

# Eureka-DuPont #23-29

**“THE FRIENDLY LODGE”**

*Making Good Men Better*

*Since 1867*

2016 Foulk Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810



## Masonic Trestleboard December 2022



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

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## DECEMBER 2022 TRESTLEBOARD

The 271st 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 8 at 6:30 PM.**

The reading of minutes and correspondence, payment of bills, committee reports, reception of petitions, 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

December brings with it our **18th Chocolate Night**. This annual event began in order to help the Masonic Charity initiated, and still run, by Reverend Bill Downing and his wife, Marty, for underprivileged children in Delaware. The charity grew quite a bit and Reverend Downing needed help buying and wrapping holiday gifts. With the help of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Eureka-DuPont Lodge volunteered to buy the gifts, wrap them, and make sure they were taken to a centralized location in the state for delivery. Each year hundreds of gifts are wrapped, and Santa's helpers are "paid" with a variety of different chocolates. Thus the name: **Chocolate Night!** This charity has helped thousands of families over the years, and it is only getting bigger.

**Dinner on December 8 is served at 6 PM,** and the **lodge meeting begins at 6:30.** "Subs" are on the menu. They will be plentiful and will be available after the meeting for any late arrivals. Visitors and guests are most welcome for dinner and can begin gift-wrapping while the meeting is in progress. After the meeting, the Brothers will join in on the wrapping festivities.

Christmas is the order of the day, so dress accordingly. Festive wear is encouraged, including ugly Christmas sweaters if you have one.

### **Whispering Wisdom into a Brother's Ear**

Brethren, it was brought to my attention that there was a lot of political discussion before and after the last lodge meeting. Please remember that as Masons, we are taught to not discuss politics or religion at Lodge. We are the Friendly Lodge and we don't want to turn anyone off or make them feel unwelcome. You and another brother may be in almost total agreement about everything and yet one topic, one slight difference overheard, may be the reason someone doesn't come back. This country has gone through a difficult time the past few years and as Masons, we should do everything we can to build the world back up, So mote it be.



# The Chaplain's View



What I love about the Christmas story is its absence of despair. It's the sweetest Bible story I know. There are many passages full of distress: the wickedness of King Harold, the cunning evil of the snake in Eden, the anger of Moses when he comes down from Sinai to see his people worshiping Baol. But in the Christmas story, once Mary and Joseph snag that manger, it's nothing but smooth sailing. The star shines above, the angels sing sweetly, the animals look calmly on, and those wise men appear with their marvelous presents. And for a time (though we all know what's coming later on), for the length of this Christmas story, the most revered of stories, there is no fear. There is just **HOPE** – and we feel it all these centuries later as we celebrate Christmas and marvel at the Christmas spirit. **HOPE** is my wish for you, Brothers, this holiday season... **HOPE** in a bright future, **HOPE** for bright days ahead.

John Della Guardia  
Chaplain



## IMPORTANT DATES... Mark Your Calendar

- Dec. 1** Washington No. 1, Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
- Dec. 6:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Dec. 8:** Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, Chocolate Night, 6:30PM
- Dec. 12:** Hiram No. 25, Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
- Dec. 13:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34, FC Degree, 7:30PM
- Dec. 13:** Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Dec. 13:** Christiana No. 35, Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
- Dec. 14:** Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Dec. 22:** Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 1, 7:30PM

Check out the Grand Calendar  
for other events:

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

### November Masonic Birthday

NAME	YEARS
Donald Mcdowell	71
Lloyd Taylor	56
Kenneth Gray	39
David Russ	27
David Simkins, PM	27
Reese Stewart	26
Edward Wolfe	5
John Della Guardia	4

### December Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Robert Barrowcliff	67
Albert Degen	56
Carmen Smith	25
Lewis Kester III	23
Patrick Light, PM	13
Brian Keith	9
Kelvin Blassingame	7

### 455 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\*
- 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

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# Bikes for Kids

**Your help is needed!** Washington No. 1 Past Master, A. James Grant, is attempting to gather bicycles for underprivileged, middle-school-aged children in order to brighten their Christmas.

PM Grant says, "It's in honor of my dad who was principal at Darley Road, then Claymont Elementary School, and also a member of Washington #1. He would frequently say, 'Every child deserves a bike,' and he would try to get one for as many children as possible every Christmas."

If your child has outgrown a bicycle that is still almost like new, please consider donating it to this worthy cause. Think of neighbors and relatives who may have unused but like-new bikes. What a wonderful way to put them to good use.

PM Grant would also be most appreciative of any donations towards this worthy cause. He says, "I'm looking to have everything ready to go by December 16... because I will need to arrange to deliver them before schools go on winter break."

If you can help, please contact him at 302-383-4374



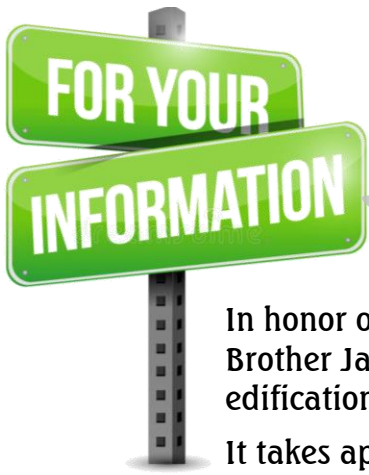
## Masonic Facts *...did you know?*



The first Masonic Lodge established in Japan was at Yokohama in 1865 by the Grand Lodge of England.







# Stuff You Need to Know

In honor of Chocolate Night on December 8, and after exhaustive, in-depth research, Brother Jay Troy presents the following facts about chocolate for your information and edification.

It takes approximately 400 cacao beans to make one pound of chocolate.

The smell of chocolate increases **Theta Brain Waves**, which triggers relaxation.

The English chocolate company, Cadbury, made the first chocolate bar in the world in 1842.

The first people to harvest chocolate were the Mokaya and other pre-Olmec peoples who lived in southeast Mexico around 1000 B.C. The word "chocolate" is derived from the Mayan word xocolatl, or "bitter water."



## Masonic Symbols *...and what they mean*

### Acacia



In Hebrew Scriptures, Acacia is a sacred wood known as 'shittah.' In the Old Testament, it was used to make sacred furniture. The Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle were all made from Acacia. In Freemasonry, it is a symbol of the immortality of the soul.

***This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this, we are reminded that we have an immortal part within us, which shall survive the grave, and which shall never, never, never die.***

This statement is used during Masonic funeral rites. Its meaning is derived from the evergreen and durable nature of the

tree. The immortality of the soul is an unprovable fact; therefore, masons are required to take it by faith. The sprig of Acacia is also a symbol of innocence and purity in Freemasonry.

In Greek, the tree signifies the moral quality of the innocence of life, akakia being the Greek word for innocence, or being free from sin. It is further interpreted as a symbol of initiation. It is incorporated in the craft's initiation ceremonies to represent the symbol of resurrection to a future life.

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