



# Union Lodge No. 479

## F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



October 2020

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

[www.UnionLodge479.com](http://www.UnionLodge479.com)

### Elected Officers

#### Worshipful Master

NATHANIEL E. SHERMAN, III  
WM@unionlodge479.com

#### Senior Warden

SCOTT R. REESER  
SW@unionlodge479.com

#### Junior Warden

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.  
JW@unionlodge479.com

#### Treasurer

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.  
Treasurer@unionlodge479.com

#### Secretary

STEPHEN L. ROWE, SR.  
Secy0479@pagrandlodge.org

#### Trustees

RICHARD A. WOLF, P.M.  
ALONZO W. CLEGG, III  
WILLIAM M. EGGLESTON

#### Representative in the Grand Lodge

E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR.

#### Substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge

ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

#### Lodge Almoner

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.  
Almoner@unionlodge479.com

#### District Deputy Grand Master 40<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

TIMOTHY L. PLETCHER, 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 OCTOBER 22, 2020 at 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

### PROGRAM

#### PAST MASTERS NIGHT

A steak dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., free of charge to all Past Masters.  
A charge of \$8 will apply to all non-Past Masters.  
Please **R.S.V.P.** to Bro. William L. Herz P.M. at 484-568-2654 to reserve your spot.

### 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:

**THURSDAY EVENING October 15, 2020**  
**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 dinner of Stuffed Shells will be served prior to the meeting with light refreshments being served after.

### ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP:

Name (See Lodge notice)	Age 40	Occupation Financial Services	Residence Douglassville, PA 19518
Committee of Inquiry: Bro. E. George Oatman, Jr., P.M., Chairman, Bro. Robert E. Moore, Sr. and Bro. Stephen L. Rowe, Sr.			
Name See Lodge notice)	Age 39	Occupation Painting Contractor	Residence Douglassville, PA 19518
Committee of Inquiry: Bro. Richard A. Wolf, P.M., Chairman, Bro. Chuck W. Forsyth and Bro. William M. Eggleston			

### RETURNING TO LODGE

As we return to meeting at the Lodge building, we need to be aware of the new procedures set in place as part of the Union Lodge COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Upon entering the Lodge building, members and visitors will be directed to wash their hands. The wearing of masks is mandatory as is social distancing while in the Lodge building. When eating a meal, one's mask may be remove once you are seated at a table in the Lodge Social Hall and ready to eat.

In addition to these measures, the Grand Lodge COVID-19 RELEASE Form will be required to be completed by members and visitors. The form is included with this Notice and you are encouraged to read and complete the form prior to entering the Lodge. The form will be witnessed by the Lodge Safety Officer (LSO) or another Officer of the Lodge and then retained by the LSO at the Lodge. The form needs to only be completed the first time a member or visitor enters the Lodge building.

In compliance with Governor Wolf's Order, we are limited to having 25 members or visitors in the Lodge building at a time.

Brother Nathaniel E. Sherman III, Worshipful Master, has appointed Brother Scott R. Reeser, SW, as the Lodge Safety Officer. If you have any questions please contact the Worshipful Master or Bro. Reeser. Their contact information can be found on the left side of the first page of this Notice.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month District 40 SOI - Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553, at 7 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month Union Lodge School of Instruction (SOI) at 7 p.m.

Oct 15, 2020 - Extra Meeting to confer 2 MM Degrees, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.  
Oct 22, 2020 - October Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.  
Nov 19, 2020 - November Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m. (3rd Thurs)  
Dec 17, 2020 - December Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m. (3rd Thurs)

Membership 12/27/19	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
222	3	3	0	1	1	223

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

Lodge Safety Officer  
SCOTT R. REESER  
610-413-6861

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 the cool winds of fall whistle through the trees, let us always remember the blessings of the past combined with the promises of the future. This month we will be honoring those 149 men who have dedicated their time and energy towards presiding in the oriental chair at Union Lodge. The road is long and difficult, but ultimately is the responsibility of every Freemason. In their honor, a steak dinner will be served free of charge to all Past Masters at 6 pm. A charge of \$8 will apply to all non-Past Masters. Please R.S.V.P. to Bro. William L. Herz P.M. at 484-568-2654 to reserve your spot.

