

# JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 15 A.F. & A.M.

## May 2022 TRESTLE BOARD



Worshipful Master: Jim Craig

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### Message from the West

Brethren,

As the Summer months grow near, our time to formally come together for fellowship is ending. This is a great time to attend Lodge and see the brothers.

Applications are being accepted for the Ronald W. Clark Memorial Scholarship until May 20th, 2022. If you would like to apply and do not have an application, please contact PM Walter Hopkins or any Lodge officer.

The Oklahoma Indian Degree Team Presentation is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th, 2022. Please see me for tickets if you would like to attend. The previously cancelled Youth Table Lodge has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Our Stated Communication on Wednesday, May 4th will include a presentation from the Masonic Hall Company on the future of our Lodge. Please make sure to attend so you can be well informed on the progress that is being made.

Elections for the next Masonic year will be held during our Stated Communication on Wednesday, June 1st. Our Installation of Officers will be held on Wednesday, July 6th at 7 P.M., with light refreshments to follow. All are invited to attend this event, which will be a great conclusion to our year.

Respectfully,

Anthony M. Valenti  
Senior Warden  
Jefferson Lodge #15

## OFFICERS 2021 - 2022

### Worshipful Master

James Craig  
302-530-1998

### Senior Warden

Anthony Valenti  
302-841-1186

### Junior Warden

Charles VanHeest  
254-291-4158

### Senior Deacon

Sean McLaughlin  
302-249-2720

### Junior Deacon

David Lorah  
302-228-0303

### Senior Steward

Frank Carmichael  
518-225-3936

### Junior Steward

Tom Hudecheck  
302-448-1281

### Tiler

Ken Ciarlone  
215-327-1667

### Tiler Emeritus

Arthur Sutton III GLAH  
302-645-7353

### Chaplain

Robert Silvagni  
305-331-5508

### Aide to the Worshipful Master

Rob Jennings  
302-228-9269

### Secretary

Robert Karafin, GLAH  
302-855-5845

### Treasurer

Patrick Shearon  
302-670-9238

### Treasurer Emeritus

David Brittingham, GLAH

## COMMITTEES 2021 - 2022

### Budget

**Ron Ferraro - PM**  
Patrick Shearon

### Candidate Examination

**Eric Evans - PM**

### Parades

**Peter Pagani-PM**

Nick Acord-PM  
Sean McLaughlin

### Finance

**J.B. Walsh - PM**

Patrick Shearon  
Robert Karafin

### Fund Raisers

**Anthony Valenti**  
Chaz VanHeest  
Mark Belfiore

### Grand Lodge Visit

**Anthony Valenti**  
Chaz VanHeest  
Sean McLaughlin

### Ladies Night

**Chaz VanHeest**  
Gerald Cowan-PM  
Sean McLaughlin

### Past Master's Night

**Carl Wenke -PM**  
Tim Wolfe-PM

### Pop Jefferson Award

**Tim Wolfe - PM**  
Robert Karafin  
Dickie Brittingham

### Refreshments

**Chaz VanHeest**  
Frank Carmichael  
Mark Belfiore

### Ritual

**Eric Evans - PM**  
Gerald Cowen-PM  
Nick Acord-PM

### Scholarship

**Walter Hopkins - PM**  
Peter Pagani - PM

### Turkey Shoot

**Carl Wenke-PM**  
Robert Heslip

### Web Page

**Rob Jennings**

### Golf Tournament

**Pat Shearon**  
Robert Silvagni  
Mark Belfiore

### Car Show

**Nick Acord-PM**  
Tim Wolfe-PM  
Mark Belfiore

### Investment

**Ron Ferraro - PM**  
Gerald Cowan - PM

### Almoner's Fund

**Nick Acord-PM**  
Patrick Shearon  
Jim Craig  
Anthony Valenti  
Chaz VanHeest

### 175th Anniversary

**Jim Craig**  
Anthony Valenti  
Chaz VanHeest  
Eric Evan-PM  
Mark Belfiore

*(The Worshipful Master is an Ex-Officio member of all committees **BOLD** indicates committee Chairmen)*

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

The first Jefferson Lodge Night Golf Tournament was enjoyed by everyone! Many thanks to PM John Souder who prepared his apple sauerkraut and manned the BBQ grill, PM Marty Shertzer who directed traffic to squeeze a lot of cars into a small parking area, Pat Shearon whose contributions are too numerous to list, Wendy and Bob from Shamrock Par 3, and finally a big thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the evening.

