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**Masonic Trestleboard**  
November 2019

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

**Stated Communication**  
**November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm**

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

**All Visiting Brethren Welcome!**

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## NOVEMBER 2019

The 244th 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, November 21<sup>st</sup> 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,

Our first Unity Meeting with Washington No.1 was well attended with over 20 brothers and visitors. Bro. Jr. Deacon Drew Wedel gave a very interesting and informative presentation on Civil War Reenactment with a visual and a hands-on presentation of logistics, gear and apparel. Thank you Brother. Washington No.1 hosts our Unity meeting this month on Thursday, November 21, 2019. WM Hanby plans to have a program; stay tuned for more details.

Many times, I have had conversations with other Masons who wear a Masonic ring with the Square and Compasses (S and Cs) and the topic of which way the lights should point has come up. There are varying opinions of what is correct, but I have learned that both may be correct. For example, a Mason may wear the S and Cs pointing **out** to inform others that he is a Mason. He may also wear the S and Cs pointing **in** to remind himself that he is a Mason and to govern himself accordingly. Whichever way you wear your ring, you can be "Proud to be a Mason."

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

**Trustees:**

Jim Pletz, PGM  
Richard Williamson  
Tom Sandilands  
Said Shakshir

**Shotgun Fundraiser:**

Garry Norton



**Masonic Birthdays – 208 Years in Masonry**

Brother	Years In Masonry
<b>Donald L. McDowell</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Lloyd J. Taylor</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Kenneth W. Gray</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>David A. Russ</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>David M. Simkins</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Reese J. Stewart</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Edward T. Wolfe</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>John R. Della Guardia</b>	<b>1</b>



**WELCOME**

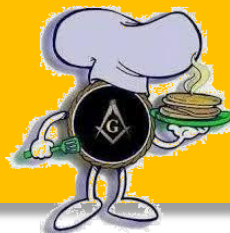
To Worshipful Brother Paul D. Loveday, who was elected into our Lodge in October 2019. Bro. Loveday hails from St. Albans Lodge No. 2786 in Hertfordshire County, England.



**Wilmington Breakfast Club**

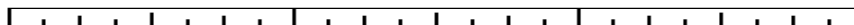
**Information on the breakfast club is available here: <http://jtroy.com/breakfast>**

**Come out and join your brothers helping the hungry.**



## 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.



### GRAND LODGE RITUAL & EDUCATION WORKSHOP

This is the first Grand Lodge Educational Workshop and is open to all Master Masons who wish to know more about ritual, Grand Lodge Code and various Masonic rituals. Saturday November 2, 2019.

Coffee & doughnuts - 8:30 am  
Workshop starts at 9:00 am sharp, and concludes promptly at noon.

**Dress:** Casual (No Shorts)

**Location :** Dover Masonic Temple  
1478 Wyoming Mill Road  
Dover DE 19904 US

### DINNER IS SERVED

The Stewards prepare dinner before every Stated Communication (6:30ish). Please come out, "break bread" and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers.  
Donations: \$5-10

This month our menu includes:

- Something venison for which to be Thankful



### FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE



The Officers of Eureka-DuPont, Brandywine No. 33 and Washington No. 1 will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on Brother Butler and possibly 1 or 2 Washington No. 1 Brothers on November 14, 2019 at the Brandywine Masonic Hall. Please come out and support the officers and candidates as they take their second step in Masonry. The gavel drops at 7:00 pm.



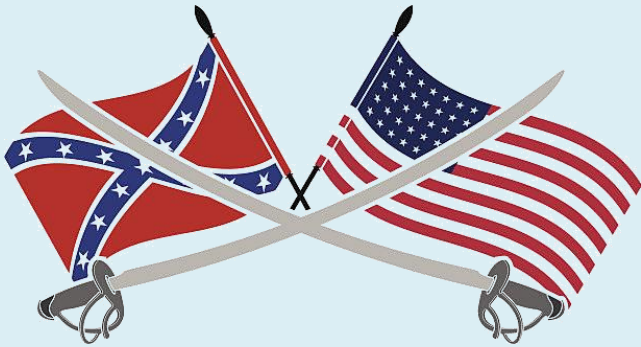
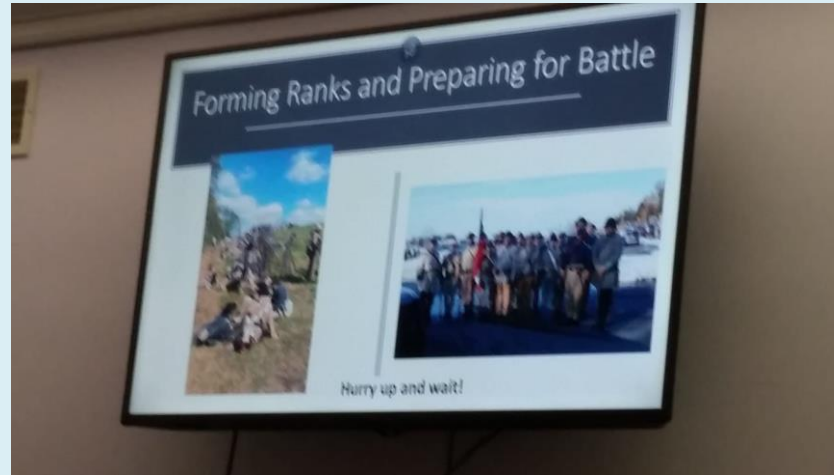
### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **November 2:** GL Ritual & Education Workshop (Dover)
- **November 5:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Talleville)
- **November 11:** Officer Rehearsal (Brandywine)
- **November 12:** Brandywine No. 33 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Brandywine)
- **November 14:** FC Degree 7:00 pm (Brandywine)
- **November 21:** Washington No.1 and Eureka-DuPont Unity Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Brandywine)

