



# Union Lodge No. 479

**F. & A. M.**

Constituted November 10, 1870



**December 2017**

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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## Elective Officers

**Worshipful Master**

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.  
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**Senior Warden**

ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.  
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**Junior Warden**

E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR.  
JW@unionlodge479.com

**Treasurer**

RICHARD A. WOLF, P.M.  
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STEPHEN L. ROWE, SR.  
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**Trustees**

ALONZO W. CLEGG, III  
NATHANIEL E. SHERMAN, III  
CARL O. ABBOTT, P.M.

**Representative in the Grand Lodge**

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.

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DANIEL S. NICHOL, P.M.

**Lodge Almoner**

TERRENCE H. McCOY, P.M.  
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A Stated Meeting of  
**UNION LODGE No. 479, Free and Accepted Masons**  
will be held in **THE MASONIC TEMPLE**  
201 Washington Street, Birdsboro, PA  
**THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 2017 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

**PROGRAM**

**Election and Installation of Officers**

**Lodge Awards**

Dinner will be served prior to the Stated Meeting, at 6 p.m.  
with dessert being served after the meeting.

**EXTRA MEETING**

An Extra Meeting of Union Lodge No. 479, Free and Accepted Masons, for the conferring of a degree, will be held in the Masonic Temple, 201 Washington Street, Birdsboro, PA on:

**THURSDAY EVENING December 7, 2017**

**At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

The Fellow Craft Mason Degree will be conferred.

Recommenders are urged to attend their candidate’s degrees,  
by Order of the Worshipful Master.

**LODGE HAPPENINGS**

- Brethren, the time has arrived for the election of officers to serve the Lodge for 2018. Please make the time to show your support for the team by coming out to enjoy a dinner, the meeting and the fellowship that follows.
- Also, we will again be collecting for the Greater Berks Food Bank at Redner’s Markets on December 17 and you can do your part by either volunteering to collect at the markets, or by bringing non-perishable items to the Lodge on meeting night. Cash donations are also accepted.
- What’s that, you want to be a Guide for Lodge Degrees? You’re in luck... We will help you reach your goals; just come out to School of Instruction on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
- The Lodge and Temple Anniversaries are approaching and we need members to lend a hand. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the celebration and, if inclined, stay in the background.
- Helping New Candidates and Members is more your style, you say? Great to hear; come out to School of Instruction and help to get the Mentor Program in full swing.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| <p>Each Wednesday Night<br/>1st Wednesday of each month<br/>3rd Wednesday of each month</p> <p>Dec 6, 2017 - Grand Lodge Communication - Philadelphia at 10 a.m.<br/>Dec 7, 2017 - Extra Meeting for Degrees - (F.C. Keiffer &amp; Karlson)<br/>Dec 9, 2017 - Christmas in Birdsboro Festival &amp; Fireworks, starting at 4:00 p.m.<br/>Dec 17, 2017 - Annual Food Drive - Exeter &amp; Douglassville Redner’s Markets at 9 a.m.<br/>Dec 20, 2017 - Quarterly Temple Association Board of Directors Meeting at 6 p.m.<br/><b>Dec 21, 2017</b> - December Stated Meeting, **note change of date.**<br/>Dec 27, 2017 - Annual Grand Open Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Dec 27, 2017 - St. John’s Day<br/>Jan 1, 2018 - New Years Day<br/>Jan 25, 2018 - January Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Holiday Happenings - December 2, 3 &amp; 9, 10 at Scottish Rite Cathedral, West Reading<br/>Used Tuxedo Drive - Ongoing at Union Lodge</p> | <p>Union Lodge School of Instruction (SOI) at 7 p.m.<br/>District 40 SOI - Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553, at 7 p.m.<br/>District 40 SOI - Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553, at 7 p.m.</p> |
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**(Donors, Helpers, Entrants, etc. needed for these events)**

Membership 12/27/16	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
238	8	6	1	7	6	232

## Appointed Officers

### Senior Deacon

NATHANIEL E. SHERMAN, III

### Junior Deacon

ALONZO W. CLEGG, III

### Senior Master of Ceremonies

NOAH H. BROOKS

### Junior Master of Ceremonies

WILLIAM M. EGGLESTON

### Pursuivant

CHUCK W. FORSYTH

### Chaplain

CHRISTOPHER A. PLAISANCE

### Tyler

RANDY M. HARDERS

### Stewards

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.

ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

PETER C. KNERR

### Representative to the PA Youth Foundation

IAN WEST

### Representative for the Masonic Blood Donor's Club

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

I can honestly say that it has been an Honor and a Privilege to serve Union Lodge for another term. I hope that our members see what I see; a Lodge that is in great shape moving forward. The efforts and attitudes of our Officers, Candidates, Mentors, Volunteers and Supporters make it possible to see a bright future for the Lodge.

