

Eureka-DuPont #23-29

“THE FRIENDLY LODGE”

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2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810



Masonic Trestleboard

**Stated
Communications**

2nd Thursdays

7:30 P.M.

(Except
July & August)

*All Visiting
Brethren Welcome!*

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OCTOBER 2021 TRESTLEBOARD

The 259th Regular Communication of Eureka DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the Brandywine Masonic Temple, 2016 Foulk Road in Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 PM. The reading of the minutes, correspondence, payment of bills, committee reports, reception of petitions, Masonic birthdays, program and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge will be transacted. Dress is suit/tuxedo, dinner will be served at 6:30, and the program is "**COLUMNS-why are they so important to Masonry**".

David Simkins, Worshipful Master

Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood*, Secretary

From the East



Time to Get Back to Normal How will you help?

Brothers,

For a year and half now, we have been in unprecedented times. It has been very difficult with the lack of meetings and fellowship. Many members have gotten out of the habit of coming out every month. Others are still nervous about coming out and getting sick. I understand all of this, but I feel we need Masonry more than ever. I had many plans for last year and due to the lack of meetings, was unable to complete pretty much any of them. So, we have quite a few things to overcome, but I strongly believe that Masonry will overcome -- of course, with everyone's help.

The question becomes, what can we do to get back to where we were and even improve things? I have several thoughts on this and will express them in a second. While I am considered the "Old Man" of the lodge and have been around longer than anyone currently attending lodge, I am also an accountant and because we are hitting times we have never seen before, I would love input and will try to incorporate any suggestions into my planning.

What to do?

1. Attend Lodge. Simple as that. And come for the dinners
2. Attend practices. This is imperative for all officers, but anyone can attend. Not only can this help you decide if you would like to go through the chairs, but also, we always need help with the degrees and this will give you the knowledge to do so. It could be something like taking a one-sentence part in the 3rd degree, which is important.



...from the
**Secretary's
Desk**

Dues invoices for 2022 are coming soon. However, there are a few Eureka DuPont Brothers still owing dues for the current year. If you have an outstanding balance, this is the perfect time to settle this responsibility. For more information, contact Brother Secretary, Rollyn Trueblood, at 302-521-6926 (rollyn@pursersoffice.com). Mail your check to Eureka DuPont 23-29 AF&AM, 23 PalmerDr., Middletown, DE 19709.

3. Show off your masonic gear both in clothing and on your vehicles. Do you have a magnet on the back of your car showing that you are a member?
4. Offer suggestions for activities for the lodge. I am now one of the old guys (don't know when that happened), and I see things differently than the young guys. I can't guarantee that everything will be used this year, but it can always be saved.
5. Talk about Masonry when you are out. I can't tell you how many times I have heard of a new brother who had a co-worker or acquaintance who was a Mason, but because the new brother didn't know it, he became a brother many years later, through a different source.
6. I am sure that I will think of other ideas and I hope everyone will help me. We are at a difficult point in Masonry and I need everyone's help. Please come out this Thursday for lodge and enjoy your brothers and help get the lodge back to where we were.

Fraternally,
David Simkins
Worshipful Master

**It Is The Desire
To Serve
That Makes a Great
Leader,
Not the Desire To Rule**



From the West

My Brothers,

Once again I am in the West, and it is my privilege and honor to be there serving the lodge. This pandemic has definitely curtailed our momentum in 2020 as we were vibrant, active, and moving forward. Let's regain that lost ground and make Eureka-DuPont that lodge of brothers and friends a place where we support each other and enjoy the fellowship that being a brother provides. I agree with our Worshipful Master that lodge practices provide a setting for brothers to teach, learn and engage in Masonic ritual, but what you may not know is that it can also provide that sense of camaraderie with those who participate.

Lodge meetings, practices, or degrees are not the only time we can enjoy that fellowship, it can also be in non-lodge social activities with our ladies, significant others, and families. We can have socials at other locations or use the lodge building as well. Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Brandywine No. 33, and Washington No. 1 are planning events, and we too can partake in those events or plan our own. All it takes is an idea and a plan to see it through.

As we brothers are all on the level, each of us has the ability to suggest, propose, or motion for things to happen in or outside the lodge for the good of Masonry or fellowship. All it takes is for you to stand and be recognized.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Kevin O'Rourke, PM
Sr. Warden

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

Russell B. Combs (#529 PA)
Michael W. Jones (#34 DE)
Patrick S. Light (#33 DE)
* Suspended
** Demitted

Masonic Birthdays

560 Years in Masonry

| NAME | YEARS |
|----------------------|-------|
| John R. Barnes, PM | 59 |
| Fred B. Botwright | 58 |
| Alvin Rubenstein, PM | 57 |
| David H. Pippin | 56 |
| Lloyd J. Taylor | 55 |
| David S. Brown | 54 |
| William F. Manley | 51 |
| Kenneth W, Gray | 38 |
| David A. Russ | 26 |
| David M. Simkins, PM | 26 |
| Robert Hiddemen, PM | 25 |
| Reese J. Stewart | 25 |
| Lewis G. Kester III | 22 |
| Robert D. Rock | 9 |
| Kelvin D Blassingame | 6 |
| Patrick S. Light. PM | 6 |
| Edward T. Wolfe | 4 |
| Timothy A. Jackson | 3 |
| Paul D. Loveday | 2 |

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

- 10/4 Grand Lodge Annual Comm.
10/7 Grand Lodge Installation of Officers
10/9 Outdoor Degree Union #7
 - Al Johnson
Airport, Dover10/14 ED#23-29 Stated Communication
Officer Practice –
Recurring bi-weekly except for stated and degree nights
10/16 Scottish Rite Reunion,
 - 818 Market 4th floor

Need a Ride to Lodge or other function?

We can help.
Call the Master
or any officer.



The Aged Mason

He sits on the sidelines,
His hair has turned gray;
We pass by him, as if to say
Sorry old Brother, you've had your day.

If we would stop and shake his hand,
And tell him we are glad he came;
It would mean so much,
to a tired old man,
Just to feel the warmth
of a friendly hand.

He lays no claim to re-known or fame,
Only a few remember his name;
We may not know
from whence he came,
But he's our brother, just the same.

He sowed the seeds for us to reap,
He paved the way so we could meet;
Ever humbled, yet somewhat proud,
Ever alert to keep his vows.

Author Unknown