

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

February 2022 TRESTLE BOARD



Worshipful Master: Jim Craig

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Message from the West

Brethren,

Unfortunately, the pandemic is continuing to impact Lodges throughout the State of Delaware. For the time being, it will be required to properly wear a face mask while indoors and to maintain six feet of social distance, regardless of vaccination status. Refreshments prior to our Stated Communications at Jefferson Lodge will also be suspended. All vulnerable brothers should continue to avoid our meetings, and if you feel sick, please stay home. Our Stated Communications will continue as scheduled, with our next meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd at 7:30 P.M.

In other news, our elevator has been repaired. I hope this will encourage brothers to return to Lodge that have stayed away for this reason. We also have a few events in the near future. Your Lodge officers will be conferring a Fellowcraft Degree on Wednesday, January 26th at 7 P.M. Next month, your Lodge officers will confer two Entered Apprentice Degrees on Wednesday, February 16th at 7 P.M.

Our annual Ladies Night will be held at Fin's Ale House and Raw Bar on Saturday, May 7th. Dinner will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a social hour beforehand. More information will be shared in the coming months.

Tickets are still available for the upcoming Golf Tournament, the 43rd Annual Brotherhood Night, the Oklahoma Masonic Degree Team degree conferral, and our Basket of Good Cheer. The drawing for the Basket of Good Cheer will be held in June. Please see any officer for tickets or more information.

Even with this pandemic, Jefferson Lodge is busy and gaining a lot of new brothers. If you know of anyone who would be interested in Freemasonry, be sure to join us at our monthly breakfast at the Lewes Diner. Stay safe and stay healthy.

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

Mark Belfiore
302-922-0073

Marshal

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,

While the pandemic has necessitated changes within the lodge, we are still moving forward with our customary events as well as some new ones we have not done before. We have had a considerable number of candidates petition for membership which will keep us busy for most of the coming months. If you haven't been to lodge for awhile, we are holding meetings with every precaution to keep the members safe. It's always good seeing the brethren, will we see you soon?

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
1993 Christian L Dull Jr.
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.

John Turansky
2011-12
Endeavor #17, DE

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

Howard Sheldon - PM
1969
Oriental lodge #27, DE

OTHER LODGES

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS

on your progress in the journey to become Master Masons

ENTERED APPRENTICE

Jim Hudson

FELLOW CRAFT

MASTER MASON

UPCOMING MASONIC BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Juan C Arjona
Steven D Berlin
David R Brittingham
Frank P Carmichael
Gary N Chorman
Dennis R Crawford
Patrick W DeBiasse
Melvin C Hennessy

Robert S Heslep
Robert V Hopkins
Michael F Horn
Thomas J Hudecheck
Patrick L Jackson
David Lorah
Harry D Parsons II
Brendon D Shaw

Patrick L Shearon
John R Souder
Nicholas G Spalaris
Thaddeus N Truitt
Albert C Vopalecky
John R Zacharias

JEFFERSON LODGE UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Jan. 31st – Ritual Practice – FC Degree – 7 P.M.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1st – Grand Visit – Granite-Corinthian #34 – Wilmington, DE
Feb. 2nd – Stated Communication – Jefferson #15 – 7:30 P.M.
Feb. 7th – Ritual Practice – FC Degree – 7 P.M.
Feb. 9th – Grand Visit – Temple #11 – Wilmington, DE
Feb. 10th – Grand Visit – Temple #9 – Milford, DE
Feb. 14th – Ritual Practice – EA Degree – 7 P.M.
Feb. 16th – Entered Apprentice Degrees (2) – Jefferson #15 – 7 P.M.
Feb. 19th – Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.
Feb. 21st – Ritual Practice – FC Degree – 7 P.M.
Feb. 26th – Grand Visit – St. Johns #2 – New Castle, DE
Feb. 28th – Ritual Pass Off – FC Degree – 7 P.M.

MARCH

Mar. 2nd – State Communication – Jefferson #15 – 7:30 P.M.
Mar. 5th – Senior Officer Workshop – Dover Masonic Temple – 9 A.M.
Mar. 8th – Grand Visit – Lafayette #14/Brandywine #33 – Wilmington, DE
Mar. 15th – Grand Visit – Jackson #19 – Delaware City, DE
Mar. 18th – Brotherhood Night – NUR Shrine, New Castle, DE – 5:30 P.M.
Mar. 19th – Ritual Workshop – Dover Masonic Temple – 9 A.M.
Mar. 26th – Semi-Annual Communication – 9 A.M.

Need more information on an event? Send your questions to jeffersonlodge15@yahoo.com

1st Annual Jefferson Lodge Night Golf Tournament



Saturday, April 2, 2022 * Shamrock Par 3 Route 16 Milton, DE

Best ball tournament. Teams of four players.

Prizes will be awarded

Cost \$50.00 per person includes hot dogs, chips, and beverage.

Shotgun start at 7PM. Plan to arrive by 6:15

Players do not need to be Masons to play. Wives and girlfriends welcome.

Play is limited to 18 teams of four players.

Payment in advance required to secure your spot.

Spirits permitted BYOB

A fun and unique experience! Fairways, flags, the hole itself and even the golf ball light up. Skill not required even non golfers can play. Bring your own clubs and cart. There will be pull carts available if needed.

For additional details contact Pat Shearon – Treasurer 302-670-9238 or
Bob Karafin – Secretary 302-542-7033

* Rain date Saturday April 9th

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2022							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30		31 Grand Visitation Granite-Corinthian #34 Wilmington, DE	1 Stated Communication 7:30 P.M. Dress - Casual	2	3	4	5
6	7 Officer Practice 7:00 P.M.	8	9 Grand Visitation Temple #11 Wilmington, DE	10 Grand Visitation Temple #9 Milford, DE	11	12	
13	14 Officer Practice 7:00 P.M.	15	16 Stated Communication 7 P.M. Dress - Masonic	17	18	19 Lodge Breakfast 8:00 A.M. Lewes Diner Grand Visitation St. Johns #2 New Castle, DE	
20	21 Officer Practice 7:00 P.M.	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28 Officer Pass Off Fellowcraft Degree 7:00 P.M.	1	2	3	4	5	

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 Casual - Collared Shirts & Slacks

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MARCH CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
			Stated Communication 7:30 P.M. Dress - Casual			Senior Officers Workshop Dover, DE 9 AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Grand Visitation Lafayette #14 Brandywine #33 Wilmington, DE				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Grand Visitation Jackson #19 Delaware City, DE			Brotherhood Night NUR Shrine New Castle, DE 5:30 PM	Lodge Breakfast 8 AM Lewes Diner
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						Semi - Annual Communication 9 AM
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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