As I turn over the East to my successor, I pray that you will support him as much as you have me through the 5 years that I have served as Worshipful Master. I have said many times that your Lodge is NOT the building in which we meet, but rather the MEN who are in it. I hope that you will find the time in 2018 to be a part of this Lodge and its extraordinary future. Please remember that we have all taken an Obligation to be the best Men we can for Ourselves, Families, Communities, Country, Fraternity and Our God.

You have shown me and my family incredible respect, confidence and kindness and please accept my sincerest thanks for the same. Enjoy your Christmas and Hanukkah Seasons safely and have a healthy New Year.

*"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the Day approaching"* - Hebrews 10: 24-25

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Bro. William L. Herz, P.M., W.M.

## IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Ronald V. Kerper

Entered: January 3, 1985

Died: November 15, 2017

## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Carroll S. Arnold	12/29/1960	Dean A. Miller, P.M.	12/22/1987	Robert S. Millard	12/03/2009
James H. Bitting, P.M.	12/03/1964	Emil S. Washko Jr.	12/05/1989	Robert E. Moore Jr.	12/03/2009
Robert E. Moore Sr.	12/15/1969	Gerald A. Trate	12/01/1994	Charles G. Blank	12/02/2010
Dennis R. Rehner	12/16/1969	Jack D. Huyett	12/07/1995	David A. Blank Jr.	12/02/2010
John C. Zerr Jr.	12/21/1972	Martin P. Hyneman	12/07/1995	Scott R. Reeser	12/15/2012
Terry J. Blizniak, P.M.	12/06/1984	Barry L. Smith	12/04/2008	Joshua R. Moore	12/01/2016
John H. Hughes, P.M.	12/19/1985	Brent M. Knerr	12/03/2009		

## TEMPLE ASSOCIATION MEETING

A Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting of the Temple Association will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 20, 2017 at 6 p.m., in the Lodge Dining Hall. This meeting is for the Board of Directors but all members of Union Lodge are welcome to attend

## USED TUXEDO DRIVE

For those who have served the Lodge in the past as an Officer and have no further use for their Tuxedos, please consider donating them to the Lodge. Thank you to those who have already donated theirs. As we get new officers to take the chairs, they are in need of tuxedos. Please let someone get use of it before the moths leave their mark on it.

## 2018 LODGE DUES

Brethren,

2018 Dues are \$57.00 and are due by December 31, 2017.. Please see the attached Dues Notice and forward your payment as soon as possible. Dues may be paid online or at a Stated Meeting or by sending a check to the Secretary.

If you have any questions about your Dues, please contact the Worshipful Master or the Secretary.

## Living 50 Year Members

Harry Paul Painter	5/9/1946
Frank V. Lantz	11/13/1951
Harry R. Huyett Jr., P.M.	2/11/1954
Oscar M. Huber, P.M.	5/13/1954
G. Raymond Dengler, P.M.	6/30/1955
R. Kenneth Houpp	11/7/1957
Richard S. Happel, P.M.	2/11/1960
Franklin I. Clouser	11/3/1960
Carroll S. Arnold	12/29/1960
Carl O. Abbott, P.M.	5/11/1961
James R. Livingood	11/16/1961
Emerson W. Gundy	1/18/1962
Kenneth E. Heimel	11/28/1963
James H. Bitting, P.M.	12/3/1964
Teddy B. Bitler	6/10/1965
John L. Moore	2/3/1966
Leon E. Adam, P.M.	6/30/1966
William S. Weiler Sr.	4/20/1967

## Living Past Masters of Union Lodge

1957.....Harry R. Huyett Jr.	1989.....Terry J. Blizniak
1958.....Oscar M. Huber	1990, 2003, 2004.....John H. Hughes
1959.....G. Raymond Dengler	1991.....Craig S. Gaul
1967.....Richard S. Happel	1992.....Dean A. Miller
1972.....James H. Bitting	1995.....George K. Peifer
1973.....Leon E. Adam	2001.....Mark N. Pellicciotti
1981.....Thomas C. Keen	2002.....David A. Blank Sr.
1983.....Donald T. Miller Jr.	2009, 2010, 2011,
1985.....Wayne H. Thomas	2016.....William L. Herz
1986.....Terrence H. McCoy	2012.....Richard P. Almquist Jr.
1987.....Ronald D. March	2013.....Richard A. Wolf
1988, 2015.....Glen A. Houck	2014.....Daniel S. Nichol

### Committee on Grievance

G. RAYMOND DENGLER, P.M., Chairman  
CARROLL S. ARNOLD  
EDWARD J. PEIFER

### Committee on Instruction

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., V.P.  
WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.  
ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

### Committee on Charity

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman  
TERRENCE H. MCCOY, P.M.

### Committee on Masonic Education

RICHARD P. ALMQUIST, JR., P.M.

### Committee on Furniture

SENIOR WARDEN, Chairman  
WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
JUNIOR WARDEN

### Committee on Visitation

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman  
TERRENCE H. MCCOY, P.M.