

# Eureka-Dupont



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**February 2019  
Masonic Trestleboard**

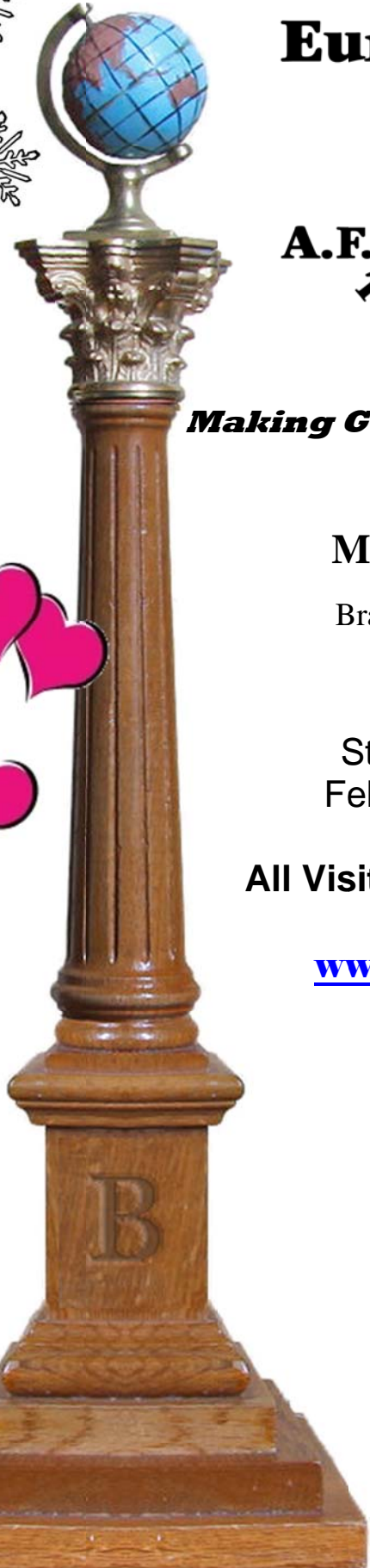


Brandywine Masonic Temple  
2016 Foulk Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810

Stated Communication  
February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 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,

February has returned and with it, some frigid temperatures and inclement weather. Please keep an eye out for changes in the planned meetings and events. Note we have moved our Stated Communication from February 14 to Thursday, February 21 so we can celebrate Valentine's Day with our Ladies.

It was my honor to enter two Brothers last month. Bro. James Simkins, son of our long-time Past Master David Simkins and Bro. Garry Norton were entered into the Craft. PM Simkins was in attendance for this memorable event. Also, we once again joined with Unity No. 32 and Armstrong No. 26 to pass Bro. Della Guardia and Bro. Fillingeri at the Newport Masonic Temple. Pat Light, PM and WM Thompson provided an inspiring combined lecture.

We also received M.W. Rosenberry for his Grand Visitation. There were many Masons and their wives attending, which was a delightful evening. While we Brothers retired to the lodge room for the reception, Mrs. Jackie Armstrong, of the Sunday Breakfast Club, provided a well-received program for the Ladies. Thank you to my wife, Sue, for planning the dinner and Kim Zenidiu for helping to prepare the collation room for our guests and visitors.

A Special Appreciation to Brother Laurent Zenidiu and his wife, Kim, for providing and presenting Blue Slipper pins to the Ladies during the Grand Visitation; more on that below.

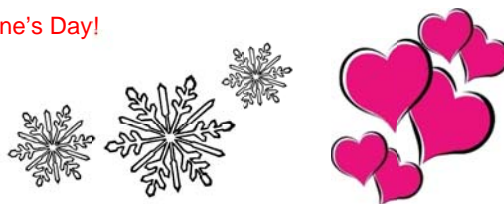
This month we have our annual Soup Night. Brothers are encouraged to prepare and bring their specialty soup or chili for the Brethren. As always, the Ladies are invited to attend and enjoy the fruits of the labors. Following dinner, a vote is had and the top two vote getters win a ticket to Brotherhood Night.

W. Bro. James Hanby will be providing a historical program of forgotten Delaware History: the June, 1903 mob lynching of George White near Prices Corner.

Hope to see you all in lodge. **Happy Valentine's Day!**

Fraternally,

*Kevin O'Rourke*  
Worshipful Master



**GRAND MASTER'S VISITATION**



**Bro. Blassingame, M.:W.: Rosenberry, GM, W.M. O'Rourke,  
W. Bro. Loveday, R.W. Moody, DGM**



## FEBRUARY 2019

The 237th 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, February 21 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. And Soup Night!

*Kevin O'Rourke*, Worshipful Master

Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood*, Secretary

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February 5:** Granite-Corinthian #34 Grand Visitation 7:30 pm
- **February 11:** FC Officer Practice 7:00 pm
- **February 21:** Stated Communication; Soup Night 7:30 pm
- **February 23:** Officer Training Workshop 9:00 am (Union 7-Dover)
- **February 25:** MM Degree: Delaware Colonials 7:00 pm
- **March 4:** MM Degree Rehearsal
- **March 11:** MM Degree 7:00 pm



### DINNER IS SERVED

Please come out, break bread and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers. This month our menu includes:

- Soup and Chili
- Salad
- Breads

Bring a soup or chili and be eligible for a chance to win a Brotherhood Night ticket (March 22). Contact the Sr. Steward and let him know you are bringing a dish.

