



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



April 2023

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 27, 2023 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

OFFICIAL MIGHTY 40th DISTRICT VISITATION and
UNION LODGE NO. 479 MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS

50 Years

Brother Carl P. Hernandez, Jr.
Brother Michael E. Hernandez
Brother Ross M. McEwen

25 Years

Brother Richard T. Gheer
Brother Terry L. Rubendall
Brother Henry A. Schweitzer, Jr.
Brother Kenneth S. Sittman
Brother Chester Springel

A Chicken and Pasta Dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Dessert will be served after the meeting.

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 April 20, 2023
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Fellow Craft Mason’s Degree will be conferred

- AND -

THURSDAY EVENING May 18, 2023
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Master 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 PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP:

Name (See Lodge notice)	Age 55	Occupation Self Employed	Residence Boyertown, PA 19512
Committee of Inquiry: Bro. Eric A. Bausch, P.M., Chairman, Bro. Stephen L. Rowe Sr., and Bro. Joshua M. Taylor			

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 20, 2023 - Extra Meeting to confer an FC Degree, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 27, 2023 - April Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 1, 2023 - District Visitation, Phoenix Lodge No. 75, Royersford at 7:30 p.m.
- May 8, 2023 - District Visitation, Mt. Pickering Lodge No. 446, Chester Springs at 7:30 p.m.
- May 18, 2023 - Extra Meeting to confer a MM Degree, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 25, 2023 - May Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7:00 p.m.
- May 27, 2023 - 9th Annual Union Lodge Car Show, Union Lodge No. 479 at 9:00 a.m.

Membership 12/27/22	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
214	2	1	0	2	0	213

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon
ERIC A. SKILES

Junior Deacon
TIMOTHY BRAUN

Senior Master of Ceremonies
DAVID W. BEIDEMAN

Junior Master of Ceremonies
MOULOUD HARIM

Pursuivant
CHUCK W. FORSYTH

Chaplain
CHRISTOPHER J. BITNER

Tyler
BARRY L. SMITH

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IAN K. KARLSON
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Representative to the PA Youth Foundation
ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

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ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

Now that the weather is heating up, things are getting more active. Spring sports for the kids and grandkids will start. Plays and concerts will start to occupy everyone's time. Not to mention the various chores and projects that everyone performs on their own property in preparation for the warm weather. Union Lodge is no different. The next couple of months should prove to be very busy.

April's stated meeting will center around an official visitation from the DDGM, Bro. William L. Herz and the officers from the various Lodge's in the 40th Masonic District. Additionally, we will have the presentation of 25- and 50-year service awards at this meeting.

On May 18, we will have an extra meeting for the conferring of the Master Masons degree. Come on out and support the group that has been working diligently on the ritual.

The Car Show will be held at the end of May. Planning and preparation for this event is currently taking place. Contact Bro. Chuck Forsyth for more details.

This is only a partial list of the activities taking place over the next couple of months. Come on out and support your Lodge.

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

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		

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Mark L. Painter	Entered: October 2, 2004	Died: March 9, 2023
Bro. Emerson W. Gundy	Entered: January 18, 1962	Died: April 4, 2023

2023 40th MASONIC DISTRICT VISITATION SCHEDULE

Apr 27th	Thur	Union Lodge No. 479	Birdsboro	7:00 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.

9th Annual Antique-Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

On Saturday, May 27th 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 a 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 Chance 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 throughout April & May. 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!!

Living 50+ Year Members

R. Kenneth Houp	11/7/1957
James R. Livingood	11/16/1961
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..... 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
1988, 2015	Glen A. Houck	2014..... Daniel S. Nichol
1987	Ronald D. March	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, 2022..... Scott R. Reeser
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.
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