

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

## MAY 2023 TRESTLE BOARD



Worshipful Master: Anthony Valenti

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## Message from the East

Brethren,

The final months of our Masonic year are among us! It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Worshipful Master these past few months. Thank you all for putting your faith in me to do what is best for the Lodge and guide you through what is left of the pandemic.

Our next Stated Communication will be held on Wednesday, May 1st, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon will be giving a presentation about their great organization and the charity it for which it provides. Our election of officers will be held at our last Stated Communication on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. Finally, there will be an Open Installation of Officers at Jefferson Lodge on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Applications are still available for our Ronald W. Clark Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be residents of Delaware, of good moral character, and will be matriculating from an accredited secondary school. Completed applications must be submitted to Past Master Walter Hopkins before May 20th, 2023. Ladies Night tickets and advertisements are also available from Junior Warden Sean McLaughlin. Ladies Night will be held at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar (19269 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971) on Friday, May 12th, 2023, starting with Happy Hour at 5 P.M.

In closing, I would like to congratulate our newest Master Mason, Brother Jay Jimenez, on receiving his third degree! The Shield and Square Club conducted an amazing performance and many of our members were able to join in that special night.

Respectfully,

Anthony M. Valenti  
Master  
Jefferson Lodge #15

## OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

### Worshipful Master

Anthony Valenti  
302-841-1186

### Senior Warden

Charles VanHeest  
254-291-4158

### Junior Warden

Sean McLaughlin  
302-249-2720

### Senior Deacon

David Lorah  
302-228-0303

### Junior Deacon

Frank Carmichael  
518-225-3936

### Senior Steward

Tom Hudecheck  
302-448-1281

### Junior Steward

Jim Hudson

### Chaplain

Robert Silvagni  
305-331-5508

### Tiler

Ken Ciarlone  
215-327-1667

### Secretary

Robert Karafin, GLAH  
302-855-5845

### Treasurer

Patrick Shearon  
302-670-9238

### Aide to the Worshipful Master

Rob Jennings  
302-228-9269

## COMMITTEES 2022 - 2023

### Budget

**Ronald Ferraro, SGW**  
Patrick Shearon

### Investigation

**Anthony Valenti**  
Eric Evans, PM

### Grand Lodge Visit

**Anthony Valenti**  
Robert Karafin

### Ladies Night

**Sean McLaughlin**  
David Lorah

### Past Master's Night

**Carl Wenke, PM**  
Tim Wolfe, PM  
Peter Pagani, PM  
Howard Sheldon, PM  
Nigel Duguid, PM

### Pop Jefferson Award

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

### Ritual

**Eric Evans, PM**  
Nick Acord, PM

### Scholarship

**Walter Hopkins, PM**  
Peter Pagani, PM

### Turkey Shoot

**Carl Wenke, PM**  
Robert Heslep

### Golf Tournament

**Patrick Shearon**  
Robert Karafin

### Public Events

**Peter Pagani, PM**  
Nick Acord, PM  
Sean McLaughlin

### Investment

**Ronald Ferraro, SGW**  
Gerald Cowan, PM

### Almoner's Fund

**Anthony Valenti**  
Charles Van Heest  
Sean McLaughlin  
Robert Silvagni  
Patrick Shearon

### 175th Anniversary

**Anthony Valenti**  
Chas Van Heest  
Sean McLaughlin  
Robert Karafin

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

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

We are nearing the end of this Masonic year and many of you have not yet paid your dues. Please check your records, and if you haven't sent your check, please do so today. If you are having financial difficulties, please contact the Master, Chaplain or myself and we will find a solution.

## 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 Thurs. 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  
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

Gary Zorb - PM  
1979  
Sterling Lodge #268, VA

## CONGRATULATIONS

on your progress in the journey to become Master Masons

### ENTERED APPRENTICE

Alfred Baratta  
Alan Gromofsky

### FELLOW CRAFT

Sean Tappan

### MASTER MASON

Jay Jiminez

## UPCOMING MASONIC BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

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

## JEFFERSON LODGE UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MAY**

May 3rd – Stated Communication – Jefferson Lodge #15 - 7:30 P.M.

May 12th – Ladies Night – Fins Ale House – 5 P.M.

May 14th – Mother's Day

May 20th – Lodge Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.

### **JUNE**

June 7th – Stated Communication – Jefferson Lodge #15 - 7:30 P.M.

June 17th – Lodge Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.

June 24th – St. Johns Day

### **JULY**

July 12th – Installation – Jefferson Lodge #15 – 6:30 P.M.

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

# MAY CALENDAR

# May

## 2023

April							June							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1						1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	30		
30														

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Stated Communication Jefferson Lodge #15 7:30 P.M.			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Ladies Night Fins Ale House 5 P.M.		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
MOTHER'S DAY						Lodge Breakfast. Lewes Diner 8 A.M.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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

**ITEMS IN RED**  
 Jefferson Lodge Activities

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# JUNE CALENDAR

# June

## 2023

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
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			

July						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	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					

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						ST. JOHNS DAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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# JULY CALENDAR

# July

## 2023

June							August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	3						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30		27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	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

Installation  
Jefferson Lodge #15  
6:30 P.M.

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