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# Masonic Trestleboard

September 2019

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

**Stated Communication  
September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

**Brandywine Masonic Hall  
2016 Foulk Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810**

**All Visiting Brethren Welcome!**

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*Hello  
September*

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## FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Masonic year. I have the honor and privilege of being Master of the lodge once again.

Last year was a great year where we entered six new Brothers and Raised four of them. Three of the six, so far, have joined our Officer Corps and I have no doubt they will bring some added enthusiasm to our lodge. There is still Masonic work to do to raise the remaining two, and I hope you will join me and the officers as we confer those degrees.

For those of you who are not officers and want to get involved in the Craft, we have committees where your help is needed. All you need do is state your desire and you will be appointed to one or more committees. If you have ideas on how to better the Craft or reach out to the community, please feel free to mention them to me or in lodge.

This year we will be holding our Stated Communications in Unity with Washington Lodge No. 1. This will be a boost for both our lodges as we engage in fellowship with more Brothers. We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in September and June and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday the remaining months. Please see below for the dates of our meetings.

### Stated Communications

September 12	February 20 (Soup Night)
October 17	March 19
November 21	April 16
December 19 (Chocolate Night)	May 21
January 16 (Grand Visitation)	June 11



Hope to see you all in lodge.

Fraternally,

*Kevin O'Rourke*

Worshipful Master

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

2018 Kevin O'Rourke  
2017 Harvey S. Goldberg  
2016 Jerome R. "Jay" Troy  
2015 Thomas J. Cole  
2014 Gary R. Williamson  
2005-13 David M. Simkins  
1998-2003 Robert Hiddemen  
1993 Peter M. Pena\*\*  
1990 Neill M. Thompson\*  
1975 John R. Kraus  
1973 David Hipp  
1972-1974 John R. Bradd  
1972 Kenneth C. Butler  
1970 Anton W. Benson  
1970 Alvin M. Rubenstein  
1969 John Barnes

### Affiliated Past Masters

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

\* Suspended

\*\* Demitted



**PATRIOT DAY**

*We will never forget*

## SEPTEMBER 2019

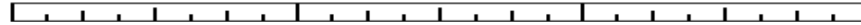
The 242nd Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held at the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road in Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 PM. The reading of the minutes, correspondence, payment of bills, committee reports, reception of petitions, Masonic birthdays, and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge will be transacted. The dress code is business.

*Kevin O'Rourke*, Worshipful Master

Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood*, Secretary

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

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



### EUREKA-DUPONT LODGE No. 23-29 2019-2020 COMMITTEES

The Lodge Committee structure for the year has been finalized. Each of these committees is in need of members. The more hands involved, the more that can be accomplished.

Three Investigation Teams will be led by Pat Light, PM, Mike Jones, PM, and Gary Williamson, PM. Staffing the three teams with Committee members has not yet been completed. Please let me know if you can help on one of the teams.

The Bylaws Committed will be chaired by our Secretary, Rollyn Trueblood. Committee members are needed to assist with this extremely important work.

Officer Instruction will again be chaired by Jim Pletz, PGM.

One very important Committee keeps track of our Sick and Infirm Brothers and their family members. This committee will be chaired by David Simkins, PM.

The Widows and Orphans Committee will be chaired by Gary Williamson, PM.

Candidate Instruction is chaired by Jim Pletz, PGM.

John Della Guardia will chair our IT and Social Media Committee.

Our Trustees will continue to be Jim Pletz, PGM, Richard Williamson, Tom Sandilands and Said Shakshir.

### DRESS CODE

Brothers often ask what certain dress codes entail. The following is the simple version. Others may have different definitions.

**Business:** Officers in Tuxedos; Brethren in Coat and Tie.

**Business Casual:** Brethren in Pants, button-down or polo/golf shirt; no Coat or Tie required.

**Casual:** Dress comfortably but appropriately.

**Stated and Special Communications:** Business unless specified otherwise.

**Lodge of Instruction:** Coat and Tie

**Officer Practices:** Casual

Remember Brothers, We are Masons, govern yourselves accordingly.

