

Eureka-DuPont #23-29



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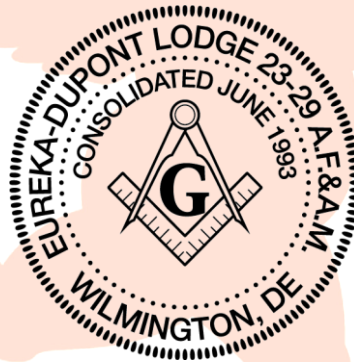
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FEBRUARY 2023 TRESTLEBOARD

The 273rd 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 9 at 7:30 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. **Dress is business casual.**

David Simkins, Worshipful Master
Attest: *Rollyn Trueblood*, Secretary

From the East



Brothers,

LADIES' NIGHT is back, hosted this year by Lafayette Lodge No. 14, on April 15, 2023. Enjoy dinner and a DJ for dancing from 5 – 9 pm at the Blue Bell Barn, 1519 West Park Drive, Wilmington., DE 19803. Dress is formal black, and tickets are \$30 per couple. Traditionally, **LADIES' NIGHT** was our way of showing our significant others our appreciation for their support of our Masonic activities and commitments.

We hosted our traditional **SOUP NIGHT** in January. We had four fantastic entries for the brethren to savor, judge, and vote on. It was a tight competition, but ultimately, Brother John Della Guardia emerged as the unanimous winner with his famous tortellini soup. (There are rumors of a secret recipe.) Afterward, we had a great and spirited Trivia Night. The competition was fierce, as some of the questions were quite difficult. The victorious team won by only one point, and all involved agreed that they learned quite a bit of Masonic lore and history while having an enjoyable evening at Lodge.

Our February meeting promises to be quite informative. Along with our usual Lodge business, the Program for this meeting is on **Brother Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette** (September 6, 1757 – May 20, 1834), known simply as **Lafayette**. Masonic Light will be provided by our own Brother Laurent Zenidiu. His program on his visit to France last year was very interesting, and he has been working hard on advancing his knowledge on these topics. I am sure this will be another great one. Dinner starts at 6:30, and the menu is a secret.

So Mote It Be.
David Simkins, WM



From the Senior Deacon's Chair

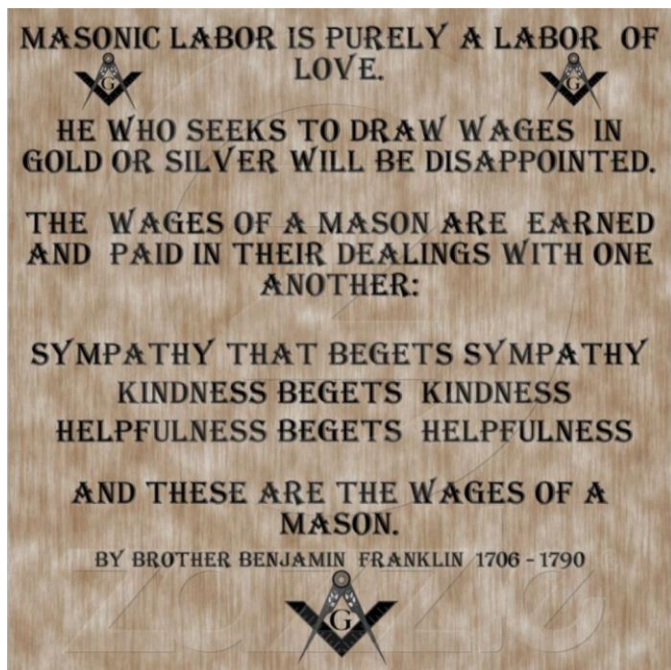
My brothers, this month will be dedicated to one of our Masonic tenets: "Brotherly love".

(Based on a presentation delivered on October 4, 2011 at Wingham Lodge No. 286, Wingham, Ontario)

What does Freemasonry **mean to you**?

Speculative Masonry has philosophies that can change a man and make him a better person. It can supplement and support his own religious beliefs. It can give a sense of belonging. I can't give you the answer to the **meaning of Masonry**, because each man has to find his own answer. Further, the answers come at different stages of one's Masonic life. There are numerous principles, virtues, words, allegories, and symbols by which we try to find a better meaning in Masonry and in our lives, so let us think of just one of those for this article: **Brotherly Love**.

Did you know that the expression is taken from the Greek word Φιλadelphia (Philadelphia = "love of brothers")?



The understanding of **Brotherly Love** can be different among Masons. To non-Masons, it is certainly not the same as what Masons understand it to mean.

Love has been described as the most powerful force in the Universe. It is a multi-dimensional being categorized under three headings:

- (1): Sensual or erotic love
- (2): Divine love; bestowed through grace
- (3): Brotherly love.

Merriam-Webster defines it primarily as a "strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties". Is it really that simple?

In the military, **Brotherly Love** might be compared to the military expression "Esprit de Corps", which can be defined as the "common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group".

Does that sound more like Masonry? It's better, but I don't think it's complete.

