



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



January 2020

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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Elected Officers

Worshipful Master

NATHANIEL E. SHERMAN, III
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GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.
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Secretary

STEPHEN L. ROWE, SR.
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Trustees

RICHARD A. WOLF, P.M.
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WILLIAM M. EGGLESTON

Representative in the Grand Lodge

E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR.

Substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge

ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

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District Deputy Grand Master 40th Masonic District

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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 JANUARY 23, 2020 at 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

Freemasonry and the Ancient Mysteries

A Pork & Sauerkraut dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 P.M.
Dessert will be served after the meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Carl O. Abbott, P.M.

Entered: May 11, 1960

Died: December 22, 2019

40th MASONIC DISTRICT 2019 VISITATION SCHEDULE

The Official Visitations are an opportunity to meet our brethren of the 40th District, as well as enjoy a night of fellowship. We will carpool from Union Lodge, allowing enough time to travel to the various lodges. Most meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Contact the Worshipful Master if you intend on travelling with us.

February 13th	Boyertown Lodge No. 741	Boyertown
March 2nd	Phoenix Lodge No. 75	Royersford
March 11th	Stichter Lodge No. 254	Pottstown
April 2nd	Springford Lodge No. 553	Royersford
April 13th	Mt. Pickering Lodge No. 446	Chester Springs
April 14th	Perkiomen Lodge No. 595	Red Hill
April 23rd (7 p.m.)	Union Lodge No. 479	Birdsboro

RWGM INSTALLATION AND HIS OWN BOURBON!

Brother Thomas Gamon IV, a member of our own 40th District, has taken over the mantle of *Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania* for 2020 – 2021. It was a momentous occasion in Philadelphia at the Grand Lodge and several of our members were in attendance as he took his oath of obligation.



Pictured (left): Stephen Rowe, Scott Reeser, Nathaniel Sherman, E. George Oatman, Eric Bausch PM & William Eggleston.

Not pictured: Thomas Keen PM, William Herz PM, Stephen Frey & Rick Heim.

Pictured (right): Pennsylvania Grand Master's Blend Straight Bourbon Whiskey



The RWGM has announced the creation of "Pennsylvania Grand Master's Blend Straight Bourbon Whiskey." The Bourbon is being produced by Hidden Still Spirits in Lebanon, PA. It can be purchased at a cost of \$33 per bottle with the proceeds going towards the RWGM's charity. Please see the Secretary for ordering information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Wednesday Night
1st Wednesday of each month
3rd Wednesday of each month

Union Lodge School of Instruction (SOI) at 7 p.m.
District 40 SOI - Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553, at 7 p.m.
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- Jan 16, 2020 - Extra Meeting to confer EA Degrees, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 23, 2020 - January Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 28, 2020 - Dinner for Hopewell Love INC, Birdsboro Fire Co. at 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 20, 2020 - Extra Meeting to confer FC Degrees, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 27, 2020 - February Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership 12/27/19	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
222	0	0	0	0	0	222

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

Junior Deacon

STEPHEN A. CIPOLLONE

Senior Master of Ceremonies

WILLIAM M. EGGLESTON

Junior Master of Ceremonies

CHUCK W. FORSYTH

Pursuivant

DAVID W. BEIDEMAN

Chaplain

ALONZO W. CLEGG, III

Tyler

IAN K. KARLSON

Stewards

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.

ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

IAN K. KARLSON

Representative to the PA Youth Foundation

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

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 hope everyone had a happy, healthy, and enjoyable holiday season. It is my great honor and humble privilege to serve this Lodge as Worshipful Master for this our 150th year of constitution. Thank You for electing me.

We have a number of special events planned throughout the year to celebrate this milestone, so stay tuned! Continuing our community events will also be a priority, and the first event of the year will be held on Jan 28 at 6 pm at the Birdsboro Fire Co. The event is organized by Hopewell Love Inc, a non-profit organization and is designed to help feed those who are less fortunate in our area. Union Lodge will be preparing and serving the meal for that evening. We are looking for some volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested in assisting please contact Brother Rob Chaffin at 1-904-755-1536.

There will also be a Masonic program presented at every meeting throughout the year, to inspire and enlighten the brethren. This month's program is "Freemasonry and the Ancient Mysteries." It was written to show that there is deep meaning to be found in Masonry. Some small changes will also be made to our school of instruction, as to allow for some more individual instruction. Thank You to all the Past Masters who have agreed to come help with this endeavor. If you have any desire to learn Lodge ritual, become an officer, or just re-learn your obligations, please stop out every Wednesday at 7 pm to our School of Instruction. Union Lodge has kept the flame of Freemasonry lit for 150 years! Let's all do our individual parts to make sure this flame NEVER expires!

