



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



April 2020

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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The April Stated Meeting of UNION LODGE No. 479, Free and Accepted Masons HAS BEEN CANCELED BY ORDER OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, BRO. THOMAS GAMON, IV

From the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,
BRO. THOMAS GAMON, IV

To the Officers and Members of All Blue Lodges:

Due to ongoing concerns surrounding the Coronavirus, effective immediately and until further notice, I am directing any and all lodge activities be canceled, including, but not limited to: extra, special and/or stated lodge meetings; social functions; schools of instruction, etc., as well as youth group and community meetings/events that may be scheduled in your lodge building. Lodge officers may pay lodge bills in the ordinary course without lodge approval. This will be in effect until the end of April, by which time we will evaluate the situation and provide additional guidance as needed.

While it may be disappointing to cancel events, these measures are being taken out of an abundance of caution to safeguard the well-being of our brethren, their loved ones and our communities.

I also want you to be aware, that public tours of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia have been canceled until further notice. In addition, while we are not aware of any cases at any of our Masonic Villages, we are canceling public events and limiting activities at all of our campuses, as well as screening visitors to our health care facilities.

Similarly, while we do not know of any cases within any of our Masonic youth groups, the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation is suspending all youth group activities and sponsored events at our Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus until further notice.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Thomas Gamon, IV
R.W. Grand Master

EXTRA MEETING

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

ON A DATE TO BE DETERMINED
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. Dinner will be served prior to the meeting with light refreshments being served after.

At Our Next Stated Meeting: ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP:

Name (see Lodge notice)	Age 18	Occupation Student	Residence
Committee of Inquiry: Bro. David A. Blank Sr., P.M., Chairman, Bro. Stephen Cipollone and Bro. Alonzo W. Clegg III			

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TBD - Extra Meeting to confer MM Degrees, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 23, 2020 - Union Lodge's 7th Annual Car Show, Union Lodge at 9:00 a.m.
- May 28, 2020 - May 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	3	0	0	0	225



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.

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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,

In these continuing times of uncertainty, I encourage you to stay focused and be resilient. Remember that the trials and tribulations we are currently facing shall soon pass. Freemasonry has survived for millennia, our Lodge for over one and a half centuries, and in spite of current world affairs, we will continue to endure. Even though we are separated by physical distance, our bonds will forever remain unshakeable and unbreakable.

Take comfort in knowing that although the opportunity for fellowship has been temporarily suspended, the unequivocal offer for relief still stands. If you, your family, or anyone you know needs relief, please contact me by email or phone.

As we find ourselves with a little more free time on our hands, take advantage. Read a new book, learn some ritual, and continue to expand your Masonic horizons. Also, do not forget to reach out to your Brethren. Sometimes a phone call is all it takes to really brighten someone's day. As Freemasons, it is very important for us to always keep our light shining bright, especially during the darkest of days. Never forget that you are to be an example to your fellow man, and that times like these give you an opportunity to show your distinction.

Take note of our recent event cancellations, and of the still standing Car Show date. If there are any changes, I will notify you by a call. Stay strong, and I will see you soon.

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

"They wander in darkness seeking the light, failing to realize that the light is found in the heart of the darkness." - Manly P. Hall

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		

150TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

On November 7th, 2020, we will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary with a banquet to be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Reading. The Right Worshipful Grand Master will be in attendance along with other Grand Lodge Officers. The evening is sure to be full of food, fun and fellowship.

Invitations were mailed out to all members in March. If you haven't received yours, contact the Secretary. Please return your RSVP to reserve your ticket(s) and dinner choices as soon as possible as this event is sure to fill up fast!

2020 LODGE DUES

We will postpone the issue of membership suspensions until we return to labor.

Brethren,

2020 Lodge 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 Secretary or the Worshipful Master.

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. Almquist 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.