

Eureka-DuPont



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April 2019
Masonic Trestleboard



Brandywine Masonic Hall
2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

Stated Communication
April 11th at 7:30 pm

All Visiting Brethren Welcome!

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

We'll get you one.
Call the Master
or any officer.

FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Spring has finally come and with it new life begins again. Flowers and trees bloom and we are reminded that no matter how long, gloomy and dark winter is spring will come right behind.

Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, is a holiday possibly based on an ancient Pagan ritual. ... The exact origins of Easter are unknown, but some sources believe that the word "Easter" is taken from the Teutonic goddess of fertility and spring – Eostre. An Anglo-Saxon legend tells how the Saxon goddess Eostre found a wounded bird and transformed it into a hare, so that it could survive the winter. The hare found it could lay eggs, so it decorated these each spring and left them as offerings to the goddess.

Bro. Tyler Bazzoli, Senior Warden of Brandywine Lodge No. 33 sat in the East and did an excellent job of conferring the Fellow Craft Degree on our Brothers Garry Norton and James Simkins. W. Bro. Patrick Light excelled as always in giving the Stair Lecture and Bro. Dewey Miller, Senior Warden of Solomon Lodge No. 36, followed that with an inspiring Seven Liberal Arts. Thank you Brothers!



At our April Stated Communication, Habitat for Humanity will be providing an interesting program on what they are about and do.

On April 13, the District 1 lodges are hosting a POW/MIA Chair of Honor Dedication and an Empty Chair Degree at the Brandywine Masonic Hall. The ceremony starts at 11 am. If attending and if possible, please bring a non-Mason with you to observe how Masons honor those who have given a portion or all of their life in service to our nation. See the attached flyer for more detail.

Hope to see you all in lodge. **Happy Spring!**

Fraternally,
Kevin O'Rourke
Worshipful Master



MASTER MASON DEGREE



Brother Della Guardia was Raised in Due and Ancient Form by WM O'Rourke

APRIL 2019

The 239th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held at the Brandywine Masonic Temple, 2016 Foulk Road in Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 PM. The reading of the minutes, correspondence, payment of bills, committee reports, reception of petitions, Masonic birthdays, and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge will be transacted.

Kevin O'Rourke, Worshipful Master

Attest: Rollyn Trueblood, Secretary



FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE

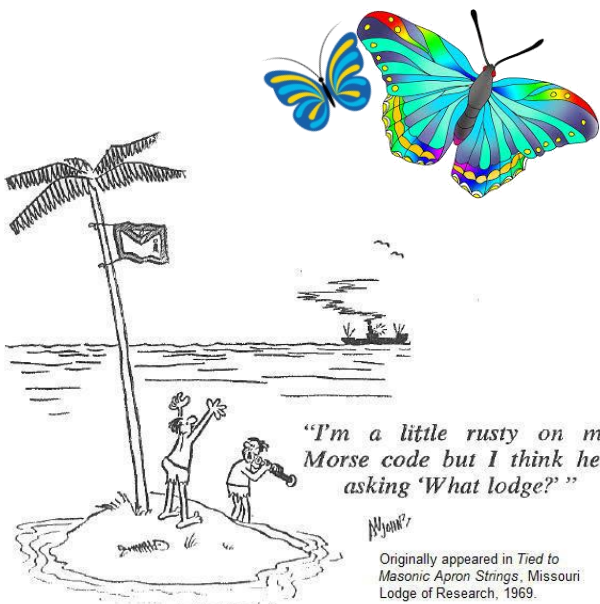


Brothers Simkins and Norton were passed in Excellent Form by Brandywine's SW, Tyler Bazzoli

DINNER IS SERVED

Our Sr. Steward prepares dinner before every Stated Communication. Please come out, break bread and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers. Members: \$5 Donation.

- Baked Dish
- Salad
- Dessert



"I'm a little rusty on my Morse code but I think he's asking 'What lodge?'"

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Masonic Birthdays: 309 Years in Masonry

Brother	Years in Masonry
Samuel W Rice, Jr.	70
William J. Horne	53
James A. Pletz, PGM	49
David J. Bartlett, Sr.	40
Thomas J. Cole, PM	38
William S. Downing	34
Mitri S. Habash	25

PLEASE TAKE TIME OUT AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE eurekadupont.org OR JOIN OUR GOOGLE GROUP FOR ALL LODGE NOTIFICATIONS.
<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/eurekadupont2329>

MEANING OF THE FOLDED FLAG

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the Flag of the United States of America 13 times?