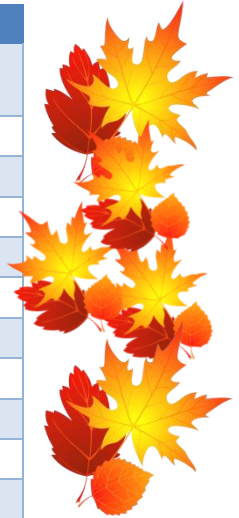
*It is better to have you in lodge with us. So if you cannot come dressed as expected, come as you are. Worshipful Master*



On June 28, Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 initiated its 6th candidate in the 2018-2019 Masonic year. Bro. Lee Butler was entered in grand style by W. Bro. Pat Light. W. Bro. Clinton Robertson of Brandywine 33 delivered the lecture in outstanding form. Pictured is Bro. Butler with Past Grand Master James Pletz, who closed the lodge for the evening. With six new members, this was a banner year for our Lodge.

### Masonic Birthdays; 379 Years in Masonry

BROTHER	YEARS IN MASONRY
Thomas Herlihy	56
Clyde L. Machamer	56
Robert Miller	56
Robert Oberg, Sr.	55
John R. Kraus, PM	51
Herbert J Rubenstein, PM	49
Robert H. Merrill, Jr.	33
David R. Cole	13
Ernest Lewis II	5
Kevin O'Rourke	5



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **September 3:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Talleville)
- **September 5:** Washington No. 1 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Brandywine)
- **September 10:** Brandywine No. 33 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Brandywine)
- **September 12:** Eureka-DuPont Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Brandywine)
- **September 21:** Washington No. 1 Shield and Square Master Mason degree at Hanby Outdoor Center
- **October 7:** Grand Lodge (Rehoboth)

### Wilmington Breakfast Club

Information on the breakfast club is available here:  
<http://jtroy.com/breakfast>

Come out and join your brothers helping the hungry.



### WASHINGTON NO. 1 MASTER MASON DEGREE AT HANBY OUTDOOR CENTER

WM Hanby has scheduled a Master Mason Degree for Bro. Duncaster on the grounds of the Hanby Trust. The Delaware Shield and Square Club will confer the Degree. The Hanby Outdoor Center is located at 35 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, DE 19810 (runs between Marsh and Darley Roads).

*Important*

### DINNER IS SERVED

Our Stewards prepare dinner before every Stated Communication. Please come out, "break bread" and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers. Donations: \$5-10

This month our menu includes:

- Lasagna
- Rustic Mix Sandwiches
- Dessert





Garry Norton, James Simkins, Douglas J. Cummings Jr.

Eureka-DuPont Lodge closed out the 2018-2019 Masonic year in grand style. One of the final events of the year was a joint Special Communication where the Master Mason Degree was conferred on two Eureka-DuPont brothers and one from Brandywine.

WM O'Rourke, with the assistance of David Simkins, PM, and WM Sean McKenna conferred the degree upon Brothers Garry S. Norton and James Simkins of Eureka-DuPont Lodge and Brother Douglas J. Cummings Jr. of Brandywine Lodge. Brother James T. Simkins is a second generation member of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29.

The lecture was given in excellent form by Grand Marshal Clinton Robertson, Grand Lecturer. The Bible presentation was given in exceptional form by Bro. John Della Guardia. The new Master Masons received certificates and gifts by various Brothers. The Lodge was closed by M.:W.: Donald E. Rosenberry GM, assisted by the new Master Masons.

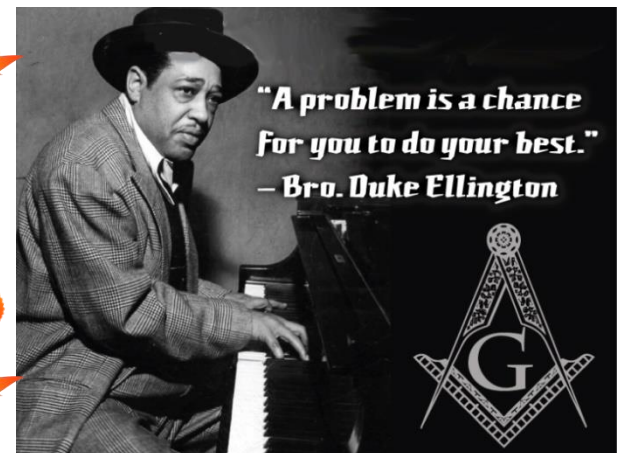


## EUREKA-DUPONT GRAPHIC DESIGN APPAREL

Thanks to the efforts of Brothers Drew Wedel and Laurent Zenidiu, Lodge members now have the option to purchase quality apparel in a variety of colors emblazoned with our Lodge Logo. Various shirt designs will be available including polos, t-shirts, dress shirts, sweatshirts, and more. The items are available on line from Unique Impressions. More information at the September Stated Communication. This is your opportunity to show your Lodge Spirit and be recognized in the community.



