# JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 15 A.F. & A.M. FEBRUARY 2023 TRESTLE BOARD



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# Message from the East

Brethren,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend time with family and friends. Even through the holiday season, your officers have practiced nearly every week to pass off on advanced degrees. With their latest successful pass off in early January, they only have one more to go. I am very proud of how dedicated they have been to confer the most memorable degrees for our new brothers.

Our next Stated Communication on Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 at 7:30 P.M will feature an update on the progress of our new Masonic Temple. The Hall Company will also be holding their annual elections. Remember that every member of Jefferson Lodge is a member of the Hall Company and is eligible to vote and run for office.

It is my unfortunate duty to inform you that Past Master John Henry Lehman, Sr. passed away on Monday, January 23rd surrounded by his family. A visitation will be held on Friday, February 17th, 2023 from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. at Parsell Funeral Home (16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958). A Masonic Service will be held that evening at 6 P.M. Please join us in saying goodbye to a brother.

Our Lodge breakfast Lewes Diner (1201 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958) will be held on Saturday, February 18th at 8 A.M. Please come out to enjoy some fellowship. Potential candidates for our fraternity are gladly welcomed!

If any brother wishes to serve on a committee or has any ideas on adding fellowship to our Lodge, I am always here to listen to suggestions. I hope to see everyone soon.

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 Gerald Cowan, 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 Gerald Cowan, PM Robert Karafin

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

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

#### Brothers,

A number of you have not as yet created your Grand View portal. This takes less than five minutes to do. You will be able to check and if necessary change or correct your contact and personal information. The portal will offer many benefits such as the ability to pay your dues with a credit or debit card or order and pay for Grand Lodge events such as Brotherhood Night tickets. But you must create your portal first. Please take a few minutes and register today!

## 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

Alan Gromofsky Jay Jiminez Sean Tappan

#### FELLOW CRAFT

## MASTER MASON

Will Hazzard

## 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 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

### **FEBRUARY**

Feb. 1st – Stated Communication – Jefferson Lodge #15 – 7:30 P.M. Feb. 18th – Lodge Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.

## **MARCH**

Mar. 1st – Stated Communication – Jefferson Lodge #15 – 7:30 P.M. Mar. 4 – Senior Officer Training Workshop – Dover Masonic Temple – 9 A.M. Mar. 11th – Lodge Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M. Mar. 18th – Ritual Workshop – Dover Masonic Temple – 9 A.M. Mar. 25th – Semi-Annual Communication – Newport, DE – 9 A.M.

## **APRIL**

April 5th – Stated Communication – Jefferson Lodge #15 – 7:30 P.M. April 15th – Lodge Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.

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

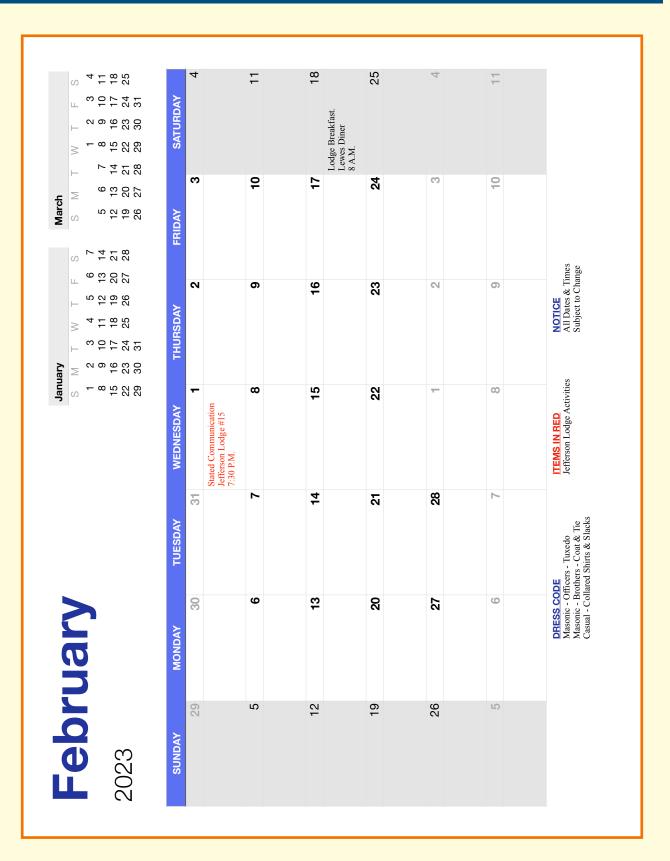
# JEFFERSON LODGE EVENTS - Will Hazzard's Master Mason Degree



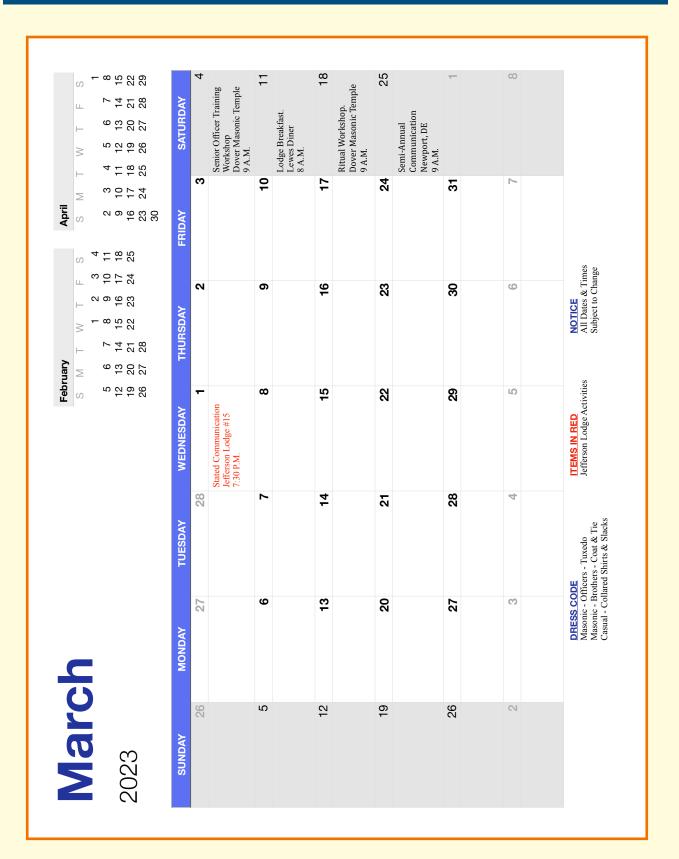




## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**



# MARCH CALENDAR



## **APRIL CALENDAR**

