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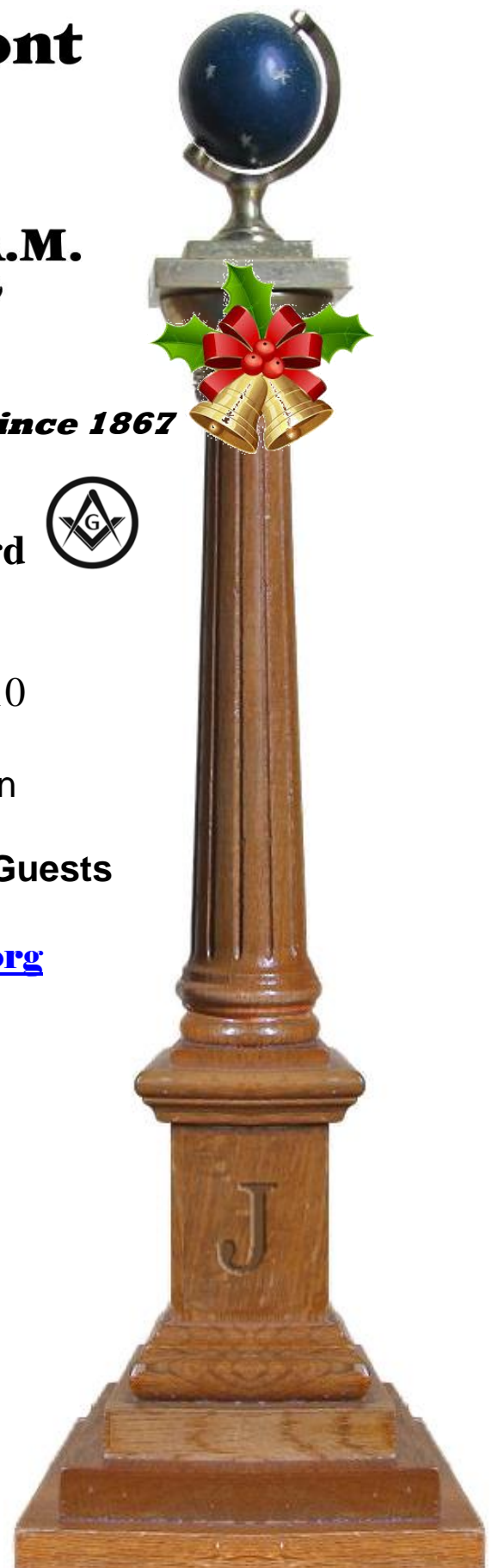
December 2018
Masonic Trestleboard



2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

Stated Communication
This Month 6:00 PM
**All Visiting Brethren and Guests
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,

December is here and with it comes our annual Chocolate Night. For those new members and those who have not been part of it, Chocolate Night is when Eureka-DuPont hosts the gift wrapping for underprivileged kids in Delaware. Most Rev. Brother Bill Downing and his wife Marty work with local churches to discover families that do not have the financial means to provide a Christmas for their children. With the help of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Eureka-DuPont provides the gifts for this wonderful wrapping event. Chocolate is the reward for those who participate and therefore its name. The Grand Master and staff with their ladies will be coming to help. Please come out and enjoy the fun. Our meeting starts at 6:00 pm so we can enjoy the gift wrapping festivities that follows.

Once again we joined with another lodge in the spirit of Brotherhood to enter two candidates into our Fraternity. This joint degree was conferred with Unity #32 of Newport and many of the Craft attended. A special thanks to WM John Thompson, the officers and visitors. The GM, a PGM, 6 Grand Staff members along with Brothers from at least 5 different Lodges from Milton to Wilmington were in attendance, and all came together for a wonderful evening of ritual and Fraternalism. It was a memorable night.

We wish a Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa, Happy Yule, Happy Bodhi Day, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all our Brethren and their families. It is a time for celebration and reflection on another year past and new one beginning. Let us hope it will be a good year.

Happy Holidays!

Faternally,

Kevin O'Rourke

Worshipful Master



MT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL FLUTE QUARTET:

A wonderful recital was performed for the Brethren and guests in November.



Front: Parker Baxter, Will Savage, Jane Loney, Amanda Beyer

Back: Bro. Della Guardia, WM O'Rourke, Mrs. Terry LaPerle



DECEMBER 2018

The 235th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held at the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road in Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 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. And Chocolate Night!!