In sports, it might be compared to teamwork. Teamwork is a big part of the game. It helps us work together towards a common goal to succeed, supporting each other at all times for the good of the team. The French team won its first Soccer World Cup in 1998 by applying this principle.

Again, it sounds good, right? However, I still don't think this is the complete meaning of the concept: **Brotherly Love**. Both Esprit de Corps and Teamwork tend to focus **inward** on the group, thus making the team believe strongly in the superiority of their unit and its members.

But is this what Masonry is about? If one takes all those elements of Esprit de Corps and Teamwork, and uses them more universally, directed to **all** people, then I believe we arrive more closely to the Masonic concept of **Brotherly Love**. We do focus **inward** by supporting each other; however, we also focus **outward** through our support of many areas outside Masonry.

Our Charities are not for Masons only; they encompass all people of all races, religions,

and creeds. As stated by our Grand Master, M.: W.: Stephen M. Tucker, our all-important proceeds from Charities and Causes for the year 2022-2023 will be directed towards:

- **Delaware First Responders** and **Delaware Veterans Services** through the Center for Homeless Veterans
- **Friends of The Fallen**, which provides comfort and assistance for families having been called to Dover for the dignified transfer of military loved ones who have lost their lives on the field of battle, and
- **Blue Line Network**, which assists family members who have lost loved ones performing first responder duties.”

We should be proud of these actions that our fraternity carries out, but we need to be more than just proud. We need to continue to act on these actions and also act within our communities, which many of us do, helping to make society a better place. The work that we do, and are seen doing, within our communities has a far greater impact on what people think of Masonry.

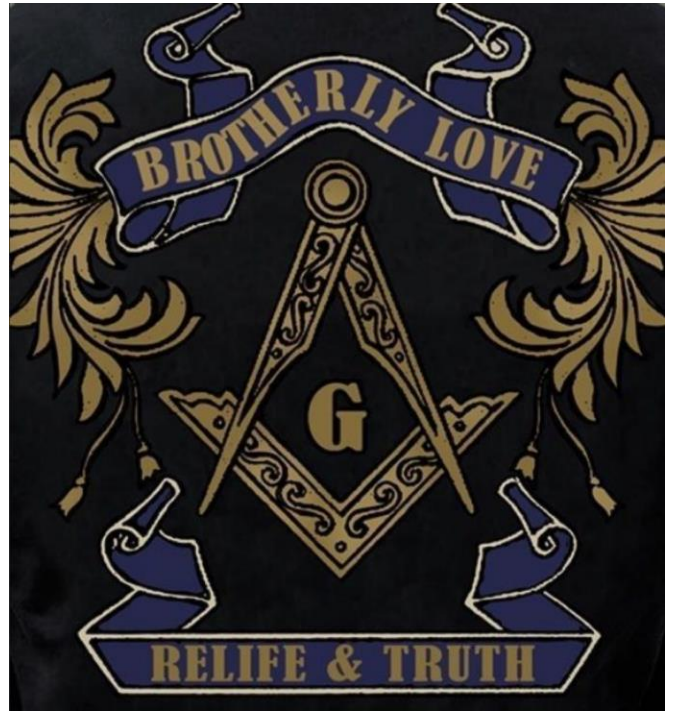
Therefore, we need to become more open about the charities we support and the events we support in the community, not only financially, but also in the voluntary work we do.

Many of our brethren act on community boards, support and assist in blood donor clinics, support food banks, assist with sports organizations, etc.

These are the things we do that show how we regard **Brotherly Love**, not inwardly focused but widely applied.

Don't be a Mason once a month on Lodge Night. Act as a Mason every day in your public and private avocations.

I have heard it stated many times that what you put into Masonry will be returned to you, multiplied many times. The same applies to volunteering time and finances for community projects.



We all know the philosophy of masonry, the words of our principles and tenets, but we need to follow these philosophical beliefs and live them openly so everyone, the community at large, can see what Masonry means to us. This may then become the avenue whereupon more men are led to Masonry, men seeking to be part of that **Brotherly Love**. Once moving in the right direction, they will find out for themselves the many other principles and philosophies that Masonry offers.

And then there is the more simple form of **Brotherly Love**, that in which we bestow respect and the highest possible value on a person as a friend and companion which in every meeting has been demonstrated by the friendship shown by the Brethren.

Gold braid and the pomp and ceremony all come to naught at the end of your year, but the value of true friendship or **Brotherly Love** lasts forever.

Sincerely & fraternally my brethren and friends,
Laurent Zenidui



From the Secretary's Desk

While a major goal for Masonry in Delaware is to increase membership, an extremely important secondary goal is to keep the members that we do have hale, hearty, and healthy. Therefore, we bring to your attention this important information.



Here are four free benefits for New Castle County residents offered by the New Castle County Emergency Medical Service's Community Outreach team. The Point of Contact for the team is Lorraine.K.Williams@newcastlede.gov 302-395-2736. Other counties in Delaware may offer similar services, and they appear to be offered out of state too by similar service agencies, but you have to ask.

