



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



December 2021

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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Elected Officers

Worshipful Master
SCOTT R. REESER
WM@unionlodge479.com

Senior Warden
ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.
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Junior Warden
ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.
JW@unionlodge479.com

Treasurer
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Treasurer@unionlodge479.com

Secretary
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Secy0479@pagrandlodge.org

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
GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.
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District Deputy Grand Master 40th 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 DECEMBER 23, 2021 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

Election and Installation of Officers

A German dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Dessert will be served after the meeting.

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 January 13, 2022
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Master Mason’s Degree will be conferred

- AND -

The Fellow Craft 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.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Charities Holiday Appeal

You have the opportunity to benefit many, be part of a community and demonstrate the main principles of the fraternity: brotherly love, charity and truth. Will you consider giving to your favorite Masonic charity through the 2021 Annual Holiday Appeal?

This season, your gift gives a child, who often has to face adult challenges, the chance to just enjoy being a kid (**Masonic Children’s Home**). Your gift gives peace to seniors (and their loved ones) when their funds and hope run out (**Masonic Villages**). Your gift gives preservation to the history of Freemasonry (**Masonic Temple, Library and Museum**). Your gift gives youth opportunities to build character, self-esteem and successful futures (**Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation**).

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.

Please make a contribution by logging onto www.MasonicCharitiesPA.org and clicking “Donate Now,” Or, mail your contribution to:

**Masonic Charities, Office of Gift Planning, One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022**

THANK YOU for supporting the Masonic Charities of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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.

- Dec 19, 2021 - Food Drive, Redner’s Douglassville and Exeter from 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Dec 23, 2021 - December Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 1, 2022 - Pork and Sauerkraut Take Out Meals from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Jan 13, 2022 - Extra Meeting to confer MM & FC Degrees, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 23, 2022 - Installation of New 40th DDGM- Bill Herz, Union Lodge No. 479 at 2:00 p.m.
- Jan 27, 2022 - January 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 |
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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 hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving and for those of you that enjoy hunting your adventures were safe and memorable. We are deep into the holiday season and winter seems to be hiding around the next corner to greet us.

As we bring to a close this memorable year, many of you may be considering resolutions for the new year. Maybe you desire to lose a few pounds, or go to the gym more often, maybe you are resolving to put a few more dollars into your 401k or maybe you plan on resolving to quit a bad habit. I would like to propose a New Year's resolution to each of you, come out to the Lodge and partake in our great fraternity. Each of you joined Freemasonry for your own reasons, maybe 2022 is the year to rekindle your Masonic spirit.

Lastly a reminder to everyone, on Sunday January 23, 2022 at 2pm, there will be a presentation by the R.W.G.M. in OUR Lodge. The R.W.G.M. will be presenting the newly installed District Deputy Grand Master of the 40th Masonic District, he is none other than our own Brother William L. Herz, P.M. This will be an open presentation. Please come out and support Brother Herz as he begins his tenure as D.D.G.M.

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

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

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."

- Benjamin Franklin

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

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| James H. Bitting, P.M. | 12/03/1964 | Gerald A. Trate | 12/01/1994 | Charles G. Blank | 12/02/2010 |
| Robert E. Moore Sr. | 12/15/1969 | Jack D. Huyett | 12/07/1995 | David A. Blank Jr. | 12/02/2010 |
| Dennis R. Rehrer | 12/16/1969 | Martin P. Hyneman | 12/07/1995 | Scott R. Reeser | 12/15/2012 |
| John C. Zerr Jr. | 12/21/1972 | Barry L. Smith | 12/04/2008 | Joshua R. Moore | 12/01/2016 |
| Terry J. Blizniak, P.M. | 12/06/1984 | Michael J. Keating III | 12/03/2009 | Timothy R. Braun | 12/03/2020 |
| John H. Hughes, P.M. | 12/19/1985 | Brent M. Knerr | 12/03/2009 | Gavin W. Moore | 12/08/2020 |
| Dean A. Miller, P.M. | 12/22/1987 | Robert S. Millard | 12/03/2009 | Eric B. Taylor | 12/08/2020 |
| Emil S. Washko Jr. | 12/05/1989 | Robert E. Moore Jr. | 12/03/2009 | | |

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA, August 25, A.D. 2021, A.L. 6021

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:

You are hereby requested to attend the closed Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 8:00 o'clock, a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021, at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown, 600 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh PA 15222, at which time the business of the Grand Lodge will be conducted

You are also hereby requested to attend the Open Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown, 600 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on Monday, December 27, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. at which time the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Mark A. Haines
R.W. Grand Secretary

2022 LODGE DUES

Brethren,

Dues are now payable for the Masonic Year ending December 27, 2022. Dues for 2022 are \$75.00. A Dues notices was included with the November Stated Meeting Notice. Thank you to those Brethren who have already paid their 2022 Dues. Please forward your payment to the Secretary at the address found below. Checks are to be made payable to "Union Lodge No. 479". If you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope your Dues card will be mailed to you promptly. Dues payments may be made at a Stated Meeting, on the Grand Lodge member web site or by mailing the payment to:

Brother Stephen L. Rowe, Sr.
109 Mulberry Place
Douglassville, PA 19518

(Checks are to be made payable to "Union Lodge No. 479")

If you have any questions about your Dues, please contact the Worshipful Master or the Secretary.

Living Past Masters of Union Lodge

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| 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 |

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

Living 50 Year Members

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| 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. Rehrer | 12/16/1969 |
| David G. Riley | 6/10/1970 |
| Glenn G. Hart | 1/7/1971 |
| Joseph M. Moyer | 10/21/71 |