Kevin O'Rourke, Worshipful Master
Attest: Rollyn Trueblood, Secretary



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **December 1:** Claymont Christmas Parade
- **December 6:** Washington #1 MM Degree 7:00 pm
- **December 11:** Brandywine #33 Grand Visitation 7:30 pm
- **December 12:** District 1 Empty Chair Degree Planning Meeting at Brandywine Masonic Hall 7:00 pm
- **December 13:** Stated Communication; Chocolate Night 6:00 pm
- **December 14/15:** Granite-Corinthian #34 Bell Ringing; Concord Mall.
- **November 29-December 17:** Brandywine #33 Bell Ringing; Concord Mall.

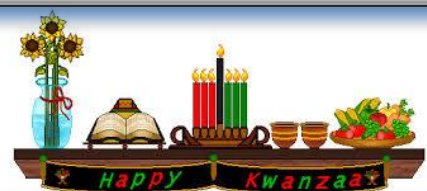
Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 Living Past Masters



2018 Harvey S. Goldberg	1975 John R. Kraus
2017 Jerome R. "Jay" Troy	1973 David Hipp
2016 Thomas J. Cole	1972-1974 John R. Bradd
2015 Gary R. Williamson	1972 Kenneth C. Butler
2005-14 David M. Simkins	1970 Anton W. Benson
1998-2003 Robert Hiddeman	1970 Alvin M. Rubenstein
1993 Peter M. Pena	1969 John Barnes
1990 Neil M. Thompson	

Affiliated Past Masters

James A. Pletz, PGM (#33 DE)	Cory R. Kramer (#34 DE)
Russell B. Combs (#529 PA)	Patrick S. Light (#33 DE)
Michael W. Jones (#34 DE)	



ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE



WM O'Rourke, Bro. Della Guardia, Bro. Saienni, WM Thompson, GM Rosenberry

DINNER IS SERVED

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

- Pizza
- Sandwiches
- Dessert

Special thanks to Bro. Drew Wedel, our Sr. Steward, who prepared a delicious German/Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut dinner in November.

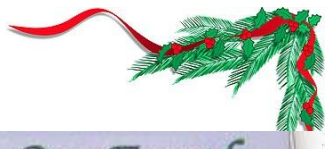
Members: \$5 Donation



CLAYMONT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Please join the Grand Master and Brandywine Lodge #33 as they march in the parade on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Assembly will be at the Extra Space Storage facility at 2106 Philadelphia Pike at 8:30/9:00 am. Dress: Officers; tuxedos, jewels and aprons. Members; coat, tie and apron. Dress for the weather.

PLEASE TAKE TIME OUT AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE eurekadupont.org WHERE YOU CAN FIND ALL OF THIS YEAR'S TRESTLEBOARDS.



Masonic Birthdays: 175 Years in Masonry	
Brother	Years in Masonry
Robert L. Barrowcliff	62
Albert C. Degen	51
Carmen A. Smith	20
Lewis G. Kester, III	18
Patrick S. Light, PM	8
Cory R. Kramer, PM	8
Brian J. Keith	4
Kelvin J. Blassingame	2
Kenyatta C. Williamson	2



THE CANDIDATE



It was his dream to become a Mason,
 Though he wasn't sure quite why.
 So he made an application,
 Then waited months for a reply.

They scratched their heads and wondered,
 As again they cried and moaned,
 "Our time has all been wasted!"
 "We should have stayed at home."



No committee came to pay a call,
 To meet him and his wife,
 No invitation to Mason's hall;
 Nor offer of advice.

It seems to me that they've missed the point,
 But they need to understand.
 It's not just how well you do the work,
 It's how you treat the man.



Finally a postcard in the mail,
 Said, "come Monday night at six,
 And bring us twenty dollars,
 If you want to see our tricks."

Because you can only be a Mason,
 When you're a Mason in your heart;
 And along with his jacket seams,
 They had burst his dream apart.



He made that solitary journey,
 And entered by the door,
 But not one hand was offered,
 As he slowly crossed the floor.

So, if you get an application,
 Please, call on that man at once.
 Invite him and his family,
 To tour your hall and share some lunch.



They fed him beans and hot dogs,
 And a piece of apple pie,
 Then lead him to a little room,
 With no explanation why.

Answer all his questions,
 Let him share your pride.
 A Mason's work, is honest work;
 That's not a secret to hide.



