

# Eureka-DuPont #23-29



**“THE FRIENDLY LODGE”**

*Making Good Men Better*

*Since 1867*

2016 Foulk Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810



## Masonic Trestleboard June 2022



**All Visiting Brethren Are Welcome**  
Meetings are held on the second Thursday  
of the month –September thru June

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## JUNE 2022 TRESTLEBOARD

The 267th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, June 9 at 7:30 PM.

All business as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge will be transacted. Dinner is a cookout and will be served at 6:30.

Dress is casual, including shorts.

David Simkins,  
Worshipful Master

Attest: Rollyn Trueblood,  
Secretary

# From the East



## MASONIC PROACTIVITY

Last week, if you weren't at the FIRST EVER DISTRICT 1 HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, you missed a great time. It was the first one of its kind and, although there were a few bumps, it turned out to be a fun day for all.

The rough spots that we did encounter reminded me of my lodge program last month during which I spoke about my planned steps to improve the lodge. I tossed out many ideas, some good, some too ambitious, some that were met with immediate agreement, some that require further discussion. My overarching point was that we can get our lodge back on track if we all step up and take on some of the responsibility for the survival of Eureka-DuPont. This job cannot be done by one man alone.

Think of what you can do to help. Not everyone needs to go through the chairs. It is not for everyone, but you can find something to do. Maybe you wouldn't mind being Tiler and not go any further. Maybe you can help on a committee, though you may not want to lead it. Just ask and be available if your help is requested.

Years ago, on an incredibly busy night, a Brother was asked to sit in as Tiler. That man did step in, but he was furious, and never returned to Lodge, because he had been asked to sit in what he thought was the lowest position.

The next month, a Tiler was again needed, and this time Past Grand Master Barry Hughes, without any prompting, offered to sit in. At the time, he was the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, but he understood one of the greatest tenets of Masonry: not only is there no "lowest seat", but that when help is needed, it is freely given with no prompting. That night he taught me one of the most powerful lessons I have ever learned.

All of you once heard, "My Brother, You there stand a just and upright man and Mason, and I charge you so to act and walk". Are you willing to act and walk? It may be a one-minute thing you do to help the lodge, but it makes a difference.

As most of you know, I have a medical issue. When I got sick, I had five goals. Three are completed. One of the two left is to recharge Eureka-DuPont. I love this Lodge and am about to enter my 12<sup>th</sup> year as Master. I do it gladly. But who will stand with me, help rebuild our Lodge, and make it once again one of the best Lodges in the state? I charge you so to act and walk. So Mote It Be!

## June Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Fred Botwright	70
Wilbur Butler II	3
David Clements	16
Jerome Herlihy	60
Jeffrey Mapson	12
Said Shakshir	9
Arnold Tabor	36
Alfred Wedel	11

## 227 Years in Masonry

### 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

### 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 West



*Brothers, another Masonic story for thought...*

*The salesman was new, and he could barely afford gas. His car broke down and he took it in to the local garage. He noticed that the mechanic wore a Masonic ring. Having heard that a Mason was honor-bound to help another Mason, he dishonestly identified himself as a Brother Mason and asked if there was anywhere he could stay for free. The mechanic took him to the local motel and paid for his room. The mechanic then met him the next morning and bought him breakfast. The mechanic then fixed the salesman's car and sent him on his way without charge.*

*Some years later, that same salesman did join the order. But, in hindsight, his previous actions grew to bother him. One day he was traveling through that same town once again. So he stopped and looked up the mechanic. He told him his story, confessed his dishonesty, and offered to repay the mechanic.*

*The mechanic replied that he had always known that the salesman was not a Mason when he first visited. He also said "I didn't help because you were a Mason -- but because I was."*

## Masonic Facts ...did you know?



Apart from the first Grand Lodge of England that formed in 1717, there were other Grand Lodges that formed; however, it's the original UGLE that still stands.



# From the Chaplain's Chair



While walking along a beach, an elderly gentleman saw someone in the distance leaning down, picking something up, and throwing it into the ocean.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, picking up starfish one by one and tossing each one gently back into the water.

He came closer still and called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

The old man smiled, and said, "I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"



To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the elderly observer commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely. Then he bent down, picked up another starfish, threw it back into the ocean past the breaking waves, and said, "It made a difference for that one."

At Eureka-DuPont, our goal is to **make a difference**... with encouragement, compassionate listening, friendliness, and love.

## Masonic Symbols ...and what they mean



The letter **G** appears inside the Square and Compasses and at the center of the Blazing Masonic star. Its symbolism in Freemasonry often differs from one jurisdiction to another. Some Masons say it refers to 'God'; the Supreme Being. Others articulate its meaning to 'Geometry'; the study of the order of numbers in mathematics and sciences in general. Other lodges believe it stands for 'Gnosis'; the understanding of spiritual mysteries which is a central part of the craft.

Some Masons link the meaning of the letter **G** to Hebrew. In ancient Hebrew, the letter **G** had a similar numeric value of 3. In history, the number 3 was used severally when referring to God and his teachings.

**The next Eureka-DuPont Stated Communication is on Thursday, June 9, and it is shaping up to be an informative as well as a fun event. For dinner, we're cooking out, so the dress is casual. Wear shorts if you're feeling adventurous. Brother Laurent Zenidiu will deliver the program. He recently vacationed in France and will relate the details of his visit to a Lodge in that country.**

## IMPORTANT DATES... Mark Your Calendar

- June 7:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Stated Communication
- June 8:** Temple No. 11 Stated Communication
- June 9:** Eureka-DuPont Stated Communication
- June 11:** Youth Table Lodge 3-6 pm Dover
- June 14:** Lafayette No. 14 Stated Communication
- July 30:** Grand Lodge Picnic, Killens Pond

Check out the Grand Calendar  
for other events:

<https://www.masonsindelaware.org/>

## The Lodge Secretary



To those who understand, no explanation is necessary.  
To those who cannot, no explanation is possible.

# Flag Day, June 14

One of our core values as Masons is Devotion to Country. Similarly we have a deep-rooted history in the United States of America and specifically with the American flag. We have participated in this country's greatest battles and triumphs, helping to create the building blocks that define the fabric of our nation. Today and every day, we are proud to be Masons that live by the values of justice, integrity, tolerance, service, reverence for God, and devotion to country. Indeed there is a deep-seated bond between Freemasonry and the American flag.

## Freemasons and Flag Day

The flag is a part of our ritual and a part of our heritage. It's a part of being a Mason. We pledge allegiance to it and we will fight for it, if necessary. It's just a piece of cloth but it's a meaningful piece of cloth. This country was founded by giants of history who were mostly Freemasons. And they sewed this into every thread of our government and the flag was a symbol of what they did. It's a symbol of the sacrifices the people before us made. It's symbolic of the establishment of a new idea – a grand experiment – a new democracy.