



# Union Lodge No. 479

**F. & A. M.**

Constituted November 10, 1870



January 2023

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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## Elected Officers

**Worshipful Master**

RICHARD A. WOLF, P.M.  
WM@unionlodge479.com

**Senior Warden**

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.  
SW@unionlodge479.com

**Junior Warden**

ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.  
JW@unionlodge479.com

**Treasurer**

IAN K. KARLSON  
Treasurer@unionlodge479.com

**Secretary**

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

**Trustees**

GLEN A. HAUCK, P.M.  
TIMOTHY R. BRAUN  
ROBERT E. MOORE, SR.

**Representative in the Grand Lodge**

SCOTT R. REESER, P.M.

**Substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge**

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

**Lodge Almoner**

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

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

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.  
DDGM40@pagrandlodge.org



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, JANUARY 26, 2023 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

## PROGRAM

### Introduction of 2023 Officers and Explanation of Annual Programs & Events

An Asian Dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Dessert will be served after the meeting.

### Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA, December 6, A.D. 2022, A.L. 6022

The following resolution attached to the report of the Committee on By-Laws was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the proposed amendments the Full Code of the By-Laws for Lodge No. 479 be APPROVED AS AMENDED

### 2023 40th MASONIC DISTRICT VISITATION SCHEDULE

Feb 9th	Thur	Boyertown Lodge No. 741	Boyertown	7:30 P.M.
Mar 8th	Wed	Stichter Lodge No. 254	Pottstown	7:30 P.M.
Apr 6th	Thur	Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553	Royersford	7:30 P.M.
Apr 11th	Tue	Perkiomen Lodge No. 595	Red Hill	7:30 P.M.
Apr 27th	Thur	Union Lodge No. 479	Birdsboro	<u>7:00</u> P.M.
May 1st	Mon	Phoenix Lodge No. 75	<u>Royersford</u>	7:30 P.M.
May 8th	Mon	Mt. Pickering Lodge No. 446	Chester Springs	7:30 P.M.

### Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA, December 8, A.D. 2022, A.L. 6022

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:

You are hereby requested to attend a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 2:30 o’clock, p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2023, at the Masonic Villages located at One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, for the purpose of constituting Elizabethtown Day Lodge No. 816.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Mark A. Haines  
R.W. Grand Secretary

### DISTRICT 40 SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

DDGM William Herz has appointed Rev. Robert A. Witmyer as our District Spiritual Counselor. His phone number is 717-802-2099. Brother Witmyer is available to offer guidance and counsel to our District 40 Brethren and their families.

### 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.

- Jan 26, 2023 - January Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 9, 2023 - District Visitation, Boyertown Lodge No. 741, Boyertown at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 23, 2023 - February Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 8, 2023 - District Visitation, Stichter Lodge No. 741, Pottstown at 7:30 p.m.
- Mar 23, 2023 - March Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership 12/27/22	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
214	0	0	0	0	0	214

## Appointed Officers

**Senior Deacon**  
ERIC A. SKILES

**Junior Deacon**  
TIMOTHY BRAUN

**Senior Master of Ceremonies**  
DAVID W. BEIDEMAN

**Junior Master of Ceremonies**  
MOULOUH HARIM

**Pursuivant**  
CHUCK W. FORSYTH

**Chaplain**  
CHRISTOPHER J. BITNER

**Tyler**  
BARRY L. SMITH

**Stewards**  
IAN K. KARLSON  
WILLIAM E. TOBIN

**Lodge Safety Officer**  
WILLIAM E. TOBIN  
610-301-5277

**Representative to the PA Youth Foundation**  
ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

**Representative for the Masonic Blood Donor's Club**  
ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

**40th District Chaplain**  
ROBERT A. WITMYER  
717-802-2099  
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**District Website/Calendar**  
www.pa40th.org



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,  
A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

First, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Bro. Scott R. Reeser, P.M., for faithfully and competently serving Union Lodge as Worshipful Master for 2021 and 2022. I'm sure that Bro. Scott still has significant contributions to make to the wellbeing of Union Lodge moving forward. I, as I'm sure we all do, look forward to working with him as he proceeds on his Masonic journey.

Second, welcome and congratulations to all the 2023 Appointed and Elected Officers of Union Lodge. This year we intend to put more emphasis on learning and perfecting the ritual across the board. As a consequence, the Lodge School of Instruction will take on a more structured form in 2023. This will require a greater commitment on the part of Past Masters to act as instructors to assist in this endeavor. This effort will be coordinated by our Vice Principal of the School of Instruction, Bro. Glen A. Houck, P.M.

