

Eureka-DuPont #23-29



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Masonic Trestleboard January 2023



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of the month –September thru June

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JANUARY 2023 TRESTLEBOARD

The 272nd Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the **Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware**, on **Thursday, January 12 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 West

Brothers,

As you may know, the lodge has voted to buy button-down Eureka-DuPont shirts for all members that attend a meeting between November and January. We plan to wear them for our March Grand Visit. Memebtrs will vote at the January meeting on shirt colors, and Brother Mitri Habash will coordinate with the supplier. We will look smart in our attire as we receive the Grand Master. Don't miss out on this gift by missing the next meeting.

SOUP NIGHT -- January at Eureka-DuPont means **SOUP NIGHT** when we have a contest for the best-tasting soup or chili, where each chef has a chance to win a free ticket to Brotherhood Night on March 17. Make your most delicious soup and come enjoy the fellowship that lodge has to offer. Soup is served around 6:30.

TRIVIA NIGHT -- The program for our January meeting is **MASONIC TRIVIA NIGHT**, with questions about Eureka-DuPont. Join us for fun and competition and learn a thing or two about our lodge.

Recently, three new apprentices were entered to Washington Lodge No.1. The turnout was encouraging as these new brothers were welcomed into the Craft, including the Grand Master, Stephen M. Tucker. Many brothers from all three Districts attended and many brothers from the Pennsylvania Jurisdiction as well. WM Thompson did an excellent job in conferring the degree on our new brothers with the help of officers from around the state. Stay tuned for information about a Fellowcraft Degree at Eureka-DuPont in the coming weeks.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Kevin O'Rourke, SW

The Chaplain's View



January Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Edward Culver Jr	10
PM Robert Hiddemen	33
Jacob Higgins	5
Garry Norton	4
Robert Rock	10
James Simkins	4
Mark Siple	28

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

On June 2, 1995, U.S. Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady was patrolling the United Nations designated no-fly zone over war-torn Bosnia when his F-16 fighter was struck by a surface-to-air missile at 27,000 feet above Earth. He desperately pulled his ejection lever and managed to land unscathed in enemy territory. For six incredible days and nights, O'Grady eluded capture by the Bosnian Serbs who relentlessly hunted him. O'Grady utilized his survival training to the maximum but said it wasn't just the training, but also his trust in God that sustained him. On the sixth day in a daring daylight rescue, an elite team of Marines moved in with a chopper, dodged enemy fire, and pulled the young American hero to safety. At a national press conference following his triumphant return, O'Grady said, "If it wasn't for my love and trust in God, I wouldn't be here right now." His inspirational and patriotic story is a brilliant testimony to Article Six of the United States Military Code of Conduct: "I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America." It is in these words that we also can find for ourselves where to place our trust, especially in these times of divisiveness, rhetoric, and often questionable sources of information. However, for us Masons, it is not only our trust in the Supreme Being's love and mercy that will see us through, