



# Union Lodge No. 479

## F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



November 2025

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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### Elected Officers

#### Worshipful Master

ROBERT L. CHAFIN, JR., P.M.  
WM@unionlodge479.com

#### Senior Warden

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

#### Junior Warden

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

#### 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 in THE MASONIC TEMPLE  
201 Washington Street, Birdsboro, PA  
**THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

### PROGRAMS

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### VETERAN’S DAY

#### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PRESENTATION

An Stuffed Shell 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 Philadelphia, PA, August 29, A.D. 2025, A.L. 6025

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:

You are hereby requested to attend the closed Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 8:00 o’clock, a.m. on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at the Philadelphia Convention Center at 1101 Arch Street; Philadelphia, PA 19107, at which time the business of the Grand Lodge will be conducted.

You are also hereby requested to attend the Open Installation Ceremony of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Philadelphia Convention Center at 1101 Arch Street; Philadelphia, PA 19107, on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at 10:00 o’clock, a.m. at which time the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Mark A. Haines  
R.W. Grand Secretary

### ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP:

Name (see Lodge Notice)	Age 47	Occupation Automotive Service Equipment Contractor	Residence Mohnton, PA 19540
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Committee of Inquiry:  
Bro. E. George Oatman Jr., P.M., Chairman, Bro. Noah H. Brooks and Bro. Scott L. Uhrich

### ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

The following motions were duly made and seconded at the September and October 2025 Stated Meetings of Union Lodge No. 479 and held over for action at the November Stated Meeting:

- 1) To pay \$250 for a impersonator of Benjamin Franklin for the program at the November Stated Meeting
- 2) To donate \$5,000 to the Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Program
- 3) To donate \$500 to the Delaware Valley Chapter Alzheimer's Association
- 4) To donate \$2,000 to Camp Sonshine to sponsor their summer camp for Special Needs Children.

### 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 20, 2025 - November Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.

**\*\* One week early–Election of Officers will be held this evening \*\***

Dec 18, 2025 - December Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.

**\*\* One week early–Installation of Officers will be held this evening \*\***

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 the Special Dates of these meetings \*\***

Membership 12/27/24	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
202	4	3	1	3	5	198

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  
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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,  
Please note that our meeting this month will be held one week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving. I hope everyone enjoys quality time with family and friends during the holiday.  
Last month, we conducted a brief meeting, followed by an engaging public program on Dementia. Also, in October, we hosted training for local first responders, led by The Stuart J. Hulnick Burn Center at St. Christopher's Hospital, to help them provide care for burn victims. The event was well attended. On Halloween we held our second annual Trunk or Treat event which was very successful. I would like to extend my gratitude to all who contributed to these activities.  
This month, we will also be conducting elections of officers for the 2026 Masonic Year beginning on St. Johns Day next. In addition, we will take a few moments to recognize and honor our Military Veterans.  
After the meeting we are pleased to welcome a Benjamin Franklin impersonator who will deliver a special presentation Franklin's life and masonic connection.  
As always, dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing everyone.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Ralph K. Houp	11/7/57	Paul J. Fretz	11/16/88	Noah H. Brooks	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	11/18/03	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	11/22/87	Bradley A. Whitman	11/18/10	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	Mark T. Gyomber	11/23/11	Jonathan C. Mergerlin	11/3/20

2026 UNION LODGE DUES

Brethren,  
Dues for the 2026 Masonic Year are now payable. 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 Portal 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.  
Grand Lodge Member Portal (also for dues): [https://portal.pamasons.org/users/sign\\_in](https://portal.pamasons.org/users/sign_in)

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.