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December 2019

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**Stated Communication
December 19th at 5:30 pm**

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

All Visiting Brethren Welcome!

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DECEMBER 2019

The 245th 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, December 19th at 5:30 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 casual.

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,

The Holidays are upon us with Thanksgiving recently passed. Our Masonic heritage is filled with stories of giving back to those less fortunate. Remember the charge; "...and if you should meet anyone in like destitute circumstances, especially a Brother Mason, you should contribute to his relief as liberally as your means will permit." There are many ways a mason can contribute, and it does not always mean monetary assistance. A Mason can spend his time volunteering for service that could help others. For example, many of our Brothers volunteer at the Saturday Breakfast Club feeding the hungry in Wilmington or ring the bell at the mall for the Salvation Army; both worthy causes. Other Masons, such as the Shriners help fund the Shriner's Hospitals that help so many children.

However you choose to contribute is up to you and only you can decide what is best for you and your circumstances. Whichever way you do contribute, be **Proud to be a Mason**.

We wish a Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa, Happy Yule, Enlightened Bodhi Day, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all our Brethren and their families. It is a time for celebration and reflection on another year past and a new one beginning. Let us hope it will be a good year.

Hope to see you all in lodge.

Fraternally,

Kevin O'Rourke, WM



Merry Christmas



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 Kenneth C. Butler*
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
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David Simkins, PM
Mitri Habash

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Michael Jones, PM
Pat Light, PM
David Simkins, PM
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Richard Williamson
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David Simkins, PM

Shotgun Fundraiser:

Garry Norton



Masonic Birthdays – 193 Years in Masonry

Brother	Years In Masonry
Robert L. Barrowcliff	68
Albert C. Degen	53
Carmen A. Smith	22
Lewis G. Kester, III	20
Cory R. Kramer, PM	10
Patrick S. Light, PM	10
Brian J. Keith	6
Kelvin D. Blassingame	4
Kenyatta C. Williamson	4



CLAYMONT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Join Brandywine No. 33 and other District 1 lodges as we walk in the Claymont Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7. The Parade is officially from 10 am-Noon, and goes from Maple Lane Elementary, north on Philadelphia Pike, and ends near Archmere Academy.

Please arrive at the Extra Space Storage, 2105 Philadelphia Pike, at 9:15-9:30 am, and from there we will walk over to Maple Lane Elementary to file into the parade before 10 am. Dress is coat and tie for brothers; tuxedos and jewels for officers, and family members dressed casually are more than welcome to walk with us. Dress for the weather.



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.

AN EVENING WITH S. BRENT MORRIS

Join Washington Lodge No. 1 as they welcome S. Brent Morris as part of their 250th Anniversary, Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Brandywine Masonic Hall.

Dinner will be at 6:00 PM the program will be start at 7:30 PM. This is an open program, wives, girlfriends, and friends who would make a good Mason.

Brother Morris will present a program entitled, "The Curious incident of the Exposure that Wasn't." It is the story of the 1723 ritual exposure in the London newspaper, *The Post-Boy*. On closer examination, the evidence points to the exposure being a "denial and deception" intelligence campaign by the Grand Lodge.

The cost is \$25.00 per person.

For tickets or more information contact WM James R. Hanby, Sr. at 302-824-0186 or Hanbyj@aol.com.

15TH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE NIGHT

Important

Please come out to help wrap gifts for the underprivileged kids of Delaware. Rev. Bro. Bill Downing and his wife, Marty, with the donations of the Masonic Brothers of Delaware, have been providing gifts for the kids for over 15 years. It is Eureka-DuPont's honor to host the event and play a small part in a child's Christmas morning. Cindy Reitz, will be playing Christmas music on her keyboard for all to sing along. Chocolate and other sweets, provided as a small reward to those who attend, is how the event name originates. The Grand Master, Staff and their Ladies will be attending.

Dinner will be at 6:30ish when gift wrapping begins.

Dress is casual.



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.