## MEETING TIMES FOR DISTRICT #3 LODGES

### HOPE #4

3rd Tues. 7:30

### UNION #7

1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30

### TEMPLE #9

2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30  
Supper 6:30

### FRANKLIN #12

2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30

### ENDEAVOR #17

2nd Tues. 7:30

### HIRAM #21

2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30

### GETHSEMANE #28

3rd Wed. 7:30

### DORIC #30

1st & 3rd Mon. 7:30

### DELAWARE #37

2nd Tues. 7:30

## LIVING PAST MASTERS

### JEFFERSON LODGE

1965 H. Dale Parsons  
1970 Donald D Mitchell  
1971 John H Lehman  
1978 John Gibson  
1981 Clyde E Seibert Jr.  
1983 Lee J McDaniel  
1984 William H Dawson  
1985 John Jay Dentino  
1988 James B Walsh  
1989 Eric D. Swanson  
1991 Eric J Evans  
1994 John R Souder  
1995 Albert C Vopalecky  
1997 James G Horn  
1998-99 Leon D Ware Sr.  
2000 Thaddeus N Truitt  
2001-02 Walter C Hopkins  
2003 Steven D Berlin  
2004 David K Edwards  
2007 Bryan A Ware  
2008 David R Beebe  
2009 James Lewis  
2010 John Kapochus  
2011 David K Edwards  
2012 Joseph Bishop

2013 Brian Benfer  
2014 Carl Wenke  
2015 Gerald Cowan  
2016 Timothy Wolfe  
2017 Ron Ferraro  
2018 Ron Ferraro  
2019 Peter Pagani  
2020 Nick Acord Sr.

### OTHER LODGES

John J Badeen  
2007-8-9-10  
St. Andrews #64, CT

Michael McDade  
1985, 2000, 10, 14, 15  
Charity #3190, PA

John Turansky  
2011-12  
Endeavor #17, DE

Martin Schertzer - PM  
2012  
Hiram #18  
Sandy Hook, CT

Maher Zarou  
Angels Gate Lodge #198  
Lomita, California

Nigel Duguid PM  
Nutley Lodge #25  
New Jersey

Howard Sheldon - PM  
1969  
Oriental lodge #27, DE

Dennis Crawford -  
Centreville Lodge #180  
Centreville, MD

## CONGRATULATIONS

on your progress in the journey to become Master Masons

### ENTERED APPRENTICE

Nick Acord, Jr.  
Will Hazzard  
Ryan Kortum  
Michael Vitacco

### FELLOW CRAFT

### MASTER MASON

Jim Hudson

## UPCOMING MASONIC BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Cole A Benfer  
Gerald R Cowan  
H Edward Maull Jr  
Sean T McLaughlin  
Robert F McVey Jr  
Robert G Medd  
Harry D Parsons  
Stephen P Tolbert

## JEFFERSON LODGE UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MAY**

May 4th – Stated Communication – Jefferson #15 – 7:30 P.M.  
May 7th – Ladies Night – Fins Ale House and Raw Bar – 6 P.M.  
May 20th – Scottish Rite Golf Tournament – Dover, DE – 9 A.M.  
May 21st – Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.

### **JUNE**

June 1st – Stated Communication – Jefferson #15 – 7:30 P.M.  
June 4th – Oklahoma Indian Degree – Delaware State Fairgrounds – 4 P.M.  
June 11th – Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge – Union #7 – 3 P.M.  
June 18th – Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.  
June 24th – St. John's Day

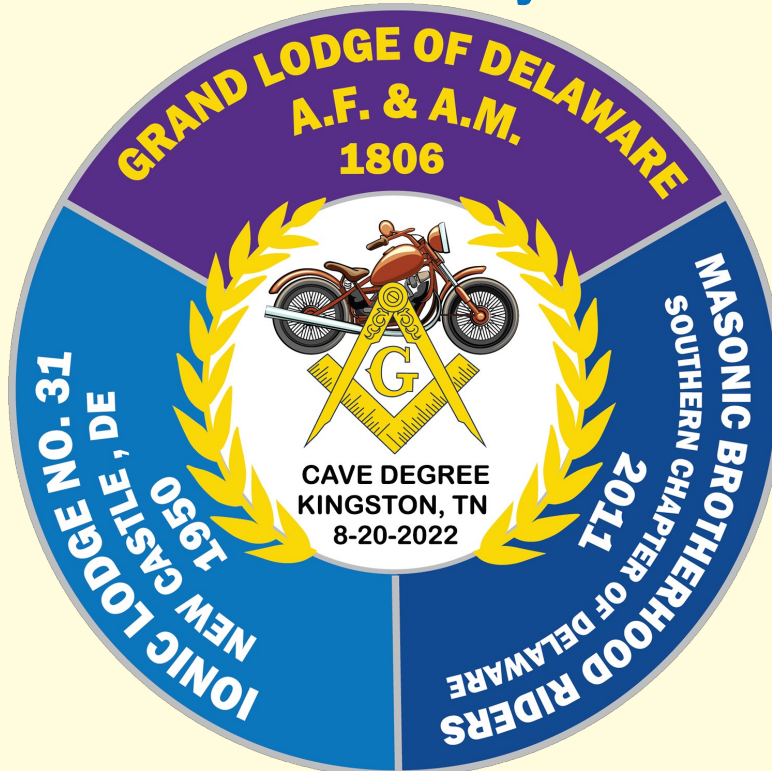
### **JULY**

July 6th – Installation – Jefferson #15 – 7 P.M.

