



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



April 2019

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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Worshipful Master

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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 APRIL 25, 2019 at 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

OFFICIAL DISTRICT VISITATION

UNION LODGE NO. 479 MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS

<u>50 Years</u>	<u>25 Years</u>
Brother Robert E. Moore, Sr. Brother Dennis R. Rehrer	Brother David A. Blank, Sr., P.M. Brother Brian D. Boyer Brother Daniel W. Nelson Brother Gerald A. Trate

A dinner of Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes & Vegetables will be served prior to the meeting at 6 p.m. \$8 Dinner Donation Requested.
Desserts to be served after the meeting.

RSVP by text or call: Bro. William L. Herz, P.M. at 484.568.2654 by April 20.

EXTRA MEETING

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

**THURSDAY EVENING May 2, 2019
At 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The Master Mason's Degree will be conferred.

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

A light Dinner will be served prior to the meeting with
light refreshments being served after the meeting.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

We will once again be participating in the Annual Memorial Day Parade in Birdsboro on Monday, May 27, 2019. The parade kicks off at 9 a.m. and we need to line up by 8:30 a.m. near the Beacon Container Corporation. This is a good way for us to show support for our Community and to get our "face" out in the public. Please join us.

JUNE STATED MEETING WILL BE A DAY LIGHTER'S LODGE

Our June Stated meeting will be moved to Saturday, June 29th so we can have a Day Lighter's Lodge from 10am until noon. Lunch will be provided afterwards. If you need a means to get to the lodge, please call the WM to make arrangements to get there. Please RSVP to the Secretary by June 14th so that we can have a head count.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Wednesday Night	Union Lodge School of Instruction (SOI) at 7 p.m.
1st Wednesday of each month	District 40 SOI - Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553, at 7 p.m.
3rd Wednesday of each month	District 40 SOI - Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553, at 7 p.m.

Apr. 25, 2019 - April Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
May 2, 2019 - Extra Meeting to confer a MM degree, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
May 18, 2019 - A.A.S.R. Spring Reunion - at Scottish Rite Cathedral, West Reading
May 23, 2019 - May Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
May 25, 2019 - Annual Car & Motorcycle Show, Union Lodge No. 479 at 9 a.m.
May 27, 2019 - Memorial Day Parade, Birdsboro, at 9 a.m.
May 29, 2019 - Anniversary Committee Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 6 p.m.

Membership 12/27/18	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
234	1	1	0	1	16	218

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon

ALONZO W. CLEGG, III

Junior Deacon

DAVID W. BEIDEMAN

Senior Master of Ceremonies

WILLIAM M. EGGLESTON

Junior Master of Ceremonies

CHUCK W. FORSYTH

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Chaplain

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

Tyler

IAN K. KARLSON

Stewards

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ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

IAN K. KARLSON

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 would like to thank all the Brothers who traveled with the officers for the visitations in the 40th district. A good time was had during these visits and if you weren't careful you may have put on a few pounds from the good food at some of the Lodges. As the visitations come to an end and the weather is getting warmer, Union Lodge will be getting quite busy with all the events we have coming up.

Brothers will need help for these events. Even if it is only a few hours of your time, any help is appreciated. We are thankful to those who are always helping, but the more Brothers that help, the more successful the Lodge is, and the easier it is for everyone involved to run the events. Remember this is your Lodge and to keep the fraternity going we need help. If you are unsure how to get involved, please reach out to me at 484-638-2976.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Bro. E. George Oatman, Jr., W.M.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

William S. Weiler, Sr.	4/20/1967	Gail R. Dengler	4/11/1985	Terry L. Rubendall	4/2/1998
Ronald D. March, P.M.	4/15/1982	Richard R. Riegner	4/23/1987	Dennis R. Little	4/14/2000
David A. Pfeffer	4/28/1983	Jimmy M. Edwards	4/28/1988	Brian T. Demild	4/15/2010
David J. Westley	4/28/1983	Victor M. Frederick, Iv	4/25/1988		

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. William D. McCrudden Entered: September 13, 1979 Died: March 20, 2019

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA, March 6, A.D. 2019, A.L. 6019

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:

You are hereby requested to attend a public Datestone Ceremony of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 3:00 o'clock, p.m. on Thursday May 30, 2019 at the Masonic Villages, 1 Masonic Drive Elizabethtown, PA, 17022.

You are hereby requested to attend the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Saturday June 8, 2019 at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, PA at 10:00 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.
Mark A. Haines
R.W. Grand Secretary

BROTHERS VISIT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIBLE

Earlier this month, two of our Brothers, Glen A Houck, P.M. & Stephen A. Cipollone visited Ephrata Lodge No. 665 to see the Bible that George Washington used to take all his 3 Masonic degrees on, in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. He was Entered 11/4/1752 (at age 20), Passed 3/3/1753 & Raised 8/4/1753. The minutes from his Entering in 1752 showed he payed 2 pounds, 3 shillings, and 0 pence.

The Bible always "travels" with 3 Lodge officers or Past Masters. The cost to display it is \$2,000 (plus travel expenses for the 3) and the money goes into a restoration fund. Bro. George was the only man to be WM and President at the same time. He was asked to be WM of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in 1789. Prior to that, Alexandria Lodge was No. 39 and was chartered under the Grand Lodge of PA. It was moved to a secret location during the civil war. The Bible is open, in its case, to the book of Ecclesiastes, which is where it should be and supposedly was written by King Solomon.



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Living Past Masters of Union Lodge

1958.....Oscar M. Huber	1991.....Craig S. Gaul
1959.....G. Raymond Dengler	1992.....Dean A. Miller
Σ 1963.....Carl O. Abbott	1995.....George K. Peifer
1967.....Richard S. Happel	2001.....Mark N. Pellicciotti
1972.....James H. Bitting	2002.....David A. Blank Sr.
1973.....Leon E. Adam	Δ 2007.....Christopher D. Reed
1981.....Thomas C. Keen	2009, 2010, 2011,
1983.....Donald T. Miller Jr.	2016, 2017.....William L. Herz
1985.....Wayne H. Thomas	2012.....Richard P. Almquist Jr.
1986.....Terrence H. McCoy	2013.....Richard A. Wolf
1987.....Ronald D. March	Ψ 2013, 2014.....Eric A. Bausch
1988, 2015.....Glen A. Houck	2014.....Daniel S. Nichol
1989.....Terry J. Blizniak	Ω 2016, 2017.....Eric P. Kissinger
1990, 2003, 2004.....John H. Hughes	2018.....Eric A. Bausch
Σ.....Florence Lodge No. 949, Kentucky	Ψ.....Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg
Δ.....Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423, Shrewsbury	Ω.....Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading

Living 50 Year Members

Harry Paul Painter	5/9/1946
Frank V. Lantz	11/13/1951
Oscar M. Huber, P.M.	5/13/1954
G. Raymond Dengler, P.M.	6/30/1955
R. Kenneth Hopp	11/7/1957
Richard S. Happel, P.M.	2/11/1960
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
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
Darwyn L. Clark	6/6/1968
Robert E. Moore, Sr.	12/15/1969
Dennis R. Rehrer	12/16/1969

Committee on Grievance

NOAH H. BROOKS, Chairman
STEPHEN A. CIPOLLONE

Committee on Charity

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman

Committee on Furniture

SENIOR WARDEN, Chairman
WORSHIPFUL MASTER
JUNIOR WARDEN

Committee on Instruction

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

Committee on Masonic Education

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

Committee on Visitation

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman
TERRENCE H. MCCOY, P.M.
JOSEPH J. HAGAN, SR.