

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

FEBRUARY 2023 TRESTLE BOARD



Worshipful Master: Anthony Valenti

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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

February

2023

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

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

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

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 Jefferson Lodge Activities

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MARCH CALENDAR

March

2023

February							April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Stated Communication Jefferson Lodge #15 7:30 P.M.			Senior Officer Training Workshop Dover Masonic Temple 9 A.M.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
5	6	7	8	9	10	Lodge Breakfast. Lewes Diner 8 A.M.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
12	13	14	15	16	17	Ritual Workshop. Dover Masonic Temple 9 A.M.	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
19	20	21	22	23	24	Semi-Annual Communication Newport, DE 9 A.M.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
26	27	28	29	30	31		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2	3	4	5	6	7								

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APRIL CALENDAR

April

2023

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	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	1	2	3	4	5	6

Stated Communication
Jefferson Lodge #15
7:30 P.M.

Lodge Breakfast.
Lewes Diner
8 A.M.

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