

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

## JANUARY 2023 TRESTLE BOARD



Worshipful Master: Anthony Valenti

Lodge Location: 116 ½ Second St., Lewes, DE 19958

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### Message from the East

Brethren,

I hope you all have been staying warm during the winter months. Luckily, our Lodge is warm during Stated and Special Communications! Thank you to the brothers who came out and supported the Lodge at the annual Lewes Christmas parade. It was nice to see the community turn out for this event, especially since the pandemic.

A special thank you to Brother Secretary Robert Karafin for help in planning the Jefferson Lodge Christmas Party that was held on Saturday, December 17th. It was well attended, and I have heard nothing but complements on the food and event overall.

At our next Stated Communication at 7 P.M. on January 4th, 2023, we will have a presentation from the Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club. Many brothers do not know that membership is open to a variety of professions, from law enforcement and emergency medical services to military.

Our Lodge breakfasts are still held at the Lewes Diner (1201 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958) every month. In January, breakfast will be on Saturday the 14th due to the Senior Officer Training Workshop on our normal third Saturday.

In closing, I sincerely hope that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. I shall see you all in the New Year!

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

To my Christian brothers, Merry Christmas  
To my Jewish brothers, Happy Hanukkah  
And a Happy New Year to everyone!

## 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

Will Hazzard

### MASTER MASON

## UPCOMING MASONIC BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Robert J Chullin  
Taylor J Deemer  
Preston L Foskey  
James G Horn  
Steven E Horsey  
Robert J Kennedy III  
Ronald C McKinney  
Frank W Mitchell  
Robert J Palmer

George W Plummer III  
Randy L Preston  
Jesse M Savage  
Martin L Schertzer  
Howard F Sheldon Jr  
Gary W Stabley  
Gary W Stabley Sr  
Charles R Sweetman  
John A Turansky

Anthony M Valenti  
Samuel Warrington II

## JEFFERSON LODGE UPCOMING EVENTS

### **JANUARY**

Jan. 4th – Stated Communication – Jefferson Lodge #15 – 7:30 P.M.

Jan. 14th – Lodge Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.

Jan. 21st – Senior Officer Training Workshop – Dover Masonic Temple – 9 A.M.

### **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.

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

# JANUARY CALENDAR

# January

2023

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

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						Lodge Breakfast. Lewes Diner 8 A.M.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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 Masonic - Brothers - Coat & Tie  
 Casual - Collared Shirts & Slacks

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# February

2023

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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# March

2023

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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
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