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# Masonic Trestleboard

April 2020

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

**Stated Communication  
Canceled**

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

**All Visiting Brethren Welcome!**

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## APRIL 2020

The April Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29, has been canceled by order of the Grand Master, M.W. Evan R. Moody, due to the current pandemic.

*Kevin O'Rourke*, Worshipful Master

Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood*, Secretary

PLEASE TAKE TIME OUT AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE [eurekadupont.org](http://eurekadupont.org) OR JOIN  
OUR GOOGLE GROUP FOR ALL LODGE NOTIFICATIONS.  
<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/eurekadupont2329>

### FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

As you all should be aware, our Grand Master has issued an edict canceling all Masonic meetings and events through April due to the current pandemic. It is possible we may have a May Stated Communication and I will let you know through the Google Group and the May Trestleboard.

In the meantime, continue to follow the state's orders, practice social distancing and with the Grand Architect's blessing, we come out on the other side of this no worse for wear. Keep in touch with your elderly Brothers, as you can, and try to help where needed.

Our officers will continue to work on the rituals to move up in the chairs. There are many smaller charges that could be given during degrees or meetings to help the lodge. These are all in the ritual book and this hiatus might be a good time to learn one of them and be a part of the lodge activities when we resume. If you have not received a ritual book in the past and you would like one, please contact me and we can get one for you.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you all in lodge when we resume.

**Happy Easter!**

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  
Mitre Habash  
Michael Jones, PM

**Investigation:**

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Richard Williamson  
Drew Wedel  
Garry Norton  
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**By-Laws:**

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**Sick and Infirm:**

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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  
David Simkins, PM

**Shotgun Fundraiser:**

Garry Norton



**Wilmington Breakfast Club**

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

**The Wilmington Breakfast Club is Postponed until further notice.**



**Masonic Birthdays – 308 Years in Masonry**

Brother	Years In Masonry
Samuel W. Rice, Jr.	63
William J. Horne	54
James A. Pletz, PGM	50
David J. Bartlett, Sr.	41
Thomas J. Cole, PM	39
William S. Downing	35
Mitri S. Habash	26



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**All Masonic Events and Gatherings are canceled through April 30, 2020. Stay Tuned for further updates.**

**ANNUAL DUES**



Brothers,  
As of the end of March, Twenty-Two Brothers are in arrears in their dues. If you are one of these, please send in your dues promptly.

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



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BROTHER

On March 9, 2020 the Officers of Eureka-DuPont conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on our newest Brother, John W. (Chuck) Oliver. The highlight of the degree was provided by Bro. Tim Jackson who delivered an Outstanding Apron Charge.



Back Row: Bro. Cushing, Bro. Lightcap, M.W. Bro. Rosenberry, Bro. Oliver, W.M. O'Rourke, Bro. Sandilands, Bro. Trueblood, W. Bro. Simkins  
Front Row: Bro. Stevenson, Bro. Wedel, Bro. Butler, Bro. Norton, Bro. Jackson, W. Bro. Light, (Photo: W. Bro. Jones)

## I AM FREEMASONRY

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart are wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my altars is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building

of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widow's tears, and the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I Am Freemasonry.

**Author: John Howey**



## 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.**

## A GOOD STORY

A young man passed a pawnbroker's shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: "I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note."

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.



"Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25," the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, "No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you."

The pawnbroker responded, "Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons; that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you."

**Source: January 1977 New Mexico Freemason**