



# Union Lodge No. 479



F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



September 2025

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

[www.UnionLodge479.com](http://www.UnionLodge479.com)

## Elected Officers

### Worshipful Master

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

E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR., P.M.  
SW@unionlodge479.com

### Junior Warden

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.  
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### Treasurer

RICHARD A. WOLF, P.M.  
Treasurer@unionlodge479.com

### Secretary

STEPHEN L. ROWE, SR.  
SECY0479@pagrandlodge.org

### Trustees

ROBERT E. MOORE, SR.  
DAREN K. KULLMAN  
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.

### Lodge Almoner

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.  
Almoner@unionlodge479.com

### District Deputy Grand Master 40<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.  
DDGM40@pagrandlodge.org



A Stated Meeting of  
UNION LODGE No. 479, Free and Accepted Masons  
will be held at The Daniel Boone Homestead  
400 Daniel Boone Road, Birdsboro, PA  
**FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

## PROGRAM

### Meeting at the Wayside Lodge, Daniel Boone Homestead

Once again, we will meet at the Daniel Boone Homestead for our September Stated Meeting. Every time we have held our Stated Meeting at the Homestead, we have had a great meeting followed by time of food, drink and fellowship. Following our meal this year, we will have a special presentation on wood carving.

Please make an effort to join your Lodge at the Homestead for this special meeting and experience the unique feel of the Wayside Lodge for our Stated Meeting.

**\*\* Relaxed Dress Code - for members and visitors \*\***  
All Officers must wear Masonic attire

**Dinner following the Meeting**  
**Fellowship at the Cabin** - Bring your own beverage of choice.  
**Overnight Stay** - Bring your own bed-roll.  
Leave Saturday morning after Clean-Up.

## IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Ronald L. Forsyth      Entered: October 29, 2016      Died: August 5, 2025

## 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.

## 2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Join us on Halloween night for our 2nd 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.

## 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.

Sep 26, 2025 - September Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.  
Oct 23, 2025 - October Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.  
Oct 31, 2025 - 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat, Union Lodge No. 479, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Nov 20, 2025 - November Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.  
Dec 18, 2025 - December Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.  
Dec 27, 2025 - Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street; Philadelphia, PA 19107 at 8 a.m.

**\*\* Note Special Dates of these meetings \*\***

Membership 12/27/24	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
202	3	3	1	2	5	199

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. UHRICH

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  
717 - 802 - 2099  
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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a good summer break and that you found time to enjoy the company of friends and family.

In June, we shared a fantastic meal before our Stated Meeting, where we honored our Past Masters. Afterwards, we gathered together in the Social Hall for dessert and fellowship, strengthening the bonds that unite our Lodge.

Our upcoming September Stated Meeting will be held at the Daniel Boone Homestead. Please note the date: Friday, September 26th, at 7 PM. We will begin with a brief business meeting before closing the Lodge for dinner. Following our meal, we are excited to offer a special presentation on wood carving. This event promises to be both informative and enjoyable, and I encourage everyone to attend.

For the dress code: Members and visitors must wear collared shirts, long pants, and closed-toe shoes. All Officers must wear Masonic attire but may bring a change of clothes for after the meeting. If you would like to spend the night, please bring a sleeping bag—you're welcome to stay in the bunk room right at the cabin.

I hope to see everyone there! Together, we will share good fellowship and create wonderful memories. Let's make this gathering a highlight of our Masonic year.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

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

40th MASONIC DISTRICT 2025 VISITATION SCHEDULE

Oct 4th	Sat	Phoenix Lodge No. 75	Phoenixville	7:30 P.M.
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2026 UNION LODGE DUES

Brethren,

It is that time of the year when payment of Lodge dues are to be submitted for the Masonic Year ending December 27, 2026. Dues for 2026 are \$102.00 and are due by December 31, 2025.

If your dues are not paid by January 1, 2026, you will be considered in arrears and at risk for suspension from Union Lodge and the Fraternity at the January Stated Meeting, January 22, 2026. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania considers payment after December 31st as late payment. (Ahiman Rezon Art. 19.01)

Please forward your payment as soon as possible so as to avoid future reminders and possible suspension. Please also provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with your Dues payment to be used to mail your 2026 Dues card 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.  
109 Mulberry Place  
Douglassville, PA 19518

Union Lodge Dues for 2026 \$50.00  
Grand Lodge Dues for 2026 \$52.00  
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

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. 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.