



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



September 2024

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

www.UnionLodge479.com

Elected Officers

Worshipful Master

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.
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DAREN K. KULLMAN
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District Deputy Grand Master 40th Masonic District

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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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE & EXAMINATION OF A VISITOR

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

ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING PETITION FOR TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

Name (see Lodge Notice)	Age 74	Occupation Retired	Residence
			Fleetwood, PA 19522
A Member of New St. John’s Lodge No. 435, Reading, PA			

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Henry A. Schweitzer Jr.	Entered: July 23, 1998	Died: May 4, 2024
Bro. Ross M. McEwen	Entered: June 21, 1973	Died: August 13, 2024

ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

The following motions were duly made and seconded at the June 2024 Stated Meeting of Union Lodge No. 479 and held over for action at the September Meeting:

- 1) To donate \$500 to the Widow’s Sons MC for their charity motorcycle ride.
- 2) To donate \$1,000 to the Birdsboro Library
- 3) To donate \$1,000 to the Daniel Boone Area School District Weekend Backpack Program
- 4) To donate \$1,000 to the Birdsboro Community Center
- 5) To donate \$500 to the Union Lodge Trunk or Treat Event on Oct 31, 2024

MEMBER AND VISITOR SLIPS

As a reminder, All Members and Visitors are required to complete a Members or Visitor slip when attending a Meeting at the Lodge as per section 56.9 of the Digest of Decisions.

The slips are used to record members and visitors’ attendance at a Meeting in place of recording member and visitor names in the Meeting Minutes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month—District 40 SOI-Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553, at 7 p.m.
Every Tuesday (except the 2nd Tue)—Union Lodge School of Instruction (SOI) at 7 p.m.

- Sept 26, 2024 - September Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
- Oct 24, 2024 - October Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
- Oct 31, 2024 - 1st Annual Trunk or Treat event, Union Lodge No. 479, 5:30 p.m.— 9 p.m.
- Nov 21, 2024 - November Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
- Dec 4, 2024 - December Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philly, 10 a.m.

Membership 12/27/23	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
209	2	3	1	3	6	204

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon
TIMOTHY R. BRAUN

Junior Deacon
CHUCK W. FORSYTH

Senior Master of Ceremonies
DAVID W. BEIDEMAN

Junior Master of Ceremonies
WILLIAM E. TOBIN

Pursuivant
ROBERT E. MOORE, SR.

Chaplain
DAREN K. KULLMAN

Tyler
BARRY L. SMITH

Stewards
CHUCK G. BLANK

Representative to the PA Youth Foundation
NOAH H. BROOKS

Representative for the Masonic Blood Donor's Club
ERIC A. SKILES

40th District Chaplain
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District Website/Calendar
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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a Great Summer and enjoyed time with their families and friends, and had some time to relax.

This month our SOI started again on September 3rd. Please consider joining us at SOI if you are at all interested in learning the ritual work. We are always willing to help a fellow Brother who wants to learn the work.

At our Stated Meeting this month we will review the Masonic Funeral Service. If you have not had the chance to participate in a Masonic Funeral Service, I think you will find learning more about the service very interesting.

We will also review the Examination of a Visitor. This is a good opportunity to see what is expected of you when you visit another Lodge.

I hope everyone will consider coming to the Meeting this month and spending some time with your Brothers in harmony and friendship.

As always, we will have a meal starting at 6:00 p.m., expertly prepared by our very own Stewards.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Robert L. Chafin, Jr., WM

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

George E. Koslow	7/16/1992	Barry A. Lucas Sr.	9/30/1999	Randy M. Harders	9/22/2016
Ernest F. Warner	7/28/1994	Bryce A. Hart	9/14/2004	Steven M Chieffo	9/23/2017
William L. Herz P.M.	7/3/2003	Bryan P. Boughter	9/29/2005	Michael E. Burdy	9/17/2018
		Jarrett D. Haines	9/29/2005	Joshua M. Taylor	9/8/2022
David A. Blank Sr., P.M.	8/25/1994	Darrell L. Marcks	9/6/2012		

1ST ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Join us on Halloween night for our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat Event at Union Lodge, where we will be inviting folks to bring and decorate their cars in our parking lot and hand out candy to the Trick or Treaters in the neighborhood. The Event will run from 5:30 to 9pm and will offer free food & drinks for the public. We can use some volunteers for this event. Contact the WM to register your vehicle or to help out that night. See attached flyer for more info.

PAST MASTER'S JEWELS

Do you have or know of anyone that has a Past Master Jewel from a Past Master of Union Lodge? We now have a display case with Past Master's Jewels on display in the banquet hall and would like to add them to the collection. If you know of one, please contact the Secretary so we can polish it up and show it off for all who come to our Lodge to see.

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY

When you have a change of address, email address and or telephone number, **please** provide the updated information to the Secretary so the Lodge records can be updated and remain accurate.

If you are not receiving the Monthly Stated Meeting Notice via US Mail or email, **please** inform the Secretary so that you can receive the Monthly Notices. If you're not receiving them via email, **please** consider doing so, as it saves the Lodge a **lot** of money each year on printing and postage.

If you do not receive the Call-EM-All calls, **please** inform the Secretary, so that you may receive timely information and updates on important Lodge happenings.

Websites of Interest: PA Grand Lodge
Union Lodge No. 479
40th Masonic District

www.pagrandlodge.org
www.unionlodge479.com
www.pa40th.org

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, 2023
1985	Wayne H. Thomas	Ψ 2013, 2014
1988, 2015	Glen A. Houck	2014
1989	Terry J. Blizniak	Ω 2016, 2017
1990, 2003, 2004	John H. Hughes	2018
1991	Craig S. Gaul	Ω 2018
1992	Dean A. Miller	2019
Σ 1994	Wolfgang Hauke	2020
1995	George K. Peifer	2021, 2022
2002	David A. Blank, Sr.	

Σ Bristol Lodge No. 25, Levittown
Ψ Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg

Ω Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading

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. Rehner	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
Carl P. Hernandez, Jr.	11/15/1973
Michael E. Hernandez	11/15/1973
James R. Reeser	6/4/1974

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

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

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
DAVID A. BEIDEMAN, Chairman
E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR., P.M.