



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



April 2022

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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Elected Officers

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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 APRIL 28, 2022 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

YORK RITE MASONRY

A Shepherds Pie 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 a degree, will be held in the Masonic Temple, 201 Washington Street, Birdsboro, PA on:

THURSDAY EVENING May 5, 2022
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.

TEMPLE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS APPROVAL

The Temple Association has made a few changes to their bylaws having to do with member committees. Included with this notice is a copy of the proposed changes to be made. At the April Stated Meeting, a vote will be held to accept these changes.

8th Annual Antique-Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

On Saturday, May 28th from 9am to 2:30pm, our Lodge will once again host what has become one of our most popular events- our Annual Classic Car & Motorcycle show. Over the past several years we have been able to grow this event into an great, fun filled & enjoyable day. We will be serving breakfast sandwiches in the morning, and hamburgers, hot dogs & pulled pork sandwiches for lunch and there will be DJ music playing all day long. Plenty of door prizes for the participants and trophies to be won. And also a Chinese Auction, available to all. You can visit the Lodge website for more information & pre-registration forms.

We will be having meetings to prepare for the Car Show in the near future. Please come out and join us for this event and spend some time with your brethren and the community. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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.

- Apr 28, 2022 - April Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 2, 2022 - District Visitation, Phoenix Lodge No. 75 in Royersford at 7:00 p.m.
- May 5, 2022 - Extra Meeting to confer an EA Degree, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 26, 2022 - May Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 28, 2022 - 8th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show, Union Lodge No. 479 at 9 a.m.
(Donors, Helpers & Entrants needed)

Membership 12/27/21	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
222	2	0	0	1	0	221

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon

E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR., P.M.

Junior Deacon

ERIC A BAUSCH, P.M.

Senior Master of Ceremonies

MICHAEL KEATING

Junior Master of Ceremonies

TIMOTHY BRAUN

Pursuivant

ERIC A. SKILES

Chaplain

DAVID W. BEIDEMAN

Tyler

BARRY SMITH

Stewards

WILLIAM E. TOBIN
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WILLIAM E. TOBIN
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Representative to the PA Youth Foundation

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

“April showers bring May flowers.” An expression I heard as child, and based on the recent weather we have experienced, I would think we will see quite the floral display in May!

Visitation season is winding down, but there is still plenty of time to join the Lodge Officers in their travels. On Tuesday April 12, we visit Perkiomen Lodge Number 595 and on May 2nd we visit Phoenix Lodge Number 75.

A group of us are planning a visit to Howell Lodge in Honeybrook on Wednesday April 13 and would enjoy more company! They are hosting their district visitation that evening as well as holding a food drive, carpools for each visitation leave Union Lodge at 6pm sharp.

Planning is underway for our annual Memorial Day Weekend Car Show. Brother Forsyth and the rest of the committee are always looking for more support in the planning and operation of the event.

As the fighting rages on in eastern Europe and the turbulence continues here at home, it is increasingly important that we exhibit the Masonic Virtues and practice the lessons we are taught in our degree rituals. More than ever the world NEEDS Freemasons, and we all need to do our part to spread the light.

Check out the upcoming events in this notice and come out to the Lodge on Wednesday evenings for school. Plan on attending the Stated meeting this month and the Extra Meeting in May as we continue to grow in our fraternal bonds and become better men.

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

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

“The bravest sight in the world is to see a great man struggle against adversity.”

- *Lucius Annaeus Seneca*

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Ronald D. March, P.M.	4/15/1982	Victor M. Frederick, IV	4/25/1988	Brian T. Demild	4/15/2010
David A. Pfeffer	4/28/1983	Jimmy M. Edwards	4/28/1988	Robert L. Chafin	4/29/2021
David J. Westley	4/28/1983	Terry L. Rubendall	4/2/1998		
Gail R. Dengler	4/11/1985	Dennis R. Little	4/14/2000		

2022 LODGE DUES

Brethren,

Dues are now past due for the 2022 Masonic Year. Dues for 2022 are \$75.00. **Brethren who have not paid their 2022 Dues will be suspended from Freemasonry at the April Stated Meeting.**

To avoid suspension from the fraternity, 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

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

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
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	2020.....Nathaniel E. Sherman, III
1995.....George K. Peifer	2021.....Scott R. Reeser
2001.....Mark N. Pellicciotti	
Ψ.....Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg	Ω.....Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading

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
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
Wayne H. Thomas, P.M.	6/9/1972
James F. Knisley	10/19/1972
John C Zerr Jr.	12/21/1972

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

ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

Committee on Visitation

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR., Chairman
E. GEORGE OATMAN, Jr, P.M.
DAVID A. BEIDEMAN