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March 2020

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**Stated Communication
March 19th at 7:30 pm**

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

All Visiting Brethren Welcome!

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MARCH 2020

The 248th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29, in Unity with Washington No. 1, will be held at the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road in Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, March 19th 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 another Brother, Richard "Dick" D. McDaniel originally of Eureka Lodge No. 23. I met Brother McDaniel only once when I accompanied M..W.. Don Rosenberry, Grand Master at the time, as he presented Brother McDaniel with his 70-Year Certificate of Service to the Craft. Other Brothers from our Jurisdiction and many of his family were in attendance. It was another good day to be a Mason.

This is a busy month for Masonry in Delaware. See the Upcoming Events below for specifics. This month at our Stated Communication, Brother Sam Waltz will present on Abraham Lincoln.

We have two degrees scheduled this month. An Entered Apprentice Degree on March 9 at Brandywine Masonic Temple and a Master Mason Degree on March 31 at Newport Masonic Temple. I hope to see as many of you as can attend to support the candidates.

We have four Brotherhood Night Tickets to giveaway. Please contact me, and request a ticket and it's yours. First come, first served.

Hope to see you all in lodge. **Happy St. Patrick'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
Michael Jones, PM

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David Simkins, PM

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Jay Troy, PM
Laurent Zenidiu

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John Della Guardia

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Richard Williamson
Tom Sandilands
Said Shakshir
David Simkins, PM

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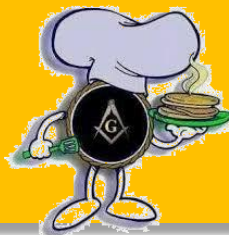
Garry Norton



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 – 161 Years in Masonry

Brother	Years In Masonry
Harold N. Kenton	60
David Hipp, PM	50
Russell B. Combs, PM	33
Terry C. Martz, PM	18



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March 3:** Lafayette No. 14 Grand Visitation, Grand Opera House, Wilmington. 7:30 pm
- **March 3:** Granite-Corinthian Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **March 7:** Education and Ritual Workshop in Dover at 9:00 am. (Master Masons only)
- **March 9:** Eureka-DuPont Entered Apprentice Degree with Granite-Corinthian No. 34. 7:00 pm (Brandywine)
- **March 10:** Brandywine Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **March 14:** Senior Lodge Officer Workshop in Dover at 9:00 am (Deacons and Wardens)
- **March 19:** Washington No. 1/Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 Stated Communication 7:30 pm
- **March 20:** Brotherhood Night at NUR Shrine 5:30 pm (All Masons (ticket required))
- **March 28:** Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Newport 8:30 am (Master Masons only)
- **March 31:** Master Mason Degree in Newport at 7:30 pm. Unity Lodge No. 32 and Armstrong Lodge No. 26 will confer the degree on two candidates and one of Eureka-DuPont's own, Ernest Lewis III.



Program for March Stated Communication

Brother Sam Waltz, of Edgar Lodge No. 829 of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, will be the speaker for the evening. Brother Waltz, a 50-year Mason, is a current board member and former President of the Lincoln Club of Delaware and has studied Lincoln for years. He will be speaking on Abraham Lincoln, the man, and filling in some facts about our 16th President of which you may not be aware.



DINNER IS SERVED

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

This month our menu includes:

- **Something Tasty**
- **Garden Salad**



ANNUAL DUES

Important

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.

THE TEST

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount." Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what

you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a real, almost scary, example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Author Unknown



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.



Masons in Motion



(L to R) Lee Butler, Drew Wedel, David Simkins, PM, Carol Fulmer with her companion Candy, Kevin O'Rourke, PM, Wayne Mower, PGM, Don Rosenberry, PGM and James Hanby, PM

When Eureka-DuPont received a request to come to the aid and assistance of one of our fallen Brother's widows, the Craft did not hesitate. We had the honor, with other District I Lodge Brothers, to answer the call.

The Brothers gathered together on a Saturday afternoon to help tidy up and maintain the yard of Mrs. Carol Fulmer, the former Corresponding Secretary to the Grand Lodge and widow of Past Grand Master Herb Fulmer. Carol was most pleased with the help from the group of Brothers and pronounced it "A job well done!"

The Brothers tackled the task in good form. We had a sturdy crew gathered from Eureka-DuPont, Washington, Granite-Corinthian and Brandywine Lodges, and our mission was completed in less than two hours (including time outs for a bit of fellowship).

This is what Masons do. This is one of the most important duties we have as Masons... to care for our members in distress and our fellow Mason's widows and orphans in need.

This is Masonic Pride, this is what makes us...

Proud to be Masons.

Two workers cut wood all day long. The first worker labored straight through without stopping to rest. At the end of the day, this worker had a sizeable pile of logs. The other worker would chop for 50 minutes and then take a 10-minute break.

At the end of the day, the second worker had a much larger pile than the first. "How could you chop more?" asked the first, who had worked continuously. The second replied, "When I stopped for rest, I also sharpened my ax."

Farewell to our Brother, Richard “Dick” D. McDaniel

Richard Delaplaine McDaniel was born July 12, 1925, in Wilmington, Delaware. He grew up in Westover Hills and attended Wilmington Friends School. He joined the Navy shortly after graduating from high school and served until the end of WWII. Following in his father’s footsteps, Richard became a Mason and was Entered into the Craft in Eureka Lodge No. 23 in 1949. He and his father, Alexander H. McDaniel, opened McDaniel Yacht Basin in North East, Maryland in 1937, and it inspired his lifelong love of boating. He later became President of First National Bank of North East and worked there until his retirement. Richard’s greatest passion was boating and his greatest love was his family. He was happiest when the family was together. Richard passed away peacefully in his home on February 4, 2020, and will forever be missed.



*“One by one they are drifting away
Over the breast of the silent sea,
One by one they are passing o’er
To the home prepared on the other shore”*

The Angel of Death has invaded the ranks of the Craft and summoned one of the true and faithful. His passing leaves a pang of sorrow and a feeling of sadness. His voice will be heard no more around the altars of Masonry, but the noble example of his

unselfish and devoted life will continue to live, to guide the footsteps, and direct the conduct of many men.

His Achievements and sacrifices will live in the hearts of the Craft, and we shall think of him as living a beautiful, ascending, and expanding life, made radiant by the lights of true Fraternal love.