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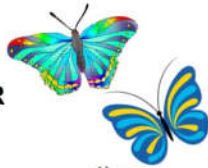
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Masonic Trestleboard

May 2020

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

**Stated Communication
Canceled**

**Brandywine Masonic Hall
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All Visiting Brethren Welcome!

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MAY 2020

The May 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 OR JOIN OUR GOOGLE GROUP FOR ALL LODGE NOTIFICATIONS.
<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/eurekadupont2329>

FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

As we continue to work through this global pandemic, our Grand Master has issued an extension to his edict canceling all Masonic meetings and events through May 2020. It is possible we may have a June Stated Communication and I will let you know through the Google Group and the June Trestleboard.

In the meantime, we have had a zoom meeting to discuss what is happening with our brothers, friends and family and enjoy some Masonic Fellowship. Additionally, Dan Trader of Hope #4 has been hosting twice-weekly online zoom meetings (typically Mondays and Thursdays) for all Brothers Fellow Craft and above to discuss Masonic topics. If you would like to participate in the meetings, please email Dan at quarriesofsophia@gmail.com to join and receive notifications of each meeting.

Congratulations to Brother Drew Wedel who has passed his checkout for the Fellow Craft Stair Lecture in fine form. As you may know, this is a huge milestone when progressing through the chairs.

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

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 UGLE)

* Suspended

** Demitted

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2019-2020 COMMITTEES**



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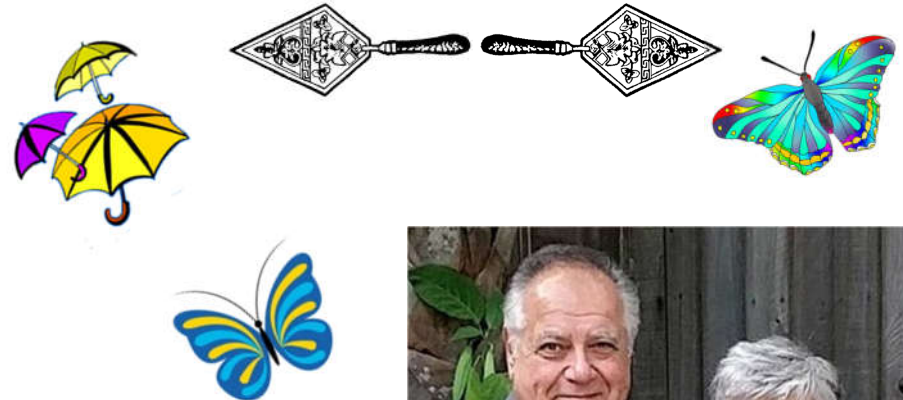
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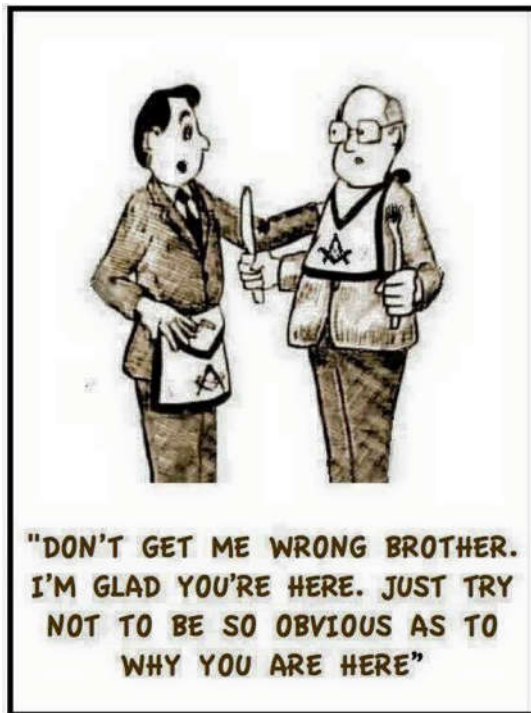
Masonic Birthdays – 308 Years in Masonry

| Brother | Years In Masonry |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Richard C. Stout | 66 |
| David C. Clark | 13 |
| Peter T. Castle | 9 |
| Jonathon C. Keith | 8 |
| Erik G. Vargas | 7 |
| Laurent R.R. Zenidiu | 3 |



Brother John and Colette Della Guardia

As many of you know, Brother Chaplain John Della Guardia has been battling the Covid-19 for a long time. He has been in the hospital for 36 days and 31 in the ICU. Based on the updates from his family, he has turned the corner in a very positive way and is finally on the road to recovery. It will be a long road, but by the grace of the Grand Architect he will be home to the embrace of his loving wife and family soon. On an even more positive note, his wife Colette had been hospitalized with the virus as well, but has been discharged for a couple weeks now and is doing very well.



How did you get the Black eye?
The wife was giving me a lecture and I corrected her three times.



POINTS IN OR OUT

You're a mason and you're proud to be in such an honorary group of men. As a result, you probably have a masonic ring to show your pride and support in freemasonry. But, have you heard different viewpoints on how you should wear your ring? Who should you listen to?

It all depends on what you believe and how your fellow masons wear theirs in the lodge.

As a diplomat of this age-old craft, you should be educated on what the different ways of wearing your masonic ring represent. Here's your guide on the different ways of wearing your ring.

POINTING IN

Pointing in is considered wearing your ring down towards yourself. This is probably the most common way masons will wear their rings. Masons choose to wear their rings pointing in because it reminds them of their obligations as Freemasons. When the compass is pointing towards your heart, it helps to remind yourself of the life-long fraternity that you are a part of. Some people believe you should wear your ring this way until you have served and earned your time. Wearing your ring pointing in also means you are always wanting to receive light from the compass until you are a Past Master of your lodge.

POINTING OUT

Pointing out is considered wearing your ring up or out towards others. This way other people are able to tell what the symbol on your ring represents. This way seems to be a newer way of wearing a mason ring, but it seems to be just as popular. Many masons will wear their ring this way to show others that they are a mason and proud. This would

make you an ambassador for Freemasonry.

For many, it represents to others how masons choose to live their life which is upright and on-level like the compass displayed. If asked what it means, it also becomes much easier to explain the design.

THE CHOICE IS IN YOUR HANDS

As you can see these two different beliefs have been debated about forever. There really is no right or wrong way to wear your masonic ring. In the end, all that matters is that you are reminded of your obligations and act upon them in all situations.

To be clear, there is no definitive answer for how you should wear your ring. However you choose to wear your ring, you should always remember to stay in harmony with your choice by acting like a mason would. If you're still lost and new to having a masonic ring, try wearing it pointing in towards yourself until you feel you have earned your time as a Past Master. Once you reach this point, you can then wear your ring pointing out to showcase to others what it means to be a freemason.

As your last effort, you could always ask your lodge representatives and other freemasons of your fraternity how they wear their rings. Sometimes there are guidelines to follow.

Hopefully, you've learned that all that matters is wearing your masonic ring with pride. Now it's your turn to start thinking about how you'd like to wear your ring. While people will have their opinions on which way is best, it ultimately comes down to you to decide.

Author: Dale Harris 2018

Wilmington Breakfast Club

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

The Wilmington Breakfast Club is Postponed until further notice.



ANNUAL DUES



Brothers,

As of the end of April, 17 Brothers are in arrears in their dues. Four of those Brothers are in danger of suspension. If you have not paid your dues, please send in your payment promptly to avoid further costs to the lodge and yourself. Each of you should have received an email with a statement of what is owed and where to send payment.

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