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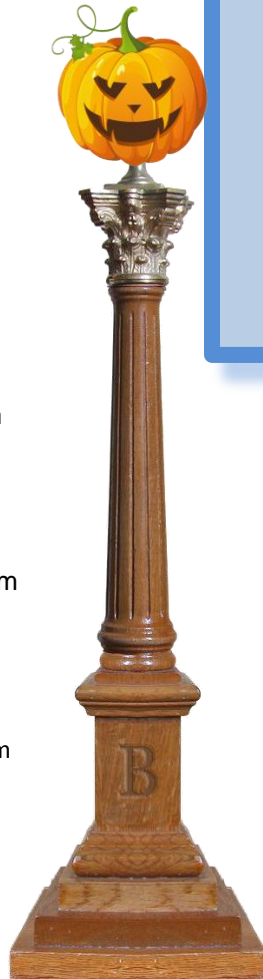
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Masonic Trestleboard
October 2019

Making Good Men Better
since 1867

Stated Communication
October 17th at 7:30 pm

Brandywine Masonic Hall
2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

All Visiting Brethren Welcome!

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OCTOBER 2019

The 243rd 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, October 17th 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.**

FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

If you would like to be active in Masonry, a good way to start is to begin visiting other lodges, not only in our own District I and Delaware Jurisdiction, but to those lodges in other jurisdictions. There are many lodges within driving distance in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and even New York, Virginia and District of Columbia.

I have been able to visit lodges in multiple states and have always found the reception to be most welcoming. If you would like to visit other lodges with me and other brothers, please let me know and we will schedule those visits.

This month will be our first Stated Communication where we meet in Unity with Washington No.1. I am looking forward to having more Brothers share dinner and sitting in the lodge. Eureka-DuPont will host this first meeting, which just means that we will be sitting in the officer chairs. Let's begin a new year with the fellowship of our Washington Brothers. Remember we are meeting on the **Third Thursday**, and will continue to do so through May of 2020. This month the third Thursday falls on **October 17**.

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

**EUREKA-DUPONT
2019-2020 COMMITTEES**

Candidate Instruction:

Jim Pletz, PGM
Gary Williamson, PM
David Simkins, PM
Mitri Habash
Drew Wedel

Investigation:

Gary Williamson, PM
Michael Jones, PM
Pat Light, PM
David Simkins, PM
Kelvin Blassingame
Richard Williamson
Drew Wedel
Garry Norton

Officer Instruction:

Jim Pletz, PGM
Kevin O'Rourke, PM

By-Laws:

Rollyn Trueblood
David Simkins, PM
Kevin O'Rourke, PM

Sick and Infirm:

David Simkins, PM

Investment:

Michael Jones, PM
Jay Troy, PM
Laurent Zenidiu

Widows and Orphans:

Gary Williamson, PM

IT and Social Media:

John Della Guardia
Robert Rock

Trustees:

Jim Pletz, PGM
Richard Williamson
Tom Sandilands
Said Shakshir



Wilmington Breakfast Club

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

Come out and join your brothers helping the hungry.



Masonic Birthdays – 344 Years in Masonry

Brother	Years In Masonry
John R. Barnes, PM	57
Alvin M. Rubenstein, PM	55
David H. Pippin	54
David S. Brown	52
William F. Manley	49
Tenney H. Wheatley, Jr.	17
Gary R. Williamson	13
Richard J. Williamson	12
Jerome (Jay) R. Troy	10
Rollyn C. Trueblood	10
Bruce D. Bartow	9
Joseph S. Marvian	5
Timothy S. Jackson	1



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

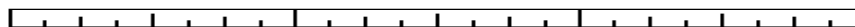
This month our menu includes:

- Something Poisoned



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **October 1:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Talleyville)
- **October 3:** Brandywine Chapter RAM (Talleyville)
- **October 7:** 214th Grand Lodge Annual Communication (Rehoboth)
- **October 8:** Brandywine No. 33 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Brandywine)
- **October 10:** Public Installation of Grand Officers (NUR Shrine-New Castle)
- **October 12:** Union Lodge No. 7 Outdoor Degree (Al Johnson Farm, 143 Alville Road, Magnolia, DE 19962) 10:30 am
- **October 12:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Brandywine Battlefield Degree 6:00 pm (Brandywine Battlefield)
- **October 17:** Eureka-DuPont and Washington No.1 Unity Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Brandywine)
- **October 22:** Three-Lodge MM Degree 7:00 pm (Brandywine)

Check out the **Grand Calendar** for other events

<https://www.masonsindelaware.org/>



214TH GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION



The Grand Lodge of Delaware will open its 214th Annual Communication at 9:00 AM (Registration opens at 8:00 AM). All Delaware Subordinate Lodge's Worshipful Masters and Wardens are to be in attendance. All Master Masons Welcome.

