

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

## JUNE 2023 TRESTLE BOARD



Worshipful Master: Anthony Valenti

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### Message from the East

Brothers,

The Masonic year is now at its close. I would like to thank every brother who has assisted me these past few years, from the Past Masters who stepped in to fill chairs on minutes notice, to our Lodge officers, who devoted so much time and money for the betterment of our organization, and to our Secretary Bob Karafin, which without him I would not have been able to accomplish so much. We were not able to hold our Night Golf Tournament this Masonic year, but it has been tentatively scheduled for late 2023. However, we did have a very successful night out at Texas Roadhouse in Millsboro, and I hope that can be continued in the future. Since the pandemic, I have been lucky to see many brothers that we have not seen in quite some time, and I hope to continue to see our chairs filled at upcoming meetings. Thank you for trusting me in this endeavor of making our Lodge part of the greatest fraternity in the world.

Past Master's Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 at 7 P.M. We will tentatively be presenting the Entered Apprentice Degree with our traditional Oyster Stew. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Our last Stated Communication will be held on June 7th, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. The dress code for the evening will be business casual. We will be holding our election of officers at the conclusion of our meeting. The Open Installation of Officers will be held at Jefferson Lodge on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

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,

Hard to believe another Masonic year has come to an end. I hope everyone will enjoy a safe and happy summer. See you when we resume labor in September.

## 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

### FELLOW CRAFT

Sean Tappan

### MASTER MASON

## UPCOMING MASONIC BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Craig F Boll  
Thomas W Burn Jr  
Harold R Conner  
John A Futcher  
William F Horn  
Michael J McDade  
Alfred C McMaster Jr  
Donald D Mitchell  
Peter E Pagani

Robert E Palmer  
Paul W Parsons  
Nicholas A Scroggs  
Robert W Silvagni  
Charles W VanHeest Jr  
Leon D Ware Sr

## JEFFERSON LODGE UPCOMING EVENTS

### **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.

July 15th – Lodge Breakfast – Lewes Diner – 8 A.M.

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

# 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					

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

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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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# JULY CALENDAR

# July

## 2023

June							August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						3							5
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		

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