The work was done with care and skill,
 No one could argue that.
 But, the candidate was forgotten,
 As they patted themselves on the back.

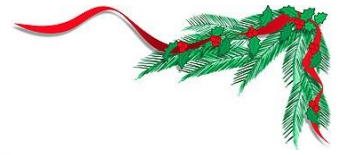
And when it's time to present him,
 With the gift of a degree,
 Remember, genuine friendship is,
 The true gift of Masonry.



He came to the lodge hall two more times
 And was raised to the third degree.
 That was the last time they saw him.
 What could the trouble be?

Pick him up and take him home.
 Isn't he worth the trip?
 No candidate should come alone.
 Please, don't ignore this tip.





Happy Holidays

DID YOU KNOW?

- Charles Darwin was a Freemason. Darwin became a Freemason in Scotland, and his grandfather and son also were Freemasons.
- Freemasonic symbols are usually regarded as existing because of the secrecy of the Fraternity. However, in reality, Freemasonry started being illustrated by symbols because at the very beginning most Freemasons could not read, so the symbols served to remind the members of the teachings of the Fraternity.
- The highest Masonic Lodge in the United States is Corinthian Lodge No.35 located in Leadville, Colorado. Its elevation is 10,152 feet. The Lowest Lodge in the United States is Winnedumah Lodge No. 287 of Bishop, CA. It occasionally holds meetings in Death Valley at 270 feet below sea level.
- The Grand Master of Massachusetts commanded rebels at Bunker Hill while the Grand Master of England commanded English forces.
- Most people are aware of the fact that the Statue of Liberty was a gift of the French people after their own republic came into existence. However, many are not aware that there is a Masonic link to the statue. Frederic Bartholdi, a Mason, designed it and the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of its base with Masonic Ritual.



Taken from the internet, so these must be true 😊



~ SAD NEWS ~



OUR BROTHER, EDWARD P. FREDERICK

Edward ("Ed") Pyle Frederick, age 92 of Wilmington, DE passed away surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, July 14th at Seasons Hospice Inpatient Unit at Christiana Hospital, Newark, DE. Ed was born in Wilmington, DE on March 10, 1926, son of the late Edward Maris Frederick and Marian Talley Frederick. Ed attended A. I. duPont High School, and served in the U S Army. Ed worked in the family business, Frederick's Country Store, which after much work and many years became Frederick's Country Center, with retail stores.

Ed was a member of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and was a member of Eureka-DuPont Lodge #23-29 A.F. & A.M. Of his many nicknames from Cadillac Jack to unofficial Mayor of Centreville, his favorites were Dad and PopPop. Ed was predeceased by Helen, his beloved wife of 64 years. He is survived by his sister, Ella Dolan of Estero, FL, his children, John Charles Frederick of New Haven, CT, Marian Ann Frederick and Edward Maris Frederick, II of Wilmington, DE, and grandchildren Edward Pyle Frederick, II (Nora) and Jennifer Frederick Hill (Freddie).

A graveside service with military honors was held on July 19th at the Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church, 101 Old Kennett Road, Wilmington, DE.



OUR SISTER, SUSAN M. PLETZ,

Susan was born in Wilmington, Delaware. She was one of six children and was educated in Wilmington public schools. She received an AA Degree from Widener University and held several clerical positions in the insurance and banking industries. For the past several years she has been caring for her father. Susan spent many happy hours cooking and baking. She loved board games and puzzles of any kind. She was an avid reader and had a prodigious interest in and knowledge of English history.

Susan passed away at home on Thursday, Nov 22 after a brief illness. She was predeceased by her mother, Shirley Polleck Pletz and her brother, David. She is survived by her four siblings; Phyllis "Pep", James (Ellen), Dean and Meg (David) Hulburt. Also left to cherish her memory are her beloved nieces and nephews, Brian (Adrienne), Amy (Justin) Hicks, Sarah (Nate) Staley, Christie, and Jacob and Sam Hulburt; and great nieces and nephews, Kayleigh and Alex Pletz and Savannah Staley.

The family wishes to acknowledge the excellent care Susan received from Christiana Care, The Helen Graham Center and Compassionate Care. We are also grateful for the tender transportation she received from the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company Ambulance Service.

A funeral service will be held at 7:30 PM at the McCreary and Harra Funeral Home, 3924 Concord Pike, Wilmington on Wednesday, November 28th, where friends may greet the family from 6:00 to 7:30.