1. Vial of L.I.F.E

- Participants are issued a pill bottle, a magnetic refrigerator sign, and a history page.
- The participants fill out the page with next-of-kin information, medical history, etc.
- The page is filled out and placed in a pre-marked pill bottle.
- The pre-marked pill bottle is placed in the participant's refrigerator.
- The magnetic sign is placed on the door of the refrigerator.
- The police, the fire department, and the emergency services teams know to look for the bottles when they must break into a home and find an unconscious resident.
- Vialoflife@newcastlede.gov Send participant name, address, and telephone number
- <https://youtu.be/7Gxn-hIJ6TU>

2. Be a Life Saver

- Individuals who have resuscitation knowledge may volunteer to be in a database.
- Within a public setting, if the volunteer is within a mile of a stricken individual, they may be called upon to begin rescue techniques until county teams arrive.
- www.nccde.org/ems Pulse point – (Get the App, App Store Google Play)

3. Smart 911

- Smart 911 is a database, maintained by the county, that has medical history, ways to get into locked homes, pet inventory, and family history of the participants.
- When someone calls in a 911 emergency, the public safety department can provide information about the participants to the emergency services.
- www.newcastlede.gov/822/Smart-911.

4. Senior Rollcall

- This is a wake-up service.
- Participants provide information about their waking hours, and telephone numbers where they may be awakened.
- If a participant does not answer within a set period, a computer starts tracking him down.
- Even the Middletown Senior Center says they get calls trying to find a participant.
- If the computers can't find the participant, police and emergency teams are called to break into the participant's home to find him.
- www.newcastlede.gov/478/Police-Senior-Roll-Call-Lifeline-Program.



"By entering critical information online before an emergency, you can help ensure that 1st responders are better prepared to serve you when you call 9-1-1. Help us, help you. Create your Safety Profile today."



Help EMS treat you:

Including information about your family's medical issues – like heart conditions, allergies and stroke history can help to ensure that EMS will arrive with the appropriate equipment and information to help. If you or your family member cannot effectively communicate with 9-1-1, they will instantly know your location and details on what may be causing your emergency.



Help Police protect you:

The more information you provide to responders, the faster they can determine how to assist you. Today when a child goes missing, it takes time for police to obtain a photo of the missing child. With a Smart911 Safety Profile, police will have that photo instantly. By including all the mobile phones that are tied to your home address, police will have your location immediately, even if your call is dropped.



Help the Fire Department rescue you:

In the event of a fire, your Safety Profile can provide detailed information on your home. You have the ability to include information on how many people live in your house, their bedroom locations, if anyone has mobility limitations, and even descriptions of your pets. Additional details can include utility shut off valves, your floor or apt # if you live in a building, and even access points to your home.



Your information is 100% private.

Your family's profile information is completely private and secure. The details you enter on our secure and protected website are only shared with 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders in the field, and only when you or your family members dial 9-1-1.



New Castle County Public Safety Senior Roll Call Lifeline



Stay Safe. Stay Independent.



A daily automated phone call that checks on the welfare of you or your loved one.

- FREE Service provided by New Castle County Public Safety for all Senior Citizens or Disabled Citizens residing in New Castle County

- Peace of Mind for loved ones and caregivers

- No equipment to purchase

- Helps to maintain independence

It's Easy to Enroll

Call Kimberly Beckman at

(302) 395-8159

or visit

nccpd.com

BE A LIFESAVER.

Get alerted to sudden cardiac arrests (SCA) in your immediate vicinity, so that you can start CPR in the critical lifesaving minutes before EMS teams arrive.



1 SCA victim in need



2 911 system sends PulsePoint alert

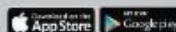


3 Signal received by nearby PulsePoint users



4 Users rush to help victim before professional help arrives

PulsePoint



New Castle County Emergency Medical Service

www.nccdc.org/ems

February Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Robert Buker	16
Al Flemming	12
Pm Michael Jones	12
Lewis Kester, Jr.	46
Thomas Sandilands, Jr.	8
Eric Williamson	12

106 Years in Masonry

The Chaplain's View



If you were a fly on the wall listening to some of the conversations when my children were young, you would – on a somewhat frequent basis – hear me talking about the importance of “family”. I expected the children to love each other and always support each other in all things, even when it seemed more appealing for one to whack another on the head with the spaghetti pot.

But further, I also wanted them to learn the importance of supporting our neighbors, our church, charities. In short, I wanted them to understand that they were fortunate and blessed, but that those blessings were not theirs to keep, but must be shared among humanity.

The same holds true for us, Brethren!

John Della Guardia, Chaplain

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

** Demitted

IMPORTANT DATES...

Mark Your Calendar

- Feb. 2:** Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Feb 5:** Lewes Polar Bear Plunge, 1 – 4pm, Bandstand at the Boardwalk
- Feb. 7** Granite- Corinthian No. 34, Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
- Feb. 8:** Temple No. 11, Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
- Feb. 9:** Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Feb. 14:** Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM

Check out the Grand Calendar

for other events:

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

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