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

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The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he too has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christian eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

Did you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Empty, or Vacant, Chair ceremony dates back to 1875, a decade following the end of the American Civil War. The first Mason honored by this U.S. program was a British Freemason who was killed in action in the U.S. Army of the Northern Plains. John Holt Beever is the first known Mason to give his life in uniform in service in the region then known as Dakota Territory. At first, the ceremony was used in Masonic Lodges to pay tribute to those who did not return from the war. Since then, it has been used by many lodges at Remembrance Day to pay homage to those Brother Masons who fell during WWI, WWII and other wars.
- The town of Keystone, near Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, was named by a gold prospector in 1877 for his York Rite Chapter watch charm.
- The term “profane” also has a unique usage in a Masonic Lodge to describe non-Masons by Masons. It is also the root of the word “profanity”, which is why non-Masons will think this is an insult. It is not. Accepted as the word is for general use among Freemasons, its ancient meaning “outside the Temple, an outsider,” may be misunderstood.
- In Christchurch New Zealand, there are two naturally eroded stone pillars standing at the entrance to Tumbledown Bay. Looking from the land, the one on the left is named Boaz and the other on the right is named Jachin. Leads one to believe that the founders were indeed members of the Craft.

Taken from the internet; so these must be true ☺



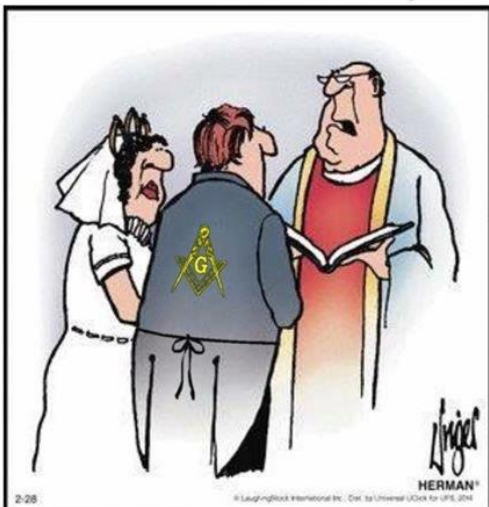
SOCIAL NIGHT



We had our first Eureka-DuPont Social Night this past month and enjoyed music, conversation and fellowship at a local pub in Wilmington. It was a success and all who came enjoyed the time spent. We hope to continue this in the months to come. Stay tuned for the next night and location and join us!!



FILED UNDER: There's a time & a place...



"You're supposed to say 'I do,'
not 'So Mote It Be!'" - JSN



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **April 2:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **April 4:** Washington No. 1 Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **April 6:** Washington No. 1 FC Degree 6:00 pm
- **April 19:** Brandywine No. 33 Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **April 11:** Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **April 12:** Grand Table Lodge with Grand Lodge PHA. Dover
- **April 13:** POW*MIA Chair of Honor Dedication and Empty Chair Degree 11:00 am. Brandywine
- **May 4:** Ionic No. 31 Railroad Degree 10:30 am. Wilmington & Western Railroad



THE EMPTY CHAIR DEGREE
AND
POW MIA
CHAIR OF HONOR DEDICATION



PRESENTED BY:

**EUREKA-DUPONT LODGE #23-29
BRANDYWINE LODGE #33 AND
GRANITE-CORINTHIAN LODGE #34**

**SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**

**BRANDYWINE MASONIC TEMPLE
2016 FOULK ROAD WILMINGTON, DE 19810
(WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE)**



The POW MIA
Chair honors 82,000
men and women
who remain missing
since WW II.

FEATURING:

**DELAWARE STATE POLICE PIPES AND DRUMS
MT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL JR. ROTC CADETS
NUR SHRINE LEGION OF HONOR**

**SPECIAL GUEST: ROSELY ROBINSON:
FOUNDER: A HERO'S WELCOME DELAWARE
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THIS EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE
Light Refreshments Provided
Following the Ceremony



The POW MIA Chair of Honor is a Rolling Thunder®, Inc. program.