



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

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May 2020

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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The May 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 all of the uncertainties surrounding this health crisis, the Grand Lodge will be extending the suspension of all Masonic activities until July 1, 2020 at the very earliest. We will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation and make a determination around June 1st as to whether we will be able to safely resume some activity sometime mid-summer.

I understand that while our lodges are dark, many fellowship, fundraising and community events are often held during the summer months. Please realize that these decisions have not been easy to make, but our concern is first and foremost for you, our members of this great fraternity.

Please continue to reach out to your brethren and offer assistance and support. Reassure them that we are all in this together, that their health and welfare are paramount and that we will be back in lodge enjoying the fraternal bonds that we all so love real soon!

Please stay safe and stay well!

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

150th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The Anniversary Committee has made the tough decision to postpone the 150th Anniversary Banquet until 2021. A new date for the Banquet will be determined and the Lodge notified.

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.
- Sept 24, 2020 - September Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 22, 2020 - October 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.

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,

As per the RWGM's instructions, the May stated meeting has been cancelled. We hope that you and your family are doing all that you can to remain safe and healthy. The dust has now started to settle and our great Nation is attempting to reopen and readjust. Our hopes remain high that we may again soon meet at our beloved Lodge.

Even though our building remains dark, brotherhood, compassion, and relief are still burning bright at Union Lodge. If you or anyone you may know needs relief, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other Lodge officer.

Congratulations to all the Brethren who have celebrated their Masonic birthdays over the past few months, I look forward to shaking your hand in person!

Stay safe, stay strong, we will see you soon!

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

"Fear is incomplete knowledge" - Agatha Christie

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

H. Paul Painter	5/9/46	J. Scott Eshelman	5/11/87	James C. Gray	5/3/07
Oscar M. Huber, P.M.	5/13/54	Arthur G. Fick	5/5/88	Ricky T. Readinger	5/24/07
Raymond G. Henninger Jr.	5/27/76	Kenneth D. Huyett	5/3/90	Kerry J. Burrell	5/31/07
Robert F. Gries	5/26/77	William R. Rogers	5/2/91	Eric A. Bausch, P.M.	5/8/08
John H. Haines	5/26/77	Steven S. Marino	5/22/97	David R. Macy	5/29/08
Donald R. Lebo	5/25/84	Edward J. Peifer	5/22/97	Daniel S. Nichol, P.M.	5/29/08
Donald S. Millard Jr.	5/25/84	Chester Springel	5/28/98	Richard A. Howett	5/12/11
Thomas W. Morrow	5/25/84	H. Scott Hartman Sr.	5/25/00	Stephen A. Cipollone	5/2/17
Albert N. Maicher Jr.	5/16/86	Richard P. Almquist, Jr., P.M.	5/20/03		

UNION LODGE MASONIC EVENTS

Another tough decision was made to cancel this year's Car Show, Golf Outing, and Sporting Clay Shoot, due to the current health concerns. These events will be on the calendar for next year, 2021. Let's make next year's events spectacular!

The decision to postpone the Banquet and the cancellation of the other events were hard to make but were felt to be the prudent and appropriate thing to do given the current health concerns.

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.	Union Lodge Dues for 2020	\$28.50
109 Mulberry Place	Grand Lodge Dues for 2020	\$29.50
Douglasville, PA 19518	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.