



# Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



October 2021

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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## Elected Officers

**Worshipful Master**  
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**Junior Warden**  
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**Treasurer**  
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**Secretary**  
STEPHEN L. ROWE, SR.  
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**Trustees**  
RICHARD A. WOLF, P.M.  
ALONZO W. CLEGG, III  
IAN K. KARLSON

**Representative in the Grand Lodge**  
E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR.

**Substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge**  
NATHANIEL E. SHERMAN, III

**Lodge Almoner**  
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**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 28, 2021 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

### PROGRAM

To Be Announced

A dinner of Fish Tacos will be served prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Dessert will be served after the meeting.

### SPECIAL TRAFFIC WARNING

TRAFFIC ALERT: The evening of our Stated meeting, Birdsboro will be hosting their Halloween Parade. The parade starts at 7pm and the route includes Chestnut, Main, Furnace and First Streets. The exact time of these roads being closed is unknown at this moment, but everyone attending the Stated Meeting should be aware of the potential for delays and closures. This is a great opportunity for everyone to come early and enjoy an awesome meal before the meeting! Dinner service will start at 5:30pm that evening to encourage everyone to come early and beat the parade.

### IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Terrence H. McCoy, P.M. Entered: June 26, 1980 Died: September 28, 2021

### EXTRA MEETING

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

**THURSDAY EVENING October 21, 2021**  
**At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

The Entered Apprentice 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 REINSTATEMENT OF:

Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
(See Lodge notice)	56	Lab Technician	Schnecksville, PA 18078

### ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS:

RESOLVED, that various Sections of Articles 1 thru 11 of Union Lodge’s By-Laws will be amended as detailed in the attached document which is incorporated with this Notice.

### 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.

- Oct 21, 2021 - Extra Meeting to confer EA degree, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 28, 2021 - October Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 29, 2021 - 150th Anniversary Banquet, Double Tree Reading at 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 30, 2021 - Liberty Tree Planting, Pennypacker Mills County Park at 10:00 a.m.
- Oct 30, 2021 - Trick or Treat Night at the Lodge, Union Lodge No. 479
- Nov 1, 2021 - Phoenix Lodge No. 75 District Visitation, Royersford at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 6, 2021 - 40th District Ladies Night, Copperfield’s Inn at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 18, 2021 - November Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 14, 2021 - Perkiomen Lodge No. 595 District Visitation, Red Hill at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 23, 2021 - December 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	6	5	4	3	8	219

## 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,

I think it is safe to say that summer is officially over, as the weather has started to turn cooler, and the leaves are changing. The other sure sign of the end of summer is an uptick in activity at our Lodge and this October is no exception. Our annual golf outing is happening this Friday and we are still open to both golfers as well as helpers to ensure the success of the event. If you can spare some time on Friday the 15th to assist, please contact me ASAP.

We have an extra meeting on October 21, where we are initiating a new member to our Lodge via the First Degree, please come out and help support the candidate. The final week of October is particularly busy, starting with our Stated Meeting on the 28th, our Anniversary Banquet on the 29th, the Liberty Tree Planting on morning of the 30th, and Trick or Treat night the evening the 30th. While we have plenty of activity at the Lodge, the only thing we are missing at Union Lodge, is YOU, so please come out and enjoy your Fraternity.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at the Lodge and our many functions.

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

“Participation - that’s what’s gonna save the human race.” - *Pete Seeger*

## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

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

## 40TH DISTRICT LADIES NIGHT

The 40th Masonic District will be hosting a Ladies Night dinner on Saturday November 6, 2021, at Copperfield’s Restaurant in Pottstown. This is a great opportunity to treat your lady to an enjoyable evening with our Masonic family. Tickets are \$80 per couple. For tickets see the Worshipful Master no later than Wednesday October 20, 2021.

## 150TH LODGE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

In 2020 Union Lodge became 150 years old. As you all know, the COVID situation put a significant damper on the celebration of this momentous occasion, including what would have been a gala banquet. The banquet was rescheduled and is being held on Friday October 29, 2021, at the Double Tree in Reading. The Right Worshipful Grand Master, and several of the Grand Lodge Officers will be in attendance to help us celebrate the event that evening. We have simplified the banquet to allow for more social time with our brethren and our families after over a year of being ‘cooped-up’. If you would like to attend the banquet and have not already submitted your reservation request, please contact the Worshipful Master **as soon as possible** so we can still try to get you in, but we can no longer guarantee your meal selection.

## BY-LAWS AND DUES MESSAGE

At the September Stated Meeting, the bylaws committee presented several proposed changes to our Lodge by-laws. While most of these changes were ‘clean-up’ items, they remain important issues for all the members of the Lodge. Along with the proposed changes to the by-laws, an increase in Lodge dues was presented. This is a very important issue and not one we should take lightly. The bottom line is that our Lodge dues will be INCREASING. To provide more members an opportunity to provide input and ask questions, as an exact amount of the increase was not decided in September, we must resolve this issue at the October Stated meeting. The October meeting will be your opportunity to have your voice heard on this very important issue.

\*\*\* Please see the attached notice concerning the 2021 Grand Lodge Masonic Charities Fall Appeal \*\*\*

### Living Past Masters of Union Lodge

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
1987.....Ronald D. March	Ψ 2013, 2014.....Eric A. Bausch
1988, 2015.....Glen A. Houck	2014.....Daniel S. Nichol
1989.....Terry J. Blizniak	Ω 2016, 2017.....Eric P. Kissinger
1990, 2003, 2004.....John H. Hughes	2018.....Eric A. Bausch
1991.....Craig S. Gaul	Ω 2018.....Victor M. Frederick IV
1992.....Dean A. Miller	2019.....E. George Oatman Jr.
1995.....George K. Peifer	2020.....Nathaniel E. Sherman, III

### Living 50 Year Members

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

Ψ..... Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg

Ω..... Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading

#### Committee on Grievance

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

#### Committee on Charity

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

#### Committee on Furniture

SENIOR WARDEN, Chairman  
WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
JUNIOR WARDEN

#### Committee on Instruction

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

#### Committee on Masonic Education

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

#### Committee on Visitation

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