Last but not least, we have proposed a change in the way that Lodge fundraiser profits are distributed. As I'm sure you are aware, the Lodge is in reasonably good financial shape. In 2023, we propose that net proceeds from the fundraisers be distributed by the Fundraising Steering Committee to a Charity of their choice.

The program for the January 2023 meeting is the introduction of the 2023 Appointed and Elected Officers and a more detailed explanation of where we are headed in 2023. So, to hear more about these initiatives and to join in the fellowship and camaraderie both before and after the stated meeting; come on out! A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Richard A. Wolf, P.M., WM

## ANNUAL FOOD DONATION DRIVE



On a Sunday in mid-December, several Union Lodge members once again conducted our Annual Food Drive to benefit the hungry and needy of Berks County. Their efforts and the generosity of the Amity and Exeter citizens are to be applauded. As always, this was a tremendous success.



## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Emerson W. Gundy	1/18/1962	Craig S. Gaul, P.M.	1/16/1986	Matthew D. Neatock	1/16/2003
Jerry W. Wells	1/26/1967	Edward O. Selwyn Jr.	1/3/1989	John R. Mcgrath	1/3/2005
Glenn G. Hart	1/7/1971	Glen W. Browell	1/3/1991	Russell E. Andrews	1/6/2005
Paul A. Zerr	1/11/1979	Brian D. Boyer	1/13/1994	Mark J. Preletz	1/5/2006
Girard N. Eisenhard	1/10/1980	David D. Weld	1/2/1997	Samuel J. Marino	1/15/2009
Leon H. Lilley III	1/10/1980	Stephen L. Rowe Sr.	1/28/1997	Mark D. Whitman	1/28/2010
Joseph J. Hagan Sr.	1/5/1981	Kenneth S. Sittman	1/8/1998	Stephen L. Rowe Jr.	1/6/2011
Kenneth D. George	1/15/1981	Robert S. Demberger	1/25/2001	Michael F. Huffman	1/16/2020
Thomas F. Blair Sr.	1/17/1983	Nathaniel E. Sherman III	1/25/2001	William E. Tobin	1/16/2020

## 2023 LODGE DUES

Brethren,

Dues are now **PAST DUE** for the Masonic Year ending December 27, 2023. Dues for 2023 are \$100.00. Dues notices were included with the October and November Stated Meeting Notices. Thank you to those Brethren who have already paid their 2023 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

PA Grand Lodge (pamasons.org):  
[https://portal.pamasons.org/users/sign\\_in](https://portal.pamasons.org/users/sign_in)

(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 50+ Year Members

R. Kenneth Houp	11/7/1957
James R. Livingood	11/16/1961
Emerson W. Gundy	1/18/1962
James H. Bitting, P.M.	12/3/1964
John R. Moore	2/3/1966
Leon E. Adam, P.M.	6/30/1966
Jerry W. Wells	1/26/1967
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
Ross M. McEwen	6/21/1973
Carl P. Hernandez, Jr.	11/15/1973
Michael E. Hernandez	11/15/1973

### Living Past Masters of Union Lodge

1972	James H. Bitting	2009, 2010, 2011,
1973	Leon E. Adam	2016, 2017.....
1981	Thomas C. Keen	2012.....
1983	Donald T. Miller Jr.	2013.....
1985	Wayne H. Thomas	Ψ 2013, 2014 .....
1988, 2015	Glen A. Houck	2014.....
1987	Ronald D. March	Ω 2016, 2017.....
1989	Terry J. Blizniak	2018.....
1990, 2003, 2004	John H. Hughes	Ω 2018 .....
1991	Craig S. Gaul	2019.....
1992	Dean A. Miller	2020.....
1995	George K. Peifer	2021, 2022.....
Ψ	Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg	Ω
		Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading

**Committee on Grievance**  
NOAH H. BROOKS, Chairman  
BARRY L. SMITH

**Committee on Instruction**  
GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., V.P.  
ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.  
E. GEORGE OATMAN, Jr, P.M.

**Committee on Charity**  
GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman  
ERIC A. SKILES

**Committee on Masonic Education**  
ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

**Committee on Furniture**  
SENIOR WARDEN, Chairman  
WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
JUNIOR WARDEN

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