



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



November 2024

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

www.UnionLodge479.com

Elected Officers

Worshipful Master

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR.
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Senior Warden

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.
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Junior Warden

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Secretary

STEPHEN L. ROWE, SR.
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Trustees

DAREN K. KULLMAN
TIMOTHY R. BRAUN
ROBERT E. MOORE, SR.

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ERIC A. BAUSCH, 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, NOVEMBER 21, 2024 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

NOVEMBER STATED MEETING

The November Stated Meeting will be held one (1) week early on November 21, 2024, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Elections of Officers will be held at the November Stated Meeting with an Open Installation of Officers taking place at the December Stated Meeting.

ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

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

- 1) to donate \$1,500 to Hurricane Relief through the Masonic Service Association.

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 in 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 www.pagrandlodge.org
Union Lodge No. 479 www.unionlodge479.com
40th Masonic District www.pa40th.org

UNION LODGE “CAT’S MEOW” KEEPSAKE SALE

Cat’s Meow keepsakes of the Birdsboro Masonic Temple Building are still available! The iconic image of the black cat appears near the Lodge building as it has on hundreds of little wooden cutouts of homes, buildings and even landmarks all over the world. It would make a great gift or just a collectable for your own display. We are selling the keepsakes for \$20 a piece. Please see Brother Eric A. Bausch, P.M. to get yours!



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.

- 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.
- Dec 7/8 & 14/15 - Holiday Happenings! Event, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 5 - 8 p.m.
- Dec 14, 2024 - Christmas in Birdsboro Festival
- Dec 26, 2024 - December Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.

Membership 12/27/23	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
209	2	4	1	3	7	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
REV. ROBERT A. WITMYER
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District Website/Calendar
www.pa40th.org



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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone enjoyed Halloween, if it was Trick or Treating with your kids or grandkids or handing out candy at your house.

Union Lodge No. 479's 1st Trunk or Treat was a successful event. Our Sisters from the Eastern Star had three (3) cars set up in the parking lot to hand out treats as the Lodge served candy, popcorn, hotdogs, and drinks to around 200 Trick or Treaters. We ran out of food by 8:15PM and sadly we had to turned away a handful of Trick or Treaters that were still out.

Last Month we had a good meeting. A respectable number of members attended the dinner beforehand and stayed through the Meeting and we all enjoyed dessert and Fellowship in the hall afterwards. The program for the October Meeting was a brief history of the Knights Templar.

This month's dinner will be served at 6:00 PM and the Meeting to start at 7:00 PM. The program for the meeting will be the Election of Officers. After the meeting we will meet in the hall for dessert and fellowship.

Please note that the November Stated Meeting is one week early because of Thanksgiving. I hope to see everyone there and we can all share in fellowship.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Ralph K. Houp	11/7/57	Paul J. Fretz	11/16/88	Mark T. Gyomber	11/23/11
James R. Livingood	11/16/61	Michael R. Rogers	11/22/88	James R. Care III	11/29/12
Michael E. Hernandez	11/15/73	Michael R. Schmehl	11/1/90	Alonzo W. Clegg III	11/29/12
Carl P. Hernandez Jr.	11/15/73	E. George Oatman Jr.	11/7/96	Chuck W. Forsyth	11/29/12
Patsy R. Romano Jr.	11/23/83	Robert F. Bickhart	11/20/03	Russell C. Hittle	11/24/14
Glen A. Houck, P.M.	11/23/83	Eric S. Kupper	11/28/03	M. Carl DeGrazia	11/12/15
Keith E. Grant	11/6/86	Andrew R. Lee	11/26/08	Joshua J. Gable	11/16/15
Terry L. Sittman	11/13/87	Ian A. West	11/4/10	Ian K. Karlson	11/2/17
Roger A. Kennedy	11/24/87	Bradley A. Whitman	11/25/10	Gerald L. Keiffer Jr	11/2/17
Timothy B. Bitler	11/24/87	Douglas M. Johnson	11/19/11	Robert L. Chafin Jr.	11/16/17
Eric P. Kissinger, P.M.	11/25/87	Noah H. Brooks	11/23/11		

2025 UNION LODGE DUES

Brethren,

Dues for 2025 are \$102.00 and are now payable for the Masonic Year ending December 27, 2025. and are due by **December 31, 2024.**

As per the Grand Lodge, enforcement of the suspension of members for Non-Payment of Dues at the **January Stated Meeting** is being strongly encouraged.

Grand Lodge raised the Grand Lodge Dues per member to \$52.00. This addition to the Grand Lodge Dues is being passed onto the members, as per Masonic Law.

Please forward your payment as soon as possible so as to avoid future reminders and possible suspension. 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.	Union Lodge Dues for 2025	\$50.00
109 Mulberry Place	Grand Lodge Dues for 2025	\$52.00
Douglassville, PA 19518	Total Owed	\$102.00

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

1972	James H. Bitting	2009, 2010, 2011,
1973	Leon E. Adam	2016, 2017.....
1981	Thomas C. Keen	William L. Herz
1983	Donald T. Miller, Jr.	2012.....
1985	Wayne H. Thomas	Richard P. Almqvist, Jr.
1988, 2015	Glen A. Houck	2013, 2023.....
1989	Terry J. Blizniak	Richard A. Wolf
1990, 2003, 2004	John H. Hughes	Ψ 2013, 2014
1991	Craig S. Gaul	Eric A. Bausch
1992	Dean A. Miller	2014.....
Σ 1994	Wolfgang Hauke	Daniel S. Nichol
1995	George K. Peifer	Ω 2016, 2017
2002	David A. Blank, Sr.	Eric P. Kissinger
		2018.....
		Eric A. Bausch
		Ω 2018
		Victor M. Frederick IV
		2019.....
		E. George Oatman, Jr.
		2020.....
		Nathaniel E. Sherman III
		2021, 2022.....
		Scott R. Reeser

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
RICHARD A. WOLF, P.M., Chairman
ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

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