



Eureka-DuPont #23-29
"The Friendly Lodge"

September 2018
Masonic Trestleboard

2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

Stated Communications
2nd Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m.
(Except July & August)
All Visiting Brethren Welcome!
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"You know, the new line of officers isn't half bad."

"Nope, they're ALL bad!"

FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Thank you for electing me as Worshipful Master of our lodge. We have had a long line of Masters since the presentation of our charter in 1867 and again in 1993. I hope to be able to live up to the accomplishments of my predecessors as it is an honor to serve this lodge and I will do my very best to see that harmony and support of the Brethren are readily available.

For those who do not know me, allow me to introduce myself. I was initiated into Masonry in September 2013. Originally from New Jersey, I moved to Delaware in 2000 following graduation from Drexel University. I am a Civil Engineer and Environmental Consultant currently residing in Claymont with my wife, Sue. I often drove by the Brandywine Masonic Temple and many times had thoughts of meeting the brothers within. One day, I saw the sign for an open house, and my introduction to the Craft began. I met W. Bros. Simkins and Williamson, Worshipful Master and Senior Warden respectively, of our lodge. Thus began my Masonic education. Following a "Brother Bring a Friend" table lodge and a few dinners at our lodge, I petitioned, and my prayer was answered. I joined Masonry hoping to learn more of its history and meet more Delawareans. Both of these have occurred, and in the process I have developed lasting friendships within the Craft. Since then, I have met many more interesting Brothers and their families, and have joined the NUR Shrine, Brandywine RAM and Trinity Commandery.

Since my initiation, I have watched our lodge grow stronger and I hope to be able to continue this trend and pass on a stronger lodge to my successor. To do that, I have simple goals for this year; to create enjoyable stated communications with interesting programs, include our families as much as possible and to strengthen our brotherly love for each other. Masonry takes time from the ones we love, and it can only benefit the lodge and ourselves to incorporate our most important people.

As our new Masonic year begins, I have planned both Masonic and non-Masonic programs that I hope will interest you and possibly your families. Choir concerts, historical presentations, and Masonic education are only a few of what I have planned. If you would like to recommend a program, I am most interested in hearing your thoughts. I would also like to have social events outside the lodge where we can get together and develop our friendships even further. A lodge is best when the brothers are active and truly enjoy the fellowship that Masonry brings.

In addition to strengthening our lodge, I would also like for us to be more known in the community, possibly participate in local events, donate time to local needs and in turn perhaps bring an awareness of the Craft to those good men who would strive to better themselves.

My contact information is provided. If you would like to contact me by phone, email or text, please do not hesitate. I will respond as soon as I am able.

For our first meeting, M.W. Bro. Pletz will be providing a refresher on examining a visiting brother, and on how to investigate a new candidate including questions to ask and information to provide. I hope you will join us to begin our Masonic year.

Looking forward to seeing you at lodge.

Fraternally,
Kevin O'Rourke
Worshipful Master

**Need a Ride to Lodge
or other function?**

We'll get you one.

Call the Master or any officer.

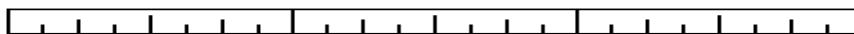


September 2018

The 231st Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the Brandywine Masonic Temple, 2016 Foulk Road in Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, September 13 at 7:30 PM. The reading of the minutes, correspondence, payment of bills, committee reports, reception of petitions, Masonic birthdays, program and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge will be transacted.

Kevin O'Rourke, Worshipful Master

Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood*, Secretary

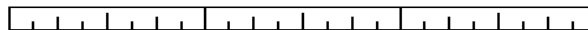


UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **September 13:** Stated Communication
7:30 PM
- **September 24:** Officer Practice
7:00 PM
- **October 1:** Grand Lodge Annual
Communication (Rehoboth)
9:00 AM
- **October 4:** Installation of the Grand
Master and staff (NUR Shrine)
7:00 PM.
- **October 6:** MM Degree at Brandywine
Battlefield (Kennett Lodge #475) Dinner
6:00 PM; Degree 7:30 PM

Sad News:

W. Bro. Edward W. Loudon, Past Master (1977 DuPont) of our lodge, passed away in 2017. His widow, Mrs. Sally Loudon, can be reached at 6810 Ringold St. Melbourne, FL 32940. A Masonic Funeral Service is being planned in Florida to honor our fallen Brother.



DINNER IS SERVED

Our Stewards provide dinner before every Stated Communication. Please come out, break bread and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers. This month our menu includes:

- Hoagies
- Salad
- Dessert

Members: \$5 Donation



Wilmington Breakfast Club

Information on the breakfast club is available here:

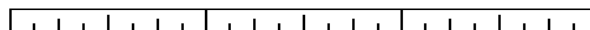
<http://jtroy.com/breakfast>

Come out and join your brothers helping the hungry.



Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 Living Past Masters

2018 Harvey S. Goldberg	1975 John R. Kraus
2017 Jerome R. "Jay" Troy	1975 Frederick A. Egan
2016 Thomas J. Cole	1974 Lawrence D Jester Sr.
2015 Gary R. Williamson	1973 David Hipp
2005-14 David M. Simkins	1972-1974 John R. Bradd
1998-2003 Robert Hiddeman	1972 Kenneth C. Butler
1993 Peter M. Pena	1970 Anton W. Benson
1990 Neil M. Thompson	1970 Alvin M Rubenstein
1986 Lloyd H. Stover	1969 John Barnes
1982 Anton W. Benson	1966 John W. Davis, Jr.
1979 George W. Butz, III	1963 Donald P. Zebley
1976 Kenneth C. Butler	1956 Arthur A. Thompson



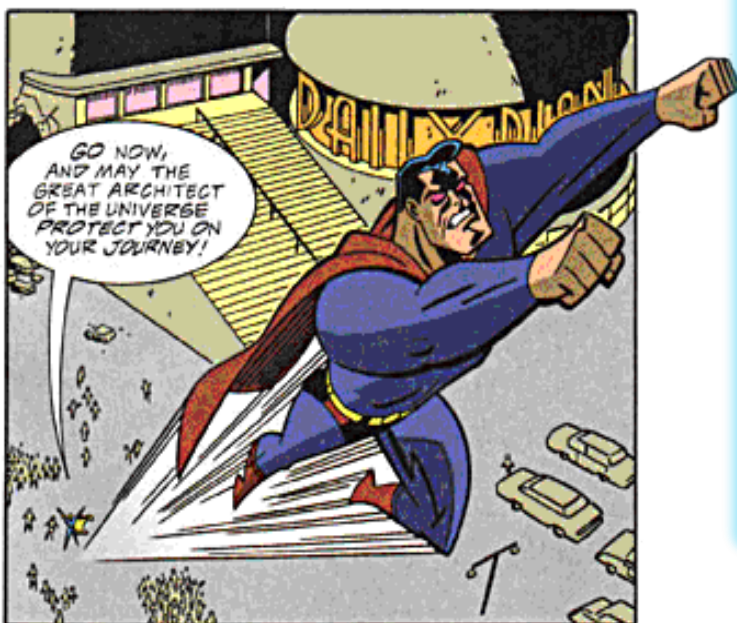
W. Bro. Simkins presented the 50-year certificate and pin to W. Bro. Jack Kraus. 50 years in Masonry; Congratulations Brother!

Did You Know?

- A woman named Catherine Babington wanted to know what Freemasonry was all about so she hid inside a pulpit at meetings in Kentucky for over a year.
- The third degree did not exist at the beginning of Freemasonry. In fact, it only started in the 1720s, and it took quite some time to spread through Masonic lodges.
- In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City, MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.
- The Commissioner of Patents in 1872 ruled that the Masonic Square and Compasses emblem could not be used in any trademark or trade name for commercial purposes.
- When Brothers Richard E. Byrd and Bernt Balchen first flew over the North and South Poles, they dropped a Masonic flag on each Pole. Then, in the 1933-35 expedition, Brother Balchen tossed his Shrine Fez on the North Pole.

Taken from the internet, so these must be true ☺

Please take time out and visit our website eurekadupont.org where you can find all of this year's trestleboards.



Masonic Birthdays; 369 Years in Masonry

Brother	Years in Masonry
Thomas Herlihy	55
Clyde L. Machamer	55
Robert Miller	55
Robert Oberg, Sr.	54
John R. Kraus, PM	50
Herbert J Rubenstein, PM	48
Robert H. Merrill, Jr.	32
David R. Cole	12
Ernest Louis II	4
Kevin O'Rourke	4

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE

(circa 1854)

WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL, AND WE PART UPON THE SQUARE,
What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are!
Come, let us contemplate them; they are worthy of a thought,
With the highest and the lowest and the rarest they are fraught.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come
The King from out his palace and the poor man from his home;
For the one must leave his diadem without the Mason's door,
And the other finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.
We part upon the square, for the world must have its due;
We mingle with its multitude, a cold, unfriendly crew;
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
And we long, upon the level, to renew the happy scene.

There's a World where all are equal,—we are hurrying towards it fast,

We shall meet upon the level there when the gates of death are past;

We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer by His own unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart;
There's a Mansion,— 'tis all ready for each zealous, faithful heart;

There's a Mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude is there,
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level, then, while laboring patient here,
Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor seem severe;

Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square.

Hands round, ye faithful Ghibilimites, the bright, fraternal chain;

We part upon the square below, to meet in Heaven again!
O what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are,
WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL, AND WE PART UPON THE SQUARE.

Dr. Rob Morris, LLD, Masonic Poet Laureate 1818-1888