



# Eureka-DuPont



***Making Good Men Better since 1867***

May 2019

## Masonic Trestleboard

Brandywine Masonic Hall  
2016 Foulk Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810

Stated Communication  
May 9<sup>th</sup> 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,

This past month under the Chairmanship of RW John Rayias, JGW, Eureka-DuPont, along with Brandywine No. 33 and Granite Corinthian No.34, hosted the Empty Chair Degree at the Brandywine Masonic Hall. The lodge was full of guests and Masons with Bros. Richard Williamson, David Clements, Joe Marvian and Mike Jones in attendance for support. Bros. Jim Pletz, Gary Williamson, David Simkins, Tom Sandilands and John Della Guardia participated in the ceremony and behind the scenes. A special thank you to Mrs. Colette Della Guardia for helping with the programs for the event. The POW/MIA Chair of Honor was also dedicated. It was a very memorable and emotional day and we were proud to honor our Brothers who had served their fellows and fellow man, and fallen honorably in all wars.

The event was especially apropos as Memorial Day is this month. Although we celebrate with friends and family as a long weekend, let us not forget the history and meaning behind this poignant day (more below).

This month we will have the Tri-State K-9 Response Team providing a program for the lodge. These folks travel to disaster relief areas to comfort the victims with friendly faces. Please invite your family and friends as it will be most entertaining and informative (more below).

We have had much success with our shotgun fundraiser thanks to Bros. Blassingame, Wedel and Sandilands. We still have tickets left to sell; so ask an officer if you know someone that would be interested in purchasing a ticket. The proceeds help to pay for our lodge expenses.

Unfortunately, there are still many Brothers who have not paid their dues and there are a few in danger of being suspended. It is the most regretful duty to send out a summons and suspend a Brother for NPD, so please send in your dues as soon as possible. If you are in financial hardship and cannot afford the dues at this time, please reach out to our Secretary or myself.

Hope to see you all in lodge. **HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**

Fraternally,

*Kevin O'Rourke*

Worshipful Master



**EMPTY CHAIR DEGREE TEAM**

A Memorable Day Honoring our Fallen Brothers



(left to right) W. Joseph Walus, WM; Bro. Bill Pepper; Bro. Mike Swain; Bro. Andrew Greene; W. James Hanby, PM; R.W. Evan Moody, DGM; M.W. Dale Irwin, PGM; Bro. Torp Glauner; W. Bryan Irwin, PM; R.W. John Rayias, JGW; W. Kevin O'Rourke, WM; W. Steve Tucker, WM; W. Sean Mckenna, WM; Bro. Russ O'Neill; W. John Thompson, WM; Bro. Tom Sandilands, W. Ed Wright, PM; M.W. James Pletz, PGM

## MAY 2019

The 240th 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, May 9 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



### CHAIR OF HONOR DEDICATION

Honoring Prisoners of War and Missing in Action



Featuring (front row left to right) Rosely Robinson of "A Hero's Welcome-Delaware", Taps performer Aidan Peterson, guest speakers LTC Richard Croall, Army National Guard and Mrs. Kathy Mosher, Gold Star Sister and Spouse.

### Masonic Birthdays: 23 Years in Masonry

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years in Masonry</u>
Peter T. Castle	8
Jonathon C. Keith	7
Erik G. Vargas	6
Laurent R. R. Zenidiu	2

### TRI-STATE K-9 RESPONSE

Tri-State K-9 Response team is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides crisis response and emotional support to those in need. We do this with certified, trained teams of dogs and their handlers. Teams provide comfort to victims of a natural or man-made disaster, individuals or communities in crisis, or anyone who would benefit from these encounters.

TRI-STATE K-9 RESPONSE TEAM

For more info:

<http://tri-statecanineresponse.org>



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**YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **May 4:** Ionic No. 31 Railroad Degree 10:30 am. Wilmington & Western Railroad
- **May 7:** Granite Corinthian No. 34 Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **May 9:** Eureka-DuPont Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **May 14:** Brandywine No. 33 Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **May 17:** Delaware Memorial Veteran's Cemetery Flag Placement 8:00 am (Bear)
- **May 21:** Scottish Rite Reception for the Grand Master Felton Fire Hall 6:00 pm
- **May 27:** Memorial Day
- **June 8:** Washington No. 1 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Delaware City Fire Hall 5:00 pm

### DINNER IS SERVED

Our Sr. Steward prepares dinner before every Stated Communication. Please come out, break bread and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers.

- Something Tasty!
- Salad
- Dessert      Members: \$5 Donation

## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae, 1872 - 1918



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



WM O'Rourke thanks Mr. Isabella for providing an interesting and informative presentation in April.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Memorial Day was a response to the unprecedented carnage of the Civil War, in which some 620,000 soldiers on both sides died. The loss of life and its effect on communities throughout the country led to spontaneous commemorations of the dead.
- It was originally called Decoration Day. To honor the deceased, soldiers would decorate graves of their fallen comrades with flowers, flags and wreaths. Hence Decoration Day. Although Memorial Day became its official title in the 1880s, the holiday wouldn't legally become Memorial Day until 1967.
- Major General John A. Logan was commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans. On May 5, 1868, he issued General Orders No. 11, which set aside May 30, 1868 "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion." •
- On May 30, 1868, President Ulysses S. Grant presided over the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery—which, until 1864, was Confederate General Robert E. Lee's plantation.
- The South didn't adopt the May 30 Memorial Day until after World War I, by which time its purpose had been broadened to include those who died in all the country's wars.
- Only one town has received the official seal of approval from the U.S. government. In 1966, 100 years after the town of Waterloo, New York, shuttered its businesses and took to the streets for the first of many continuous, community-wide celebrations, President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation, recently passed by the U.S. Congress, declaring the tiny upstate village the "official" birthplace of Memorial Day.
- It is customary on Memorial Day to fly the flag at half-staff until noon, and then raise it to the top of the staff until sunset.
- The World War I poem "In Flanders Fields," by John McCrae, inspired the Memorial Day custom of wearing red artificial poppies. In 1915, a Georgia teacher and volunteer war worker named Moina Michael began a campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute to veterans and for "keeping the faith with all who died." The sale of poppies has supported the work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Taken from the internet; so these must be true ☺

