



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



February 2021

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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Elected Officers

Worshipful Master
SCOTT R. REESER
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Senior Warden
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ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.
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STEPHEN L. ROWE, SR.
Secy0479@pagrandlodge.org

Trustees
RICHARD A. WOLF, P.M.
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Representative in the Grand Lodge
E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR.

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NATHANIEL E. SHERMAN, III

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GLEN A. HOUCK, 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2021 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

Forget Me Not

Dinner of Hungarian Goulash will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Dessert will be served after the meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Richard R. Riegner Entered: April 24, 1987 Died: December 7, 2020

EXTRA MEETINGS

Extra Meetings 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 March 4, 2021
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Fellowcraft Mason’s Degree will be conferred.

- AND -

THURSDAY EVENING March 18, 2021
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Fellowcraft 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.

ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP (By Transfer):

Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
(see Lodge notice)	55	Mech. Eng/ Project Manager	Birdsboro, PA 19508
Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
(see Lodge notice)	29	Union Carpenter	Elverson, PA 19520

Master Masons, last members of Mount Pickering Lodge No.446, Uwchlan, PA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Feb 25, 2021 - February Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 4, 2021 - Extra Meeting to confer 2 FC Degrees, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 18, 2021 - Extra Meeting to confer 1 FC Degree, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 25, 2021 - March Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 17, 2021 - Sectional School of Instruction, Grand Lodge, Philadelphia
- Apr 22, 2021 - April Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership 12/27/20	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
222	0	0	0	0	0	222

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon

STEPHEN A. CIPOLLONE

Junior Deacon

CHUCK W. FORSYTH

Senior Master of Ceremonies

WILLIAM E. TOBIN

Junior Master of Ceremonies

ALONZO W. CLEGG, III

Pursuivant

GERALD A. KEIFFER

Chaplain

DAVID W. BEIDEMAN

Tyler

NOAH H. BROOKS

Stewards

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.

WILLIAM E. TOBIN

IAN K. KARLSON

Lodge Safety Officer

WILLIAM E. TOBIN

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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,

It is a great honor and privilege to serve our lodge as Worshipful Master! I am both humbled by the opportunity, and apprehensive that I will be able to fill the shoes of those that have served before me.

As 2021 continues to unfold, we must all strive to return to some sense of normalcy in our lives and in our lodges. In some ways, we may never return to the lives we knew before 2020. What we must remember is that through all the turmoil and unknowns we have seen in the last year, the thing that has never changed is our beloved Fraternity. We may not have had meetings, we may have gotten rusty on our ritual, and some ritual may have been slightly modified. One thing that remains is the core principles of our Fraternity have not and cannot ever be harmed by either a pandemic or a volatile political landscape. Our principles and goals remain the same: elevate and ennoble mankind, be leaders in our communities, care for our brothers that need our help and improve on ourselves.

Some of you may have concerns about the re-opening of the lodges, and some of you may feel that wearing a mask is unnecessary. Whether you decide to come out to our Lodge events or decide to stay home, your decision will be respected. Part of the beauty of our fraternity is that we can hold different opinions and still be brothers. In accordance with our obligations, we will continue to follow the COVID19 Safety Plan as directed by the Grand Lodge.

I look forward to seeing you at our Stated Meeting in February!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Scott R. Reeser, W.M.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Richard S. Happel, P.M.	2/11/1960	Ronald A. Zook	2/23/1978	Craig J. Dadey	2/6/1992
John R. Moore	2/3/1966	Neil L. Berkley	2/12/1981	Lynn L. Readinger	2/2/1995
Donald T. Miller, Jr., P.M.	2/10/1977	Eric W. Hein	2/4/1982	Michael A. Molitoriz	2/2/2006
Donald T. Miller, Sr	2/10/1977	William M. Eggleston	2/19/1990	Timothy J. Oister	2/28/2019

RETURNING TO LODGE

As we once again return to meeting at the Lodge building, we will continue to follow the procedures 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 needs to only be completed the first time a member or visitor enters the Lodge building. 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.

Brother Scott R. Reeser, Worshipful Master, has appointed Brother William E. Tobin, as the Lodge Safety Officer. If you have any questions, please contact the Worshipful Master or Bro. Tobin.

2021 LODGE DUES

Brethren,

Our 2021 Dues are *now past due* and are payable immediately to avoid the possibility of being suspended from Freemasonry. The Dues for 2021 are \$58.00. Check 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

As a reminder: The Ahiman Rezon states in Article 19.01: "Dues are payable at the beginning of each year. Those owing dues will be suspended at the January Stated Meeting after having been given due notice. The Lodge may at its discretion postpone suspension to the April Stated Meeting, but no longer."

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	2009, 2010, 2011,
1973.....Leon E. Adam	2016, 2017.....William L. Herz
1981.....Thomas C. Keen	2012.....Richard P. Almquist Jr.
1983.....Donald T. Miller Jr.	2013.....Richard A. Wolf
1985.....Wayne H. Thomas	Ψ 2013, 2014.....Eric A. Bausch
1986.....Terrence H. McCoy	2014.....Daniel S. Nichol
1987.....Ronald D. March	Ω 2016, 2017.....Eric P. Kissinger
1988, 2015.....Glen A. Houck	2018.....Eric A. Bausch
1989.....Terry J. Blizniak	Ω 2018.....Victor M. Frederick IV
1990, 2003, 2004.....John H. Hughes	2019.....E. George Oatman Jr.
1991.....Craig S. Gaul	2020.....Nathaniel E. Sherman,III
1992.....Dean A. Miller	

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
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
Glenn G. Hart	1/7/1971
Joseph M. Moyer	10/21/71

Committee on Grievance

WILLIAM M. EGGLESTON, Chairman
NOAH H. BROOKS
BARRY L. SMITH

Committee on Instruction

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., V.P.
ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.
TERRANCE H. MCCOY, P.M.
E. GEORGE OATMAN, Jr, P.M.

Committee on Charity

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman
TERRANCE H. MCCOY, P.M.
ALONZO W. CLEGG, III

Committee on Masonic Education

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.
ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

Committee on Furniture

SENIOR WARDEN, Chairman
WORSHIPFUL MASTER
JUNIOR WARDEN

Committee on Visitation

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman
E. GEORGE OATMAN, Jr, P.M.
DAVID A. BEIDEMAN