Check out the **Grand Calendar** for other events  
<https://www.masonsindelaware.org/>



# HISTORY COMES ALIVE



Bro. Wedel providing a presentation on Civil War reenactment.

## Farewell to Lady Elaine

Elaine Weeks-Trueblood, of Middletown, Delaware, passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 after a short illness.

Daughter of Woodrow and Grace Weeks, Elaine was born in Portland, Maine in 1949. She was a graduate of Fryeburg Academy Class of 67, Colby College, and earned her Masters Degree from Fairfield University. Elaine was a longtime employee of JP Morgan Chase and Company and retired in May 2018 as Executive Director of Consumer and Community Banking Management.

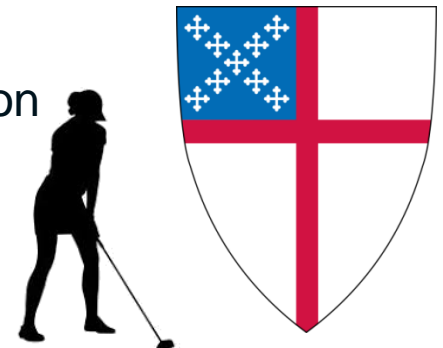


Elaine was an avid golfer and loved her pets. Recently, Elaine took up the French horn. After retirement, Elaine was passionate about teaching English as a second language at the University of Delaware.

Elaine is survived by her husband of 25 years, Bro. Rollyn Trueblood; stepson Lloyd (Melissa) Trueblood, stepdaughter Sheri Trueblood, brother Colin (Bonnie) Weeks, nephew William (Susan) Weeks, nephew Steve (Liz) Weeks, and niece Jennifer Weeks.

The family suggests honoring the memory of Elaine by sending a memorial donation to Our Daily Bread Dining Room (an organization which provides nutritious meals to low-income families in the Middletown, Odessa, and Townsend areas).

P.O. Box 945, Middletown, DE 19709.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO GRAND LODGE AWARD OF HONOR RECIPIENT

At The 214<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Brother Tenney H. Wheatley, Jr. USAF (Ret.) was elected to receive the Grand Lodge Award of Honor.

(The) purpose of the award shall be to honor and recognize outstanding service to Freemasonry by Master Masons of Delaware who are not members of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Rumor has it that Past Grand Master Rosenberry will be presenting Bro. Wheatley with the award at our November Stated Communication. Please join us in congratulating Bro. Wheatley.



## MASON

This is a word from the Middle Ages, with an uncertain origin. The old Gothic maitan meant to hew, or cut, and it is supposed the word carried that general meaning through Medieval Latin, English, German, and in the Scandinavian languages. If at first it was used only of a stone-cutter, it came later to mean a builder. Why the Operatives were called "Freemasons" is still an unsolved puzzle; the most likely view is that they were a society of builders free to move from one place to another in contrast to the gild Masons who were confined in their labors to one community. In our Fraternity a Mason is a builder of manhood and brotherhood.

## LIGHT

A candidate is "brought to light." "Let there be light" is the motto of the Craft. It is one of the key words of Masonry. It is very ancient, harking back to the Sanskrit ruc, meaning shine. The Greeks had luk, preserved in many English words, especially such as have leuco in their make-up, as in "leucocyte," a white blood corpuscle. The Latins had luc or lux in various forms, whence our light, lucid, luminous, illumine, lunar, lightning, etc. The word means bright, clear, shining, and is associated in its use with the sun, moon, fire, etc. By an inevitable association the word came into metaphorical use to mean the coming of truth and knowledge into the mind. 'When a candidate ceases to be ignorant of Masonry, when through initiation the truths of Masonry have found entrance into his mind, he is said to be "enlightened" in the Masonic sense.

SOURCE: MASONICDICTIONARY.COM

