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Masonic Trestleboard
February 2020
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Stated Communication
February 20th at 7:30 pm

Brandywine Masonic Hall
2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

All Visiting Brethren Welcome!

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FEBRUARY 2020

The 247th 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, February 20th 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; tuxedos/dark suits and white gloves for officers, coat and tie for the Brethren.

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,

Once again we lost a dear Brother, Worshipful Harvey S. Goldberg, PM. Brother Harvey was one of the first Masons I met when joining Eureka-DuPont, was Senior Deacon when I went through the degrees and was just ahead of me moving into the East. We spent many hours together studying the rituals as we progressed. Harvey was a mentor, a friend, and a Brother. He was always ready to lend a helping hand or offer advice as needed. He will be sorely missed by me, our lodge and Masonry as a whole. We were honored to perform his Masonic Memorial Service at the request of his family, and there were many Brothers in attendance from multiple Jurisdictions.

Our officers continue to work toward their proficiency in moving up in the chairs. We hold practices typically on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. These practices are open to all Master Masons, and you are invited and encouraged to attend.

This month, representatives from Scottish Rite and York Rite will be providing presentations on their respective bodies. I expect this to be informative in understanding the many degrees offered. Dinner will be our annual Soup Night where brothers or others bring a soup or chili, and the top voted dishes win tickets to Brotherhood Night. Please contact the Stewards and let them know you will be participating.

Hope to see you all in lodge. **Happy Valentine's Day!!**

Fraternally,

Kevin O'Rourke, WM

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

2018 Kevin O'Rourke
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)
Herbert J. Rubenstein (#25 MD)
Terry C. Martz (#34 DE)
Patrick S. Light (#33 DE)
Russell B. Combs (#529 PA)
Michael W. Jones (#34 DE)
Paul D. Loveday (#9930 UK)

* Suspended

** Demitted



**EUREKA-DUPONT
2019-2020 COMMITTEES**

Candidate Instruction:

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

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David Simkins, PM

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Jay Troy, PM
Laurent Zenidiu

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Gary Williamson, PM

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John Della Guardia

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Tom Sandilands
Said Shakshir
David Simkins, PM

Shotgun Fundraiser:

Garry Norton



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 – 150 Years in Masonry

Brother	Years In Masonry
Lewis G. Kester Jr.	43
Stewart I. Gross	34
Thomas E. Beach	28
Robert M. Buker	13
Al Flemming	9
Michael W. Jones	9
Eric S. Williamson	9
Thomas D. Sandilands	5



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February 2:** Temple Lodge No. 9 will be participating in the Lewes Polar Bear Plunge Benefiting Special Olympics Delaware in February!! They invite any Delaware Mason to join their team. Please use the address below and sign up. <https://www.classy.org/team/272575>
- **February 4:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Grand Visitation)
- **February 5:** Oriental No. 27/Temple No. 11 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Grand Visitation)
- **February 8:** Grand Lodge & Masonic Youth Table Lodge 4:00 pm (Dover)
- **February 11:** Brandywine No. 33 Stated Communication 7:30 pm (Grand Visitation)
- **February 20:** Washington No. 1/Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **February 22:** Temple Lodge No. 9, 4th Annual Bowling Event (Milford)



50-YEAR MEMBERS HONORED

Important

Worshipful Brother Herbert J. Rubenstein, PM, received his 50-Year pin and certificate from M..W.. Evan R. Moody, Grand Master, during the Grand Visitation in January. Bro. Herb was initiated into the Craft on September 26, 1969. He moved to Maryland shortly after and became Worshipful Master of Centre Lodge No. 108.

In addition, Worshipful Brother John R. Barnes, PM, was presented his 50-Year pin and certificate, and his 55-Year certificate by M..W..Donald E. Rosenberry, PGM. Brother Barnes was initiated into the Craft on October 26, 1962 and became Worshipful Master of DuPont Lodge No. 29 in 1969.

As an added interest, it was learned that W. Brother Barnes was Worshipful Master and Raised W. Brother Rubenstein to Master Mason. It was great to have these two Brothers in attendance and be able to honor their service to Masonry.



(L to R) RW Jeff Haass, W Herb Rubenstein, W John Barnes, MW Evan Moody, WM Kevin O'Rourke



DISTRICT 2 MASTER MASON DEGREE



Brothers Lee Butler (Eureka-DuPont), Robert Beckage (Christiana No. 35) and Joseph Belusko (Whidby Island No. 15) were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a full Lodge room at the New Castle Masonic Temple. Among those in attendance were M..W.. Evan Moody, Grand Master, Past Grand Masters Don Rosenberry, James Russell and Dale Irwin along with representatives from Delaware's Scottish Rite, the Potentate of NUR Shrine, Grand Staff Members, numerous Worshipful Masters from Milford to Wilmington, too many Past Masters to count and other Brothers from across Delaware. Congratulations to Byrom Price, Christopher Wessells, Kevin O'Rourke, and PGM James Russell for sharing the Worshipful Master's duties, to the Brothers who filled the other officers stations and to R..W.. Stephen Tucker for organizing this well attended event.



(L to R) MW Evan Moody, Bro. Robert Beckage, Bro. Lee Butler, Bro. Joseph Belusko

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATION



M. .W. . Evan R. Moody and the Grand Staff visited Washington No. 1 and Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 on January 16, 2020. There were over 60 Brothers from 7 lodges present to support our lodges. Special Thanks to Ruth Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for providing and serving a delicious meal to the Brethren and their Ladies.



DINNER IS SERVED

Please come out, break bread and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers.

This month our menu includes:

- Soup and Chili
- Salad
- Breads

Bring a soup or chili to lodge and be eligible to win a Brotherhood Night ticket.



SOUP NIGHT!

ANNUAL DUES

Brothers,
Dues invoices have been sent by email or by regular mail. 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.



A CIVIL WAR STORY



It was a time not long after Fort Sumter and The War of Northern Aggression was well under way. The Yankees, as they are still wont to do, had promptly flocked to Hilton Head and Tybee Islands, the barrier islands on opposite sides of the mouth of the Savannah River. The Savannah Folks didn't mind much that the Yankees had stolen the good beaches, for the water was still a bit cool for Southern preferences and, besides, they knew the gnats and mosquitoes would teach the Yankees a lesson they'd never forget. So, the Southerners, as Southerners are wont to do sometimes, just waited.

They didn't have to wait very long before the Yankees on Hilton Head sent out a messenger under a white flag.

It seemed that the Yankees had among them a young fellow who had passed through the Fellow Craft Degree before shipping out. The Yanks were just sitting around slapping gnats when it occurred to one of them that, just maybe, there was a nearby lodge that could test him in the Fellow Craft Degree and raise him to that of a Master Mason.

As luck would have it, there was indeed a lodge in Savannah that would soon be having a Masters Degree.

One morning, not too many days later, a detail of Confederate Cavalry slipped across the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled through Bluffton to the shore opposite Hilton Head Island.

From there they escorted one Fellow Craft Mason and, I believe, a number of Master Masons of the Northern Persuasion, safely through the Confederate Lines and back through about 35 miles of Confederate defenses to Savannah where the candidate and his witnesses were delivered into the lodge.

The records note that this Brother was indeed proficient in the Fellow Craft Degree and he was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

That night another detail of Confederate Cavalry, no doubt Brothers to a man, slipped back across the Savannah River and safely escorted their Brothers back to Hilton Head.

It clearly demonstrates that, at the darkest period in our Nation's history, when brothers were killing brothers, Brothers could still be Brothers.

by John Hohenstein, Zerubbabel Lodge #15, Savannah, Georgia

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.

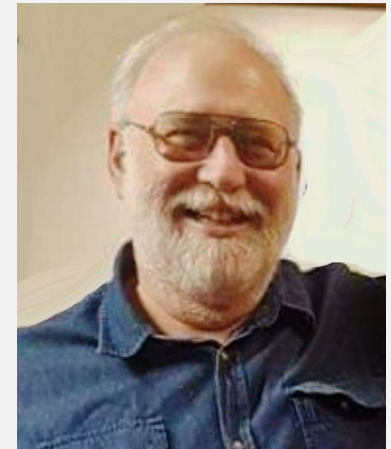
Farewell to our Brother, W. Harvey S. Goldberg, Past Master

Harvey Stephen Goldberg, age 65 of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey passed away suddenly on Sunday, January 5, 2020. Harvey was born on March 3, 1954, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to his parents Morris and Sophie Goldberg.

Brother Harvey was a Master Plumber, working his way up from an apprenticeship. He loved to sail and took many trips with his son and daughter on his sail boat to areas of the Atlantic and Caribbean. Harvey was also a licensed pilot and enjoyed flying at night. Harvey was very committed to feeding the hungry of Wilmington and spent many hours at the Saturday Breakfast Club providing pancakes to those in need, rain or shine, most every Saturday.

Brother Harvey was Initiated into the Craft in Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34 on January 1, 2012, Passed to the degree of FellowCraft on March 22, 2012, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 5, 2012. Harvey joined Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29, immediately entered the chairs and was installed as Worshipful Master in July 2017. Harvey was also a former member of the NUR Shrine and the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection.

He is survived by his daughter, Naomi Goldberg, his son Benjamin, his brother Joseph (Maria) and his niece, Valerie. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Theda.



Thou Supreme and loving Master of us all,
Who of thy tender mercy, takes the time to watch the
sparrows fall,
Attend to us in this hour of grief,
Help us to learn that our days of life are brief.
Our Brother, ever strong and eager his sacred vows to
keep,
Lies mute and unresponsive in thy eternal sleep,
We have felt the pain that comes when friends must part,
But 'tis thou who understands and mends a broken heart.
Take him to thy bosom in that bright and far off land,

For although he wears the **Square and
Compasses**,

He needs thy helping hand,
Remove the blindfold from his vision,
Let him once more face the East,
Where we all at last shall gather
From the greatest to the least.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon us and all
regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail and every
moral and social virtue cement us. So mote it be.