*Need more information on an event? Send your questions to [jeffersonlodge15@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffersonlodge15@yahoo.com)*

# *Tennessee Cave Degree*

**Presented By**



**Tennessee Host Lodge**

**Union Lodge #38 F.&A.M.**

**&**

**The Grand Lodge of Tennessee**

**Free and Accepted Masons**

**For Info Visit**

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*From darkness  
to Masonic light*



SPONSORED BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF A.F. & A.M. OF DELAWARE

*Grand Lodge will be proud to host the*  
**Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team**



Please dress appropriately for being outdoors.

**Current dues card required**

Raffle chances available from committee members for Henry Golden Boy Freemasons Tribute Edition Rifle to be selected that day. 1 for \$5 or 6 for \$20.

<https://www.henryusa.com/rifles/golden-boy-freemasons-tribute-edition/>

**Saturday, June 4, 2022 - 4:00 PM**

Delaware State Fairgrounds  
18500 South Dupont Hwy  
Harrington, DE 19952

Tickets - \$39.00 per person (including fees) Includes admission to the degree and dinner catered by Haass Family Butcher Shop.

**All degree ticket sales  
available on-line:**

<https://tinyurl.com/uwn76c9>



**For more information please call PM Chad Robinson (302) 270-4391**

## MASONIC EVENTS

# Jefferson Lodge

No. 15  
A.F. & A.M.

### Application Jefferson Lodge #15 A.F. & A.M. Ronald W. Clark Memorial Scholarship

The applicant must be a resident of the State of Delaware, of good moral character and will be matriculating from an accredited secondary school. They must be accepted to attend or attending an accredited college, university, technical college, or institute of higher learning such as a nursing school.

***Please provide the following information:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. & email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

School you expect to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major \_\_\_\_\_

1. A brief typed essay of why you believe you should be considered for this award including financial need, extra-curricular activities and community involvement.
2. A letter of recommendation from a teacher with knowledge of your school activities with their contact information.
3. A copy of your SAT scores or equivalent.
4. A list of awards or achievements for the past four years.

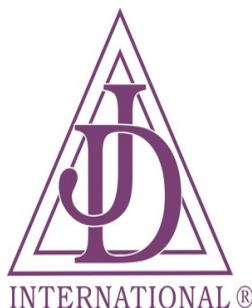
***Send Completed Application to:*** Jefferson Lodge  
c/o Walter C. Hopkins, Sr.  
18186 Dairy Farm Road  
Lewes, DE 19958

(Application must be postmarked ***before May 20, 2022.***)

## MASONIC EVENTS

### Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge

June 11, 2022 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
Union Lodge No.7  
Dover, Delaware



Come join us for our Annual Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge.  
With members of Grand Staff, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay,  
You will enjoy hearing from a few special speakers, a flavorful seven  
course meal, and toasts for every course!

*Good Food, Good Times, & Fellowship*

Tickets are \$24.00 per person and available from members of the  
Grand Staff of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Delaware

Or by contacting:

Samantha Goss Bethel Guardian #7 @ 302-270-6406  
[leigh050178@gmail.com](mailto:leigh050178@gmail.com)

Dave Penney E.O. @ 302-745-6984  
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# MAY CALENDAR

MAY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Stated Communication 7:30 P.M. Dress - Casual	5	6	7 Ladies Night Fins Ale House & Raw Bar 6 P.M.
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Scottish Rite Golf Tournament Dover, DE 9 A.M.	21 Lodge Breakfast 8 A.M. - Lewes Diner
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4

## DRESS CODE

Masonic - Officers - Tuxedo  
Masonic - Brothers - Coat & Tie  
Casual - Collared Shirts & Slacks

## ITEMS IN RED

Jefferson Lodge Activities

## NOTICE

All Dates & Times  
Subject to Change

## JUNE CALENDAR

### JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Stated Communication 7:30 P.M. Dress - Casual	2	3	4 Oklahoma Indian Degree Delaware State Fargrounds 4 P.M.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge Union #7 3 P.M.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Lodge Breakfast 8 A.M. - Lewes Diner
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24 St. John's Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

# JULY CALENDAR

JULY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Installation 7:00 P.M. Dress - Masonic	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6