<https://shopuniqueimpressions.com/collections>



## FOOD DRIVE:

As part of this year's attempts to reach out to the community, Eureka-DuPont will sponsor a food drive during our Stated and Special Communications. Please bring canned goods or non-perishables to the meeting and the Lodge will distribute to a worthy local food bank or charity.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The name of the ninth month of the year – September – comes from the old Roman word “septem”, meaning “seven”, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month.
- The Romans believed that the month of September was looked after by the god of the fire and forge – **Vulcan**. Therefore, they expected fires, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in this month.
- The autumnal equinox, which is the traditional transition from summer into fall, takes place on or around September 22nd, depending on the year.
- **September 6, 1620:** The Pilgrims sailed from Plymouth, England, on the Mayflower to settle in North America.
- **September 1, 1752:** “Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” The Liberty Bell arrived in Philadelphia to be placed in the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall).
- **September 5, 1774:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress was called to order. Comprised of delegates from all 13 American colonies, it served as the governing body during the American Revolution, from 1774 to 1789. Two years later, on September 9, it changed the name of the United Colonies to the United States.
- **September 3, 1777:** At Cooch's Bridge, in Newark Delaware, an early skirmish of the American Revolutionary war took place, where the Flag of the United States was flown in battle for the first time.
- **September 22, 1862:** President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery in the territories held by the Confederacy, effective January 1, 1863.
- **September 8, 1892:** The Pledge of Allegiance was first published by the Youth's Companion Magazine - "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
- **September 5, 1906:** 1906 - The first legal forward pass in American football was thrown by Bradbury Robinson of St. Louis University to teammate Jack Schneider in a 22 – 0 victory over Carroll College (Wisconsin).
- **September 11, 2001:** On a Tuesday morning, members of the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners as part of a series of coordinated attacks against targets in the United States. The Twin Towers in New York City were hit by one plane each, while one plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The fourth plane is thought to have been headed for the White House, but passengers overtook the hijackers and the plane crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania. More than 3,000 people lost their lives during what was the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil to date. NEVER FORGET



Taken from the internet; so these must be true ☺

## A MASON'S WIFE

From active Masons, resolute,  
Our wives and families we salute;  
We surely know the price you pay,  
Who sit alone while we're away.

No high degrees on you conferred,  
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;  
You serve our cause though out of sight,  
While sitting home alone tonight.

Masonic papers list our names,  
Awards are given, fit to frame;  
But yours is absent...you who strive,  
To keep our fortitude alive.

You're part of every helpful deed,  
On your encouragement we feed;  
Without your blessings, how could we,  
Continue acts of charity?

And so, this poem, we dedicate,  
To every Master Mason's mate;  
And offer our undying love,  
Rewards await in Heaven above.

ROBERT PINKERTON



## I SEE YOU'VE TRAVELED SOME

Wherever you may chance to be,  
Wherever you may roam,  
Far away in foreign lands;  
Or just at Home Sweet Home.

It always gives you pleasure,  
it makes your heart strings hum  
Just to hear the words of cheer,  
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get a brother's greeting,  
And he takes you by the hand,  
It thrills you with a feeling  
that you cannot understand.

You feel that bond of brotherhood  
that tie that's sure to come  
When you hear him say in a friendly way  
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,  
In strange lands all alone  
If fate has left you stranded  
Dead broke and far from home.

It thrills you--makes you numb,  
When he says with a grip  
of fellowship,  
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,  
To take a last long trip,  
Adorned with Lambskin Apron White  
and gems of fellowship.

The tiler at the Golden Gate,  
With square and rule and plumb  
Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",  
"I see you've traveled some."

E.A. GUEST