Congratulations to our new RWGM Thomas Gamon IV! Brother Gamon is from our very own 40th District. The bus trip down to see his installation was a fantastic experience for all. And of course, 2020 dues are now overdue. If you have not mailed your check to the Secretary, please do so now, or better yet stop out to the next stated meeting to pay them in person. Also, if you are having difficulty of any kind, please contact me. We are always here to help. I hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Nathaniel E. Sherman, III, W.M.

"That which causes us trials brings us triumph: And that which makes our hearts ache shall fill us with gladness. The only true happiness is to learn, to advance, and to improve: Which could not happen unless we had commenced with error, ignorance, and imperfection. We must pass through the darkness to reach the light." - Albert Pike

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Emerson W. Gundy	1/18/1962	Thomas F. Blair Sr.	1/17/1983	Kenneth S. Sittman	1/8/1998
Jerry W. Wells	1/26/1967	Craig S. Gaul, P.M.	1/16/1986	Robert S. Demberger	1/25/2001
Glenn G. Hart	1/7/1971	John Banks	1/15/1987	Nathaniel E. Sherman III	1/25/2001
Robert H. Pyle	1/25/1973	Edward O. Selwyn Jr.	1/3/1989	Matthew D. Neatock	1/16/2003
Paul A. Zerr	1/11/1979	Glen W. Browell	1/3/1991	Russell E. Andrews	1/6/2005
Girard N. Eisenhard	1/10/1980	David G. Graefe	1/7/1993	Mark J. Preletz	1/5/2006
Leon H. Lilley III	1/10/1980	Brian D. Boyer	1/13/1994	Samuel J. Marino	1/15/2009
Joseph J. Hagan Sr.	1/5/1981	David D. Weld	1/2/1997	Mark D. Whitman	1/28/2010
Kenneth D. George	1/15/1981	Stephen L. Rowe Sr.	1/28/1997	Stephen L. Rowe Jr.	1/6/2011

2020 LODGE DUES

Brethren,

Our 2020 Dues are **now past due** and are payable immediately to avoid the possibility of being suspended from Freemasonry. The Dues for 2020 are \$58.00. Checks are to be made payable to "Union Lodge No. 479". Dues payments may be made at a Stated Meeting or by mailing the payment to:

Brother Stephen L. Rowe, Sr.
109 Mulberry Place
Douglassville, PA 19518

Union Lodge Dues for 2020	\$28.50
Grand Lodge Dues for 2020	\$29.50
Total	\$58.00

Dues may also be paid online at the Grand Lodge member website: <https://pamasons.force.com/community/login>

If you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope, your Dues card will be mailed to you promptly. If you have any questions about your Dues, please contact the Worshipful Master or the Secretary.

Living Past Masters of Union Lodge

1958.....Oscar M. Huber	1995.....George K. Peifer
1959.....G. Raymond Dengler	2001.....Mark N. Pellicciotti
1967.....Richard S. Happel	2002.....David A. Blank Sr.
1972.....James H. Bitting	Σ 2007.....Christopher D. Reed
1973.....Leon E. Adam	2009, 2010, 2011,
1981.....Thomas C. Keen	2016, 2017.....William L. Herz
1983.....Donald T. Miller Jr.	2012.....Richard P. Almqvist Jr.
1985.....Wayne H. Thomas	2013.....Richard A. Wolf
1986.....Terrence H. McCoy	Ψ 2013, 2014.....Eric A. Bausch
1987.....Ronald D. March	2014.....Daniel S. Nichol
1988, 2015.....Glen A. Houck	Ω 2016, 2017.....Eric P. Kissinger
1989.....Terry J. Blizniak	2018.....Eric A. Bausch
1990, 2003, 2004.....John H. Hughes	Ω 2018.....Victor M. Frederick IV
1991.....Craig S. Gaul	2019.....E. George Oatman Jr.
1992.....Dean A. Miller	
Σ.....Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423, Shrewsbury	Ω.....Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading
Ψ.....Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg	

Living 50 Year Members

Harry Paul Painter	5/9/1946
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
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
David G. Riley	6/10/1970

Committee on Grievance

NOAH H. BROOKS, Chairman
STEPHEN A. CIPOLLONE

Committee on Instruction

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

Committee on Charity

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman

Committee on Masonic Education

NATHANIEL E. SHERMAN, III

Committee on Furniture

SENIOR WARDEN, Chairman
WORSHIPFUL MASTER
JUNIOR WARDEN

Committee on Visitation

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman
TERRANCE H. MCCOY, P.M.
JOSEPH J. HAGAN, Sr.