon, Bro Carlos Torres for the Sr Master of Ceremonies, Bro Jim Born for the Jr Master of Ceremonies and WB Dan Kaufman as Chaplain.

There were 15 Master Masons present.

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.

Before proceeding further, the Worshipful Master called RW George Stypolkowski and Bro Jim Born the East to perform the Master Mason proficiency. After completion, the Worshipful Master congratulated Bro Born on a job well done and the lodge gave both Bro Born and RW Stypolkowski a round of applause.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Communication of December 5th, 2024, that were distributed via email, were discussed and amended. The minutes from the Emergent Communication for the Lodge of Sorrow on December 17th, 2024, that were distributed via email were also discussed. Both of these minutes were approved as amended and distributed.

Sickness and Distress:

The Worshipful Master advised that WB Clay Kraemer is under the weather this week and asked the Secretary to reach out and let him know that we are thinking of him.

The Worshipful Master also provided an update of the status of Bro Henry Repp, that he is still in rehab after back surgery but progressing.

Joys and Celebrations:

RW Eric Grove advised that he had recently celebrated his 55th wedding anniversary.

Presentation of Bills:

<u>Bill For</u>	<u>Bill For</u>
Completely Clean (Inv. 109) \$292.80	

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills, when properly audited.

Communications:

None at this time.

Petitions:

None at this time.

Ballots:

None at this time.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer advised that our primary operating account is solvent and have approximately \$7,000.00, that he also received a large batch of dues checks this evening that will push this amount higher. He stated that our investment accounts continue to perform very well.

Buildings & Grounds:

Bro Dugan advised that the lighting & electrical work is continuing. He also advised that he is looking to schedule a work weekend sometime in March.

The Worshipful master offered thanks to Worshipful Brothers Kaufman for their efforts in making the lighting and electrical upgrades happen.

Charity:

Bro Dugan reported that the recent BOL, our first one in several months, was lightly attended, but was successful and well received.

Rental Report:

WB Matt Kaufman reported that there is a lot of interest in rentals right now. He currently has one set for January 5th, and February 8th. He anticipates making more bookings very soon and have more to report on at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

RW Nick Kaufman inquired about any bills that were paid over the holidays. Bro Treasurer advised that it consisted of the recent plowing bill, liquor liability insurance renewal and utilities.

New Business:

The Worshipful Master put the lodge on a tyled refreshment, so as to allow the Harmony Foundation members to perform the election of trustees for 2025.

Bro Sharma inquired as to the status of the annual lodge resolutions for the change in signatories for the new Masonic year. Bro Secretary advised that he intends to present them at the next meeting for review and approval.

Program:

The Worshipful Master provided review of Lodge protocols around the altar, as well as how/when to address the Master and others when lodge is at labor and other protocols in a tyled lodge.

Announcements:

Jan. 3- Masonic Funeral Service for Bro Daniel McCole at Lafayette Fire Department on Rt. 15 (arrive by 7:45).

Jan. 4- A Lodge Trustee, plus others meeting is to be held at the lodge at 10 am. All are welcome to attend.

Jan. 7- Rehearsal at the lodge, 7:30 pm

Jan. 13- Baldwin Chapter RAM meeting @ 7pm

Jan. 25- Bread of Life event

Closing:

As there was no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony and good order at 8:50 pm by RW Fred W Fox, assisted by the Treasurer and Secretary.

Fraternally,

Bro Barry W George

Secretary 2025

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