Dress: GL Elected Officers in Morning Suits & Appointed Officers in Tuxedo. Brethren - Coat & tie

Location : Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center
1 Baltimore Ave. (3rd floor - Swan Ballroom)
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

WASHINGTON No. 1, BRANDYWINE No. 33 AND EUREKA-DUPONT No. 23-29 COMBINED MASTER MASON DEGREE

A Three-Lodge Degree is scheduled for October 22, 2019 at the Brandywine Masonic Hall. Please come out and Support the officers and candidates as they take their third step in Masonry. The gavel drops at 7:00 pm.



GRAND MASTER PRESENTS 70-YEAR CERTIFICATE

On Saturday, September 7, 2019 M.W. Donald E. Rosenberry, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware and Kevin O'Rourke, Worshipful Master of Eureka DuPont Lodge presented Brother McDaniel his certificate honoring his 70 years of membership in Eureka and subsequently Eureka-DuPont Lodge.

In January 2019 at the Grand Visitation to Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, M.W. Rosenberry, had planned to present Brother Richard "Dick" McDaniel his 70 year membership certificate. Unfortunately, Brother McDaniel was too infirm to attend. At the request of Brother McDaniel's daughter, Amy, Eureka-DuPont was able to reschedule at Brother McDaniel's home in North East, Maryland. Grand Marshal Clinton Robertson, Aide to the Grand Master, Sam Katz, WM James Hanby (Washington No. 1), Bro. Tim Jackson (Eureka-DuPont), Bro. Ruben Argudo (Union Lodge No. 48 Elkton), Bro. McDaniel's son-in-law, and WM Tyler Bazzoli (Brandywine No. 33), Bro. McDaniel's granddaughter's husband, were there to support the presentation.

Brother McDaniel, now in his nineties, joined Masonry when he was 24. Many of his family, including his wife, Marina, daughter, Amy and others also joined in the celebration of this great milestone in his Masonic history. It was later learned that after the presentation team departed and things calmed a bit, Brother McDaniel fondly reminisced about his days in Masonry.

When Brother McDaniel joined Eureka Lodge in 1949, the Worshipful Master was James F. Hearn, who served as Master from June 1948 to June 1949. On June 4, 1949, Bro. Hearn was elected Mayor of Wilmington. He was sworn in July 1, 1949 by Hon. Thomas Herlihy, Jr., another Brother of Eureka Lodge.

In December of 1949, one wonders if Brother McDaniel was one of the 250 lodge members who gathered to welcome Mayor Hearn and United States Senator and M.W. Grand Master J. Allen Frear, Jr. as Grand Master Frear paid Eureka Lodge an official visit.

This, Brothers, is what Masonry is all about, a fraternity that is always there for its Brethren and the Brethren always there for the fraternity.



**Congratulations!!!
Brother Williamson Welcomes Daughter Grace**

On Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 4:57 pm, Grace Erica Williamson was born to parents Bro. Richard Williamson and his wife, Kristin. Grace was born 6 lbs., 10 oz. and 19 inches long. Both Mom and baby Grace are doing well. Bro. Richard is the son of W. Bro. Gary Williamson and brother of Bro. Eric Williamson. Welcome to the world Grace!



Grace Erica Williamson



Bro. Richard, Grace and Kristin

WHAT MAKES A MAN A MASON?

What makes a man a Mason, O brother of mine?

It isn't the due guard, nor is it the sign,
It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast
It isn't the apron in which you are dressed

It isn't the step, nor the token, nor the grip,
Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,
Nor yet the possession of that mystic word
On five points of fellowship duly conferred.

Though these are essential, desirable, fine,
They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.
That you to your sworn obligation are true
'Tis that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.

Secure in your heart you must safeguard and trust,
With lodge and with brother be honest and just,
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,
Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed.

Support he who falters, with hope banish fear,
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,
The gavel of vices with courage apply;
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,

The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,
The compass your passions shut safely inside;
The stone which the Architect placed in your care
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square.

And then you will meet
with approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason,
O brother of mine.

By George M. Free

