



# Union Lodge No. 479



## F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



March 2025

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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### Elected Officers

#### Worshipful Master

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR., P.M.  
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#### Senior Warden

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

ROBERT E. MOORE, SR.  
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TIMOTHY R. BRAUN

#### Representative in the Grand Lodge

ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M.

#### Substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge

RICHARD P. ALMQUIST, JR, P.M.

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GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.  
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#### District Deputy Grand Master 40<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

WILLIAM L. HERZ, 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, MARCH 27, 2025 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

### PROGRAM

**OFFICIAL MIGHTY 40<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT VISITATION and  
UNION LODGE NO. 479 MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS**

#### 25 Years

Brother David L. Fant  
Brother H. Scott Hartman  
Brother Dennis R. Little

A Baked Ziti 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**

A Sectional Meeting of the Schools of Instruction for Region 1 which includes Masonic Districts B, C, D, 5, 6, 8, and 40 will be held on:

**DATE:** Saturday, April 12, 2025  
**PLACE:** Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598  
**TIME:** 8:15 AM  
**REGISTRATION:** 7:00-8:00

All Lodge Officers, Floor Workers, School Officers and Instructors are expected to attend this most important of all Ritualistic functions. All Master Masons are also welcome to attend.

The District Schools of Instruction expend much time and effort to prepare for this Meeting. Please join us.

The schedule for the day has been modified to have all the work conclude by lunch, therefore no lunch arrangements have been made at the Temple.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Larry A. Derr  
R.W. Grand Master

### 40<sup>th</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT 2025 VISITATION SCHEDULE

Mar 27th	Thur	Union Lodge No. 479	Birdsboro	<u>7:00</u> P.M.
Apr 3th	Thur	Spring-Ford Lodge No. 553	Royersford	7:30 P.M.
Jun 10th	Tue	Perkiomen Lodge No. 595	Red Hill	7:30 P.M.
Sep 8th	Mon	Mt. Pickering Lodge No. 446	Chester Springs	7:30 P.M.
Oct 4th	<u>Sat</u>	Phoenix Lodge No. 75	Phoenixville	7:30 P.M.

### 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.

- Mar 27, 2025 - March Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
- Apr 12, 2025 - Region 1 Sectional School, Grand Lodge in Philly
- Apr 13, 2025 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Union Lodge No. 479 at 1 p.m.
- Apr 24, 2025 - April Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
- May 22, 2025 - May Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
- May 24, 2025 - 11th Annual Car Show, Union Lodge No. 479 at 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Membership 12/27/24	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
202	2	1	0	1	5	196

## Appointed Officers

**Senior Deacon**  
DAREN K. KULLMAN

**Junior Deacon**  
CHUCK W. FORSYTH

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

**Junior Master of Ceremonies**  
GEORGE A. GAJEWSKI

**Pursuivant**  
ROBERT E. MOORE, SR.

**Chaplain**  
SCOTT L. ULRICH

**Tyler**  
BARRY L. SMITH

**Stewards**

**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**  
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## FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone is adjusting to the time change nicely. With the time change comes longer daylight and the weather should be getting warmer soon, I hope.

Last month we had a great meeting. We started off with a short business meeting, after which we held a Table Lodge where we shared in good fellowship in the Banquet Hall.

This month is the Official 40th District visitation. We will have the honor of welcoming our own Brother William L Herz DDGM and all of the Officers of the Mighty 40th District. The program of the evening will be honoring three brethren who will receive their 25-year Service Award.

Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Fellowship in the Banquet Hall will be afterwards with desert. I hope to see everyone there so we can enjoy in fellowship with our brethren from the Mighty 40th District

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

### MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

C. Robert Rice Jr.	3/19/1981	John W. Tschudy	3/1/1990	Joseph M. Cutler	3/3/2011
Frederick W. Love	3/16/1986	David S. Johnson	3/30/1995	Michael J. Burdy	3/20/2017
George K. Peifer, P.M.	3/3/1988	Henry H. Hyneman Jr.	3/14/1996	AJ Tronceliti	3/16/2023
Kim B Sweitzer	3/3/1988	Carl B. Motta	3/14/1996		

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Lodge on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, promptly at 1:00 p.m. This is a FREE EVENT and is open to the public. As usual there will be prizes, candy, food and fun for children ages 10 and under.

Donations of \$25 are being sought to purchase Easter baskets. Contact Bro. Bud Burdy at 610-850-5404 if you have any questions or are able to help at the Easter Egg Hunt or if you are able to help prepare for the Hunt on Saturday, April 12 with stuffing the eggs.

### UNION LODGE ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Things are starting to *gear up* for our 11th Annual Car and Motorcycle show at the Lodge! As usual, the show will be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 24th from 9am–2:30pm- please Save the Date! We are continuing to have regular Car Show meetings in the Lodge Social Hall. Please keep an ear out for the next call-em-all and come out to help us plan for the event and share any fresh ideas you might have to make this year's show get even better!

### 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

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### Living Past Masters of Union Lodge

1973 .....	Leon E. Adam	2009, 2010, 2011,	
1981 .....	Thomas C. Keen	2016, 2017.....	William L. Herz
1983 .....	Donald T. Miller, Jr.	2012.....	Richard P. Almquist, Jr.
1985 .....	Wayne H. Thomas	2013, 2023.....	Richard A. Wolf
1988, 2015 .....	Glen A. Houck	Ψ 2013, 2014 .....	Eric A. Bausch
1989 .....	Terry J. Blizniak	2014.....	Daniel S. Nichol
1990, 2003, 2004 .....	John H. Hughes	Ω 2016, 2017 .....	Eric P. Kissinger
1991 .....	Craig S. Gaul	2018.....	Eric A. Bausch
1992 .....	Dean A. Miller	Ω 2018 .....	Victor M. Frederick IV
Σ 1994 .....	Wolfgang Hauke	2019.....	E. George Oatman, Jr.
1995 .....	George K. Peifer	2020.....	Nathaniel E. Sherman III
Δ 1997, 2009.....	Michael P. Light	2021, 2022.....	Scott R. Reeser
2002 .....	David A. Blank, Sr.	2024.....	Robert L. Chafin, Jr.
Σ .....	Bristol Lodge No. 25, Levittown	Ω .....	Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading
Ψ .....	Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg	Δ.....	St. John's Lodge No. 435, Reading

### Living 50+ Year Members

R. Kenneth Houpp	11/7/1957
James R. Livingood	11/16/1961
John R. Moore	2/3/1966
Leon E. Adam, P.M.	6/30/1966
Jerry W. Wells	1/26/1967
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
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.