



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

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April 2026

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, APRIL 23, 2026 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF THE MIGHTY 40th DISTRICT
featuring
A TABLE LODGE

A Chef’s Choice dinner will be served during the Table Lodge.

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 April 16, 2026
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Master 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.

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 21, 2026
At 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

The Fellow Craft 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.

MIGHTY 40th MASONIC DISTRICT 2026 VISITATION SCHEDULE

Apr 23rd	Thur	Union Lodge No. 479	Birdsboro	7:00 P.M.
May 2nd	Sat	Phoenix Lodge No. 75	Phoenixville	7:30 P.M.
May 12th	Tue	Perkiomen Lodge No. 595	Red Hill	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 other Wednesday of each month – Union Lodge School of Instruction (SOI) at 7 p.m.

- Apr 16, 2026 - Extra Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 for 2 MM Degrees at 7 p.m.
- Apr 23, 2026 - April Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.
- May 14, 2026 - Extra Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 for 1 EA Degrees at 7 p.m.
- May 21, 2026 - Extra Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 for 2 FC Degrees at 7 p.m.
- May 23, 2026 - 12th Annual Classic Car show, Union Lodge No. 479 from 9 a.m. – 2:30
- May 28, 2026 - May Stated Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 at 7 p.m.

Membership 12/27/25	No. of Petitions	No. Elected/ Entered	Restored	Deaths	Resignations/ Suspensions	Membership Today
199	3	2	4	1	7	197



Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon

MICHAEL P. LIGHT, P.M.

Junior Deacon

ROBERT E. MOORE, SR.

Senior Master of Ceremonies

SCOTT L. UHRICH

Junior Master of Ceremonies

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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,

Spring has arrived, bringing warmer weather and offering a chance to finally get outdoors after being cooped up all winter.

April is a particularly busy month at the Lodge. We have scheduled two Extra Meetings: one to welcome two new candidates into the Lodge, and another to raise two members to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

At this month's Stated Meeting, we will host the officers and members of the Mighty 40th District, led by DDGM Hoopes.

Our evening program will feature a Table Lodge, which will be held in the Social Hall immediately following a brief business meeting that begins at 7:00 pm.

I encourage everyone to attend the April Stated Meeting. District Visitations are a great opportunity to connect with members from other lodges throughout the 40th District.

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

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 May 14, 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.

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA, February 17, A.D. 2026, A.L. 6026

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 Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the Scranton Cultural Center located at 420 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.

You are hereby requested to attend virtually or in person (limited availability due to capacity) to the Special Communications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of celebrating America's 250th birthday, to be held at 5:00 o'clock P.M., on Saturday, April 25, 2026 and Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Independence Hall located at 520 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Peter M. Kraus
R.W. Grand Secretary

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

David J. Westley	4/28/1983	Jimmy M. Edwards	4/28/1988	Brian T. Demild	4/15/2010
Gail R. Dengler	4/11/1985	Terry L. Rubendall	4/2/1998	Robert L. Chafin	4/29/2021
Victor M. Frederick, IV	4/25/1988	Dennis R. Little	4/14/2000		

ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

The following motion was duly made and seconded at the March 2026 Stated Meeting of Union Lodge No. 479 and held over for action at the April Stated Meeting:

- 1) To spend up to \$150 annually for Cloud storage space for Lodge use

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
Raymon G. Henninger	5/27/1976
Thomas C. Keen, P.M.	10/14/1976

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, 2025.....	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

Committee on Grievance

NOAH H. BROOKS, Chairman
BARRY L. SMITH

Committee on Instruction

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., V.P.
MICHAEL P. LIGHT, P.M., ASST. V.P.
ERIC A. BAUSCH, P.M. +

Committee on Charity

GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman

Committee on Masonic Education

WILLIAM L. HERZ, P.M.
CRAIG S. GAUL, P.M.

Committee on Furniture

SENIOR WARDEN, Chairman
WORSHIPFUL MASTER
JUNIOR WARDEN

Committee on Visitation

DAVID A. BEIDEMAN, Chairman
E. GEORGE OATMAN, JR., P.M.