

Eureka-DuPont #23-29

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Wilmington, DE 19810



Masonic Trestleboard

December 2021

261st Stated Communication

**Chocolate Night
December 11**

Dinner: 6:15 ~ Meeting: 6:45

Gift Wrapping: 7:30

Grand Staff will participate

Families Are Encouraged to Attend!

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DECEMBER 2021 TRESTLEBOARD

The 261st Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, December 9 at 6:45 PM. The reading of minutes and 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.

David Simkins, Worshipful Master

Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood*, Secretary

From the East



We were saddened by the loss of a dear friend and Brother W.: Gary Williamson. His obituary can be found on page 4.

Eureka-DuPont Lodge #23-29 was pleased to receive M.: W.: Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., and the Grand Staff of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware at our annual Visitation on November 11. As part of the proceeding, R.: W.: Stephen M. Tucker (Deputy Grand Master), presented W.: John R. Kraus, PM (1975, pictured center), with a Certificate acknowledging his 55 years in Masonry. W.: Kevin O'Rourke sat in the East, substituting for W.: David Simkins who was ill. It was a good night of fellowship. Congratulations to PM Kraus.

December brings with it our annual **Chocolate Night**. For those new members and those who have not been part of it, Chocolate Night is when Eureka-DuPont hosts gift wrapping for underprivileged children in Delaware. Rev. Brother Bill Downing and his wife Marty work with local churches to identify families without the financial means to provide a Christmas for their children. With the help of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Eureka-DuPont provides the gifts for this wonderful wrapping event. Chocolate is the reward for those who participate. Hence its name. The Grand Master and many of the Grand Staff will be in attendance helping to wrap. Families are encouraged to come out for this worthy cause and enjoy the fun that comes with it. Dinner is at 6:15 PM and the meeting starts at 6:45 so all can enjoy the gift wrapping festivities that follow.



From the West



My Brothers,

I often wonder what brings men of different backgrounds into Masonry, and what it is that keeps them. Is it the fellowship, the sense of belonging to something greater than one's self, the pursuit to make oneself a better man, or possibly a combination of many? In my view, it does not matter what that reason may be for you. Our fraternity binds us together, and our obligation cements us as one sacred band or society of friends and brothers.

Communication is important in all groups and associations. No less so in our fraternity, whether it is from the officers to the members, or members to officers, or even laterally between members. As we all have that right, our fraternity allows us to provide our opinions in Lodge as all are on the "level". I can understand that some new members are hesitant to voice an

opinion in lodge, but we should all feel comfortable to do so, no matter what the concern. Therefore, if you have a question, a recommendation, or just want clarification on lodge activities, please speak up and voice whatever that may be.

Brother Gary was the first person I met in Masonry and my first teacher in the Craft. Gary loved history and was always ready to provide historical snippets to anyone interested, whether it be the origins of Masonry, his own ancestry, or interesting facts. Gary provided Eureka-DuPont with a strong base to which we have grown and was always proposing ways to better the lodge as a whole. I, for one, will miss the guidance he brought.

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

October Masonic Birthdays (Corrected)

NAME	YEARS
John Barnes, PM	59
Alvin Rubenstein, PM	57
David Pippin	56
David Brown	54
William Manley	51
Tenney Wheatley, Jr.	19
Gary Williamson, PM	15
Richard Williamson	14
Jerome Troy, PM	12
Rollyn Trueblood	12
Bruce Bartow	11
Joseph Marvian	7
Timothy Jackson	3

325 Years in Masonry

*Need a ride to Lodge
or other function?
We can Help!
Call the Master*



November Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Donald Mcdowell	70
Lloyd Taylor	55
Kenneth Gray	38
David Russ	26
David Simkins, PM	26
Reese Stewart	25
Edward Wolfe	4
John Della Guardia	3

247 Years in Masonry

December Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Robert Barrowcliff	66
Albert Degen	55
Carmen Smith	24
Lewis Kester III	22
Patrick Light, PM	12
Brian Keith	8
Kelvin Blassingame	6

193 Years in Masonry

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

2018 Kevin O'Rourke
2016 Jerome R. "Jay" Troy
2015 Thomas J. Cole
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

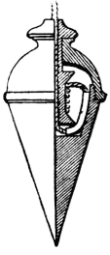
1969 John Barnes

Affiliated Past Masters

Herbert Rubinstein (#25 MD)
Terry Martz (#34 DE)
Patrick S. Light (#33 DE)
Michael W. Jones (#34 DE)
Paul D. Loveday (#9930 UGLE)

* Suspended

** Demitted



From the South

As a child, I would often visualize a mysterious, occult image on buildings and roadside plaques. Its meaning, to the uninitiated, was bizarre, even frightening, yet captivating. Seeing this quiet and anonymous symbol from an early age most likely was the catalyst for my interest in our fraternity. As symbology is an integral part of being a Mason. Here is a passage that I found: "The Square and Compasses are one of the most recognized symbols of Freemasonry. Its origin is traceable

back to the middle ages from the Stonemasons Guild.



The square in Masonry symbolizes morality in the

essence of the Golden Rule. To deal with someone squarely refers to treating a person the way we want to be treated. It indicates Masons' ability to apply the teachings of conscience and morality in testing the rightness of their actions.

The compass stands for the ability to mark a clear boundary around our desires and passion. It represents self-restraint and control, which is the basis of morality and wisdom.

The Square and Compasses combined serve as a reminder to Freemasons to explore personal desires and passions while maintaining morality."

Brother Drew Wedell
Junior Warden



Eureka-DuPont Lodge #23-29 suffered a tremendous loss with the passing of our Brother and Friend W.: Gary R. Williamson. Gary, 74, a resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully

on November 19, 2021, at the Wilmington VA Medical Center.

In Memoriam



Gary was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI, and received a bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1970. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1973. During Vietnam, he served aboard the U.S.S. Washtenaw County from 1971 to 1973 as a Ship Officer.

After Vietnam, Gary returned home to Milwaukee and moved into corporate sales, specializing in corporate pest control. He eventually moved from Wisconsin to Delaware continuing to specialize in corporate sales until 2021.

Gary had many passions including sailing, fishing, crabbing, and had recently found joy in learning to fly fish.

Gary was also a proud Freemason, belonging to multiple lodges in Delaware and Pennsylvania. He called Eureka-DuPont Lodge #23-29 home, where he had served as Worshipful Master of the lodge in 2014.

He was also a member of NUR Shrine and the Legion of Honor. His most recent passions were his granddaughters, Grace and Emma.

Gary is survived by his wife, Jacqueline of 34 years, his two sons, Richard Williamson (Kristin) and Eric Williamson, his grandchildren, Grace and Emma, and his sister Kay Johnston.