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263rd Stated Communication

February 10, 2022

7:30 PM

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FEBRUARY 2022 TRESTLEBOARD

The 263rd Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware, on **Thursday, February 10 at 7:30 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. **Due to lingering concerns surrounding the Covid disease, dinner will NOT be served. Dress is business casual.**

David Simkins,
Worshipful Master

Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood,*
Secretary



From the East

Brothers,

Our stated communication is on Thursday, February 10 at 7:30 PM. In light of Edict 21-22-1 (January 10, 2022) from M.:W.: Jeffrey D. Haass, Jr., and with an abundance of precaution, we will not provide dinner this month. We will resume dinner as soon as possible, as this is a worthy time for us to gather in fellowship and camaraderie.

You will be happy to know that this month's program will be provided by Brother Paul Loveday, PM, regarding English Masonic History. His address promises to be enlightening as well as entertaining and full of new Masonic knowledge.

We have an Entered Apprentice Degree in the near future. Brothers Drew Wedel, Laurent Zenidui, and Jacob Higgins have been working very hard preparing to progress forward in the chairs. Information will be forthcoming concerning date and time. As you know, the health of our Lodge is dependent on our growth in numbers and on the vitality of our Line. Please support your Brothers and our new members with your attendance at degrees.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware is hosting the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team. See page 5 for more details.

Stay safe, and I hope to see you all on Thursday, February 10. Those experiencing Covid-like symptoms are encouraged to refrain from attending until your health permits.

Masks are mandatory at the February meeting.

David Simkins, PM
Worshipful Master

From the West

Kevin O'Rourke, PM
Senior Warden



My Brothers,

I read this opinion recently and I wanted to share with you. Although there may be points to which you may disagree, I believe there is truth here and a good way to view our Craft.

When a brother is acting in a Masonic capacity, or walks into a Masonic structure (Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, etc.), he is no longer a Democrat or Republican, no longer a liberal or conservative, no longer a patriot, no longer a politician. He is a brother and a Freemason.

We all have opinions on how the world should work. All of us have political and tribal affiliations. We all think that our way is The Way, and if everyone would just see it our way, everything would be better.

When we are outside the Lodge, it is not just our right, but our duty to participate in the political

process. But inside the Lodge, it is not just inappropriate, but un-Masonic, a base violation of the spirit of the landmarks we have all pledged to uphold.

I come to Lodge to be free of the world, if only for a little while. To spend a short time in the Sanctum Sanctorum with other Light-seekers and Light-bringers, men whose eyes are lifted up toward what is best in us, not glued to what is basest of us.

When you are outside the Lodge, put your armor on and fight for what you believe in. But when you are in the Lodge, set your arms aside and sit in peace. Quiet your warrior heart and your restless soul and abide in peace and Light with your brethren.

Bro. Matthew Cople
Mount Zion Lodge No. 266
Grand Lodge of Kansas

What Makes Lodge Meetings More Meaningful?



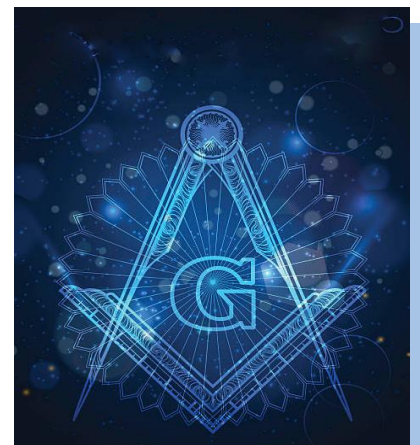
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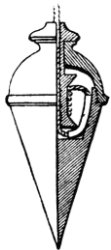
February Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Robert Buker	15
Al Flemming	11
Michael Jones, PM	11
Lewis Kester, Jr	45
Thomas Sandilands, Jr.	7
Eric Williamson	11

100 Years in Masonry

Wisdom can be found anywhere if you know where to find the light.





From the South

Drew Wedel,
Junior Warden

In the interest of obtaining “more light”, I looked up the meanings behind some of the symbols that are inculcated in the FC lecture. I hope you will find this information that I’ve taken from the internet enlightening.

MASONIC SHEAF OF CORN – The Masonic Sheaf of Corn, in King Solomon’s day, represented part of the money earned and reaped from the Master Masons’ labors. Today, the Masonic Sheaf of Corn is used as a symbol of a time long ago, mostly during the dedication, constitution, and consecration of a new Lodge and in the laying of cornerstones. The Masonic Sheaf of Corn represents charity to the less fortunate.

CORN, WINE, AND OIL are the Masonic elements of consecration. The adoption of these symbols is supported by the highest antiquity. Corn, wine, and oil were the most important productions of Eastern countries; they constituted the wealth of the people and were esteemed as the supports of life and the means of refreshment. David enumerates them among the greatest blessings that we enjoy and speaks of them as “wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face

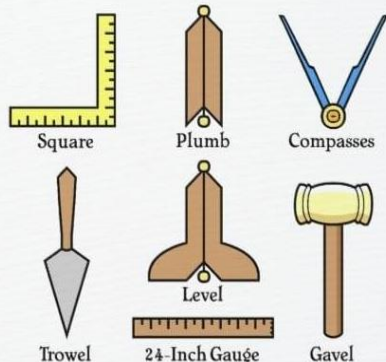
to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man’s heart” (Psalm civ., 15). In devoting anything to religious purposes, the anointing with oil was considered as a necessary part of the ceremony, a rite that has descended to Christian nations. The tabernacle in the wilderness, and all its holy vessels, were, by God’s express command, anointed with oil. Aaron and his two sons were set apart for the priesthood with the same ceremony, and the prophets and kings of Israel were consecrated to their offices by the same rite.

WINE -- One of the elements of Masonic consecration, and, as a symbol of the inward refreshment of a good conscience is intended, under the name of the Wine of Refreshment, to remind us of the eternal refreshments which the good are to receive in the future life for the faithful performance of duty in the present.

OIL -- The Hebrews anointed their Kings, Prophets, and High Priests with oil mingled with the richest spices. They also anointed themselves with oil on all festive occasions, whence the expression in Psalm xlv, 7, “God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness.

CORN OF NOURISHMENT -- One of the three elements of Masonic consecration.

The Tools of the Craft



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

2020 David Simkins
2018-19 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

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Michael W. Jones (#34 DE)
Paul D. Loveday (#9930 UGLE)

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** Demitted

*From darkness
to Masonic light*



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