Despite adapting to the new temporary rules and regulations, last month was a very successful meeting. Thank you to our Lodge Safety Officer and his assistants for keeping things running smoothly and maintaining our responsibilities. It really was amazing to see all the smiling faces before, during, and after the meeting. Enjoying a hot meal together, getting caught up on conversation, and just being in the building never felt so good!

If you missed out on everything last month, there's plenty more where that came from! Please join us this month for a very special meeting, we look forward to seeing you.

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

"The cave you fear to enter holds the treasures which you seek." - Joseph Campbell

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

James F. Knisley	10/19/72	Stephen E. Frey	10/2/04	Thomas J. Tinney III	10/30/10
Thomas C. Keen, P.M.	10/14/76	Danny L. King	10/2/04	G. Kirby Powell	10/30/10
Mark S. McCord	10/4/79	Ronald J. Miller	10/2/04	Glen R. Powell	10/30/10
Paul O. Meckley	10/20/83	Mark L. Painter	10/2/04	Christopher J. Daniels	10/8/11
Donald M. House	10/3/85	Richard P. Saylor	10/2/04	Edwin J. Merkel	10/4/14
Geoffrey A. Gray Sr.	10/7/85	Harold W. Steve Jr.	10/2/04	Thierry Muret	10/4/14
Curtis S. Eiche	10/31/85	Richard A. Wolf, P.M.	10/2/04	Michael A. Moyer	10/30/14
Jeffrey M. Sowers	10/31/85	Kevin S. Brady	10/28/04	John L. Lappin	10/30/14
James J. Marasco Sr.	10/16/86	Stephen R. Benning	10/8/05	Wayne R. Helmick	10/15/15
Douglas B. Reinert	10/8/92	Rick Heim	10/8/05	David W. Beideman	10/29/16
Steven L. Hearing	10/3/96	Paul Herz Jr.	10/8/05	Ronald L. Forsyth	10/29/16
Linwood P. Kemp	10/2/97	Michael A. Wisniewski	10/27/05	Matthew J. Pierno	10/18/18
Robert L. Robison	10/2/97	Jeffrey C. Bortz	10/23/08		
Jeffrey A. McQuaid	10/30/97	John M. Steve	10/30/08		

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania  
Masonic Charities Appeal

Do you know your Masonic Charities encompass various charities, each one with its own unique mission? With the 2020 universal pandemic, each charity of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has felt the impact of this crisis.

Supporting your favorite Masonic Charity is needed now, more than ever. There is still so much to do! Visit [www.masoniccharitiespa.org](http://www.masoniccharitiespa.org) for more information on each of these Pennsylvania Masonic Charities: **The Masonic Library and Museum; Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation; Masonic Children's Home; and the Masonic Villages.**

Please support the 2020 Masonic Charities Fall Appeal. Send a check to the **Masonic Charities, Office of Gift Planning, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022** or by visiting [www.pagrandlodge.org](http://www.pagrandlodge.org) and clicking "Masonic Charities" in the banner and navigating to the charity of choice and clicking "Donate Now".

If you are age 70 ½ or older, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) this year to your favorite Masonic charity - tax free! For the charitable distribution to be tax-free qualified, please have the check payable directly to the charity and not you, the owner.

Thank you for your continued support!

Living Past Masters of Union Lodge

1958.....Oscar M. Huber	1992.....Dean A. Miller
1959.....G. Raymond Dengler	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	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.
Ψ.....Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg	Ω.....Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading

Living 50 Year Members

Oscar M. Huber, P.M.	5/13/1954
G. Raymond Dengler, P.M.	6/30/1955
R. Kenneth Houp	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. Rehner	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.