



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



December 2025

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month

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Elected Officers

Worshipful Master

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Trustees

ROBERT E. MOORE, SR.
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RICHARD P. ALMQUIST, JR, P.M.

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GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M.
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District Deputy Grand Master 40th Masonic District

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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, DECEMBER 18, 2025 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

You Are Cordially Invited to the Open Installation of Lodge Officers for 2026

Please join us as we celebrate the Installation of our 2026 Elected Lodge Officers.
This is an **Open Installation**, and we warmly welcome family, adult children, and friends to attend.

6:00 p.m. - Pot Roast Dinner

A pot roast dinner will be served for all to enjoy.

7:00 p.m. - Brief Stated Meeting (Members Only)

During this short meeting, guests may relax in the Social Hall.

Installation Ceremony

After the meeting concludes, our guests will be invited into the Lodge Room to witness the formal installation of our 2026 officers.

We look forward to sharing this special evening of fellowship, tradition, and celebration with you. 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 a degree, will be held in the Masonic Temple, 201 Washington Street, Birdsboro, PA on:

THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 15, 2026
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Entered Apprentice Mason’s Degree 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.

PRESENTATION OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The Presentation of the new District Deputy Grand Master for the 40th Masonic District, Brother Ronald G. Hoopes, will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 7 p.m. The event will take place at Mount Pickering Lodge No. 446. There will be a dinner prior to the presentation beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a limited number of dinner reservations available.

Please contact the Worshipful Master if you have any questions or are interested in attending this event.

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.

Dec 16, 2025 - Temple Assoc. Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 6 p.m.
Dec 18, 2025 - December Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
**** One week early—Open 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.
Jan 06, 2026 - Community Meal at 6 p.m.
Jan 10, 2026 - 40th District DDGM Presentation, Mt. Pickering Lodge No. 446, 7 p.m.
Jan 15, 2026 - Extra Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 for an EA Degree at 7 p.m.
Jan 22, 2026 - January 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	4	3	2	3	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
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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,

As the holiday season approaches, let us look forward to spending time with our families and friends and embrace the spirit of giving.

Our last Stated Meeting was particularly lively, as it included Officer elections, honoring our Veterans and an engaging presentation on Benjamin Franklin by Brother William Ohester. Brother Ohester's impersonation of Franklin was spot-on and offered interesting information and insights into Franklin's life.

This month, our Stated Meeting will feature a short business session followed by the installation of new Officers for 2026, with friends and family warmly invited to attend the installation.

As always, dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing everyone.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Robert E. Moore Sr.	12/15/1969	Gerald A. Trate	12/01/1994	Charles G. Blank	12/02/2010
Dennis R. Rehner	12/16/1969	Martin P. Hyneman	12/07/1995	David A. Blank Jr.	12/02/2010
John C. Zerr Jr.	12/21/1972	Barry L. Smith	12/04/2008	Scott R. Reeser	12/15/2012
Terry J. Blizniak, P.M.	12/06/1984	Michael J. Keating III	12/03/2009	Joshua R. Moore	12/01/2016
John H. Hughes, P.M.	12/19/1985	Brent M. Knerr	12/03/2009	Timothy L. Mayer	12/10/2016
Dean A. Miller, P.M.	12/22/1987	Robert S. Millard	12/03/2009	Timothy R. Braun	12/03/2020
Emil S. Washko Jr.	12/05/1989	Robert E. Moore Jr.	12/03/2009	Gavin W. Moore	12/08/2020

BIRDSBORO TEMPLE ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Birdsboro Temple Association will be held Wednesday, December 16th at 6:00 PM. This meeting is for the Board of Directors, but all members of Union Lodge are welcome to attend.

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.	Union Lodge Dues for 2026	\$50.00
109 Mulberry Place	Grand Lodge Dues for 2026	\$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.

Grand Lodge Member Portal (also for dues): 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.