Members: \$5 Donation. Dinner 6:30 PM



**SOUP NIGHT!**

### THE LITTLE BLUE SLIPPER

Bro. Laurent and Kim Zenidiu wanted to do something kind for the Ladies of the lodge, and we all know, Masons love their pins. As we were inviting the Grand Staff's Ladies and the Ladies of our members, they decided that a Lady's pin was a perfect way to honor those who support their Masons.

The Blue Slipper Pin Identified Masonry's Loved Ones

The Masonic slipper pin is a small lapel pin in the shape of a blue slipper. Many wives, daughters and widows wear one of these slippers on a coat or dress when traveling alone. For many years this pin has served to identify loved ones of Masons to other members of the Craft. The origin of this symbol comes from the book of Ruth and is as follows:

"Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel. So the kinsman drew off his shoe and gave it to Boaz. Boaz held it up for all in the gate to see. He asked them to be witnesses that he became Naomi's protector, Ruth's husband, and a redeemer of Elimelech's property."

Thus, today we have the little blue slipper as an emblem of the protective influence of Masons for their wives, daughters and widows.



### Wilmington Breakfast Club

Information on the breakfast club is available here:

<http://jtroy.com/breakfast>

Come out and join your brothers helping the hungry.



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

## A MAN AND A MASON

My Brother,  
Masonry means much more  
Than the wearing of a pin  
Or carrying a paid up dues card receipt  
So the Lodge will let you in

You may wear an emblem on your coat  
From your finger flash a ring  
But if you're not sincere at heart  
This doesn't mean a thing

It's merely an outward sign to show  
The world that you belong  
To this fraternal Brotherhood  
That teaches right from wrong

What really counts lies buried deep  
Within the human breast  
Til Masonic teachings brings it out  
And puts it to the test

If you can practice out of Lodge  
The things you learn within  
Be just and upright to yourself  
And to your fellow man

Console a brother when he's sick  
Or assist him when in need  
Without a thought of personal gain  
For any act or deed

Walk and act in such a way  
That the world without can see  
That none but the best can meet the test  
Laid down by Masonry

Always live up to your trust  
And do the best you can  
Then you can proudly tell the world  
You're a Mason and a Man

Bestor G. Brown, PGM (1903-1904)  
Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. & A.M.



Masonic Birthdays: 141 Years in Masonry	
Brother	Years in Masonry
Lewis G. Kester, Jr.	42
Stuart I. Gross	32
Thomas E. Beach	27
Robert M. Buker	12
Al Flemming	8
Michael W. Jones, PM	8
Eric S. Williamson	8
Thomas J. Sandilands, Jr.	4



"And now for the treasurer's report."



## ANNUAL DUES



**Brothers,**  
Unfortunately, about 30% of the membership is past due, with some approaching two years. Please remember to pay your dues. If you have not received an invoice, contact our secretary who will provide you with the current amount.

A portion of these funds is paid to the Grand Lodge and the remaining is used to conduct the business of the Lodge. Please pay promptly to save costs in further invoicing, and to avoid possible suspension.

If you are having financial hardship, please contact the lodge for assistance.



Event	Grand Visitation	Entered Apprentice Degree	Fellow Craft Degree
No. Attending	42	20	19
No. of Visitors	28*	9	13
No. of ED Officers	7	5	5
No. of ED Members	7	6	1

\*Grand Staff (16)



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Washington Chapter #3 of Portsmouth, NH announced its meetings via the town crier, who received the equivalent of 8 cents each time he announced a Lodge meeting.
- In 1860 in Limerick, Ireland, there was found a stone in a small chapel, dated 1517, with the following inscription: "I will serve to live with love & care, upon the level, and by the square."
- The largest Master's chair is in Ophir Lodge #33 Murphys, California. It is 15 feet long and can seat the Master, living Past Masters, and visiting dignitaries.
- On August 23, 1879, Lodge #239 of France held a meeting in the basket of a giant hot air balloon flying over Paris, at which time a brother was initiated into the Lodge.
- Grand Masters generally have the power to make "Masons at sight," which means the Grand Master can do away with formalities such as filing of petitions, waiting periods, learning of certain ritual, etc. Some famous Masons who were made at sight include: William H. Taft, General George Marshall, and General Douglas MacArthur.
- Lodges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have no numbers. In Pennsylvania there are 11 lodges that have numbers but no names, and in Georgia there are two lodges with the number 1. In Maryland, Tennessee and Pennsylvania there is no lodge with the number 1.



Taken from the internet, so these must be true ☺

### 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)	



"I was built by a Freemason!"

### ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE



GM Rosenberry, Bro. Norton, WM O'Rourke, Bro. Simkins, Bro. Simkins, PM

### FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE



Bro. Della Guardia (ED # 23-29) and Bro. Fillingeri (Unity #32)  
Newport Masonic Temple