



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

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May 2025

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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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, MAY 22, 2025 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

Law Enforcement Night
A Cuban Sandwich dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Dessert will be served after the meeting.

EXTRA MEETING

An Extra Meeting 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 MAY 15, 2025
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees 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.

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA, March 18, A.D. 2025, A.L. 6025

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:
You are hereby requested to attend the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 10:00 o’clock, A.M. on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, One Masonic Drive; Elizabethtown, PA 17022.
You are hereby requested to attend the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of Constituting Spartan Traditional Lodge No. 817 to be held at 2:00 o’clock P.M., on Saturday June 28, 2025, at Stillwater Lodge No. 547, 80 Railroad Street, Youngsville PA 16371
By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.
Mark A. Haines
R.W. Grand Secretary

LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR FAMILY EVENTS

The Worshipful Master is seeking ideas for events that can be held for members and their families to enjoy together at the Lodge. For example, with our new LARGE screen TV, come together to watch a movie or sporting event, and of course enjoy some food at the same time. Please contact Brother Robert L. Chafin, Jr, W.M. with your ideas.

40th MASONIC DISTRICT 2025 VISITATION SCHEDULE

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	Sat	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.
May 15, 2025 - Extra Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 for EA/FC Degrees 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.
Jun 26, 2025 - June Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.

Membership 12/27/24	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
202	2	1	1	1	5	197

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon
DAREN K. KULLMAN

Junior Deacon
CHUCK W. FORSYTH

Senior Master of Ceremonies
DAVID W. BEIDEMAN

Junior Master of Ceremonies
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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,

The year is moving fast, and we are now in the full swing of Spring and nice weather.

In April we had a great Easter Egg hunt. A lot of children and adults from the community enjoyed the afternoon of food and candy.

In May, we will have our 11th Annual Car Show. This is a great event every year, and remember it is a rain or shine event.

Last month we had a good Stated Meeting, we had a couple visitors attend and join us for fellowship at the meal and at our meeting. We voted on the petition of Mr. Kauffman, who was approved for Initiation and Membership. Mr. Kaufmann will receive the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Mason degrees on Thursday, May 15th. At SOI over the next few weeks, we will be practicing the degree work. It's important that we practice because of the changes that are in the combined degree work.

This month the program for the evening will be Law Enforcement Night. We will have a meal at 6PM and the meeting will start at 7 PM. After the meeting we will retire to the banquet hall for refreshments and fellowship. I hope to see everyone at both the Extra and the Stated Meetings in May.

Also, I ask if you haven't been out to Lodge in a while come out meet some new people and enjoy in our fellowship.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Raymond G. Henninger Jr.	5/27/76	Kenneth D. Huyett	5/3/90	James C. Gray	5/3/07
Robert F. Gries	5/26/77	William R. Rogers	5/2/91	Kerry J. Burrell	5/31/07
John H. Haines	5/26/77	Steven S. Marino	5/22/97	Eric A. Bausch, P.M.	5/8/08
Donald R. Lebo	5/25/84	Edward J. Peifer	5/22/97	Daniel S. Nichol, P.M.	5/29/08
Donald S. Millard Jr.	5/25/84	Chester Springel	5/28/98	Richard A. Howett	5/12/11
Thomas W. Morrow	5/25/84	H. Scott Hartman	5/25/2000	Stephen A. Cipollone	5/2/17
J. Scott Eshelman	5/11/87	Richard P. Almquist, Jr., P.M.	5/20/03	Christopher J. Bittner	5/7/22

11th Annual Antique-Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

On Saturday, May 24th 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 decade we have been able to grow this event into a great, fun filled & enjoyable day. We will be serving breakfast sandwiches in the morning, plus hamburgers, hot dogs & pulled pork sandwiches for lunch. And of course, the DJ will be playing music all day long. Plenty of door prizes for the participants and trophies to be won. A Chance Auction, 50/50 drawing and more, available to all. You can visit the Lodge website www.unionlodge479.com for more information & pre-registration forms.

We're currently 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!!

DISTRICT 40 SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

A reminder that DDGM William L. Herz has appointed Rev. Robert A. Witmyer as our District Spiritual Counselor. His phone number is listed and he is available to offer guidance and counsel to our District 40 Brethren and their families.

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 Houp	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.