This month our menu includes:

- **Pizza** and **Garden Salad**

Donations: \$5-10

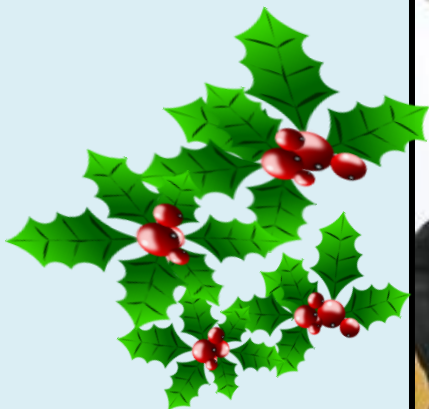


UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **December 3:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Stated Communication (Talleyville) 7:30 PM
- **December 7:** Claymont Christmas Parade (Claymont)
- **December 9:** Officer Practice (Brandywine) 7 PM
- **December 10:** Brandywine No. 33 Stated Communication (Brandywine) 7:30 PM
- **December 14:** An Evening with S. Brent Morris (Brandywine)
- **December 19:** Unity Stated Communication Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 and Washington No. 1 (Brandywine) 5:30 PM

GRAND LODGE AWARD OF HONOR

M.:W.: Donald Rosenberry, PGM, presents Bro. Tenney Wheatley the coveted **Grand Lodge Award of Honor**, which recognizes outstanding service to Freemasonry by a Master Mason of Delaware. Bro. Wheatley was nominated by District 1 to receive the award, but was unfortunately not in attendance during the 214th Grand Lodge Annual Communication to receive it. M.:W.: Rosenberry was honored to be able to present the award to Bro. Wheatley at our Stated Communication in November. Eureka-DuPont is proud to have Bro. Wheatley as a member and a Mason.



MASTER MASON DEGREE

October 22, 2019 was a special night in District 1 as three lodges came together to confer the Master Mason Degree on two worthy Brothers. Officers and members of Washington Lodge No. 1, Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, and Brandywine Lodge No. 33 came together to form the degree team. Brother Gus Sumo of Eureka-DuPont and Brother Chad Doncaster of Washington were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Brothers Sumo and Doncaster were both very appreciative of the crowd of 23 who showed up on a chilly, raining night to be there to support them.



FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE



The Craft came together again on November 14, 2019 to pass three worthy Brothers. Brothers, Officers and members of Washington, Eureka-DuPont, and Brandywine formed the degree team with Bro. Rob Kleiner in the East and W. Bro. Pat Light as Sr. Deacon. Bro. Dewey Miller provided the 7 Liberal Arts Lecture.

Terry Boyer and James Manlove of Washington No. 1 along with Lee Butler of Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 were Passed in excellent form to a gathering of 27.



A Freemason's Christmas Wish

By Brother Andrew Bradley

It is the time of year when the Brethren rejoice,
And sing carols of praise in resounding voice.
Days of merriment and long nights of cheer,
As we all await the "Happy New Year!"
It is a time of family and life-long friends,
A time of happiness and to make amends.
Roast turkey and baubles and the Nutcracker Suite, We each
have our own way to make Christmas complete.

As we stroll through this happy month of December,
Find time to pause and take time to remember
That distinguishing sign of a Freemason's heart – Those acts
of Charity. How great they are.
As your family gathers 'round your Christmas tree, And the
children play with giggles of glee,
Spare a thought for the poor, the man with no shoes,
Whose daily meal is less than your dues.

Remember also the Grand Lodge above,
And the Supreme Great Architect's act of love.
And practice those virtues we hold so true.
Have some fun! But let Temperance chasten you.
And during this season of peace and joy
Look well to our future – the girl and boy.
Then wonder what lessons you may them teach, And with
your guidance what heights they may reach.

So, to all of my Brethren from far and wide,
Whether your Christmas be snow, or hot and dry, May the
Architect grant his celestial boon
And keep your good health 'til we meet again soon.
Take care of yourself and those you find dear.
Keep this festive spirit throughout the next year.
Look toward your next date with our happy band.
'Til our next merry meeting, Apron, Heart, and Hand.

ANNUAL DUES

Brothers,
Dues invoices are being sent by email and by regular mail to those Brothers who have not provided an email address. Please send payment payable to Eureka-DuPont and mail check to:

Eureka-DuPont
23 Palmer Drive
Middletown, DE 19709

As you many know, Eureka-DuPont's dues were increased to \$50 annually, the Grand Lodge Dues and Assessments remain at \$35. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid additional costs for postage.

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



Happy Holidays

