



Union Lodge No. 479

F. & A. M.

Constituted November 10, 1870



September 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 at The Daniel Boone Homestead
400 Daniel Boone Road, Birdsboro, PA
FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 at 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

PROGRAM

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Another special event will take place in September as we gather for a special Stated Meeting at the historic Daniel Boone Homestead, located at 400 Daniel Boone Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508.

Please take special note that, due to this unique occasion, the date of our Stated Meeting has been **changed from Thursday, September 24th, to Friday, September 25th.**

We look forward to gathering with our Brethren at this historic location and sharing what promises to be another memorable evening together spent at the Homestead.

A Campfire Fare dinner and dessert will be served after the Meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Michael P. Light, P.M. Entered: January 19, 1990 Died: July 30, 2026
"Well Done, Good And Faithful Servant"

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 September 17, 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.
A light meal will be served prior to the meeting with light refreshments being served after.

HISTORIC EVENT AT UNION LODGE

On June 25, 2026, Brother Damion A. Gordon was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree in what was a truly historic evening for Union Lodge.

The degree was distinguished by an extraordinary officers’ line in which every chair was occupied by a Past Master—something rarely seen, if ever before, in Union Lodge’s history. All but one were Past Masters of Union Lodge, bringing together an exceptional depth of experience and leadership. The remaining chair was filled by DDGM Ron Hoopes, adding further distinction to the occasion.

The evening was a remarkable reflection of the Lodge’s tradition, leadership, and brotherhood, and one that will hold a special place in Union Lodge history.



ACTION WILL BE HELD UPON THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

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

- 1) To donate \$730 to pay for flags at the new Veteran’s Memorial in Birdsboro.

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.

Sept 17, 2026 - Extra Meeting, Union Lodge No. 479 for 12 MM Degrees at 7 p.m.
Sept 19, 2026 - Fall Lodge Officer Workshop, Spring Ford Lodge No. 553 at 8 a.m.
Sept 25, 2026 - September Stated Meeting, Daniel Boone Homestead at 7 p.m.
Oct 22, 2026 - October 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	5	4	2	7	199

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
MATTHEW KAUFMANN

Pursuivant
CHUCK W. FORSYTH

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Tyler
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FROM THE DESK OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings Brethren,
I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and had the opportunity to spend some time with family and loved ones. Our School of Instruction and Lodge Meetings will resume this month, and we are looking forward to getting back together.
We have an Extra Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 17, for the conferral of a Master Mason Degree.
For this month's Stated Meeting, please note that the date has been moved to Friday, September 25. The meeting will be held at the Daniel Boone Homestead. In keeping with the setting, the attire for the evening will be business casual.
We will have a short program planned for the evening, leaving plenty of time to relax, enjoy the Homestead, and, most importantly, spend some time together in fellowship.
I hope everyone can join us for what should be a relaxed and enjoyable evening.
Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Robert L. Chafin, Jr., P.M., WM

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Barry A. Lucas Sr.	9/30/1999	Darrell L. Marcks	9/6/2012	Steven M Chieffo	9/23/2017
Bryce A. Hart	9/14/2004	Randy M. Harders	9/22/2016	Michael E. Burdy	9/17/2018

12th Annual Antique-Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

Our Annual Car Show "Take Two" was a huge success! After having to reschedule our Memorial Day event due to rain, we gave it another shot over Labor Day weekend—and what a day it was! We had about 80 cars come out to enjoy a beautiful day filled with great food, fun, music, and, thankfully, plenty of sunshine!
Not a bad turnout for a postponed event, especially with two other huge car shows happening in the area on the same day!



Thank you to everyone who came out and shared in the fun with us. We hope you had as much fun as we did, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



2027 Lodge/Grand Lodge DUES
CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR THE MASONIC TEMPLE

Brethren,
There will be a change to our 2027 dues that I want everyone to be aware of when your dues notice arrives later this month.
The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has approved a \$10.00 annual assessment to help pay for needed repairs, preservation, and capital improvements to the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street in Philadelphia. This assessment will be collected for the 2027 Masonic year and each of the following nine years.
The Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street is an important part of our Pennsylvania Masonic heritage. This assessment gives each of us an opportunity to help preserve it for the generations of Masons who will come after us.
The Grand Lodge portion of the dues has increased by \$1.50, from \$52.00 to \$53.50. The new Capital Investment Assessment and is separate from both Union Lodge and regular Grand Lodge dues.

For members of Union Lodge No. 479, the 2027 dues will be:

Union Lodge No. 479	Amount
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	\$50.00
Capital Investment Assessment	\$53.50
Total 2027 Dues	\$10.00
	\$113.50

We know that any increase in dues is something our members notice. Union Lodge's Dues have remained at \$50.00, and we will continue to do our best to keep costs reasonable while supporting the Lodge and our activities.
Please wait until you receive your 2027 Dues Notice before sending your payment. The notices are expected to be mailed in the next few weeks.
Thank you, Brethren for your continued support of Union Lodge No. 479.

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
2002	David A. Blank, Sr.	2021, 2022	Scott R. Reeser
		2024, 2025	Robert L. Chafin, Jr.
Σ	Bristol Lodge No. 25, Levittown	Ω	Chandler Lodge No. 227, Reading
Ψ	Vaux Lodge No. 406, Hamburg		

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 Rehrrer	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

Committee on Grievance
NOAH H. BROOKS, Chairman
BARRY L. SMITH

Committee on Charity
GLEN A. HOUCK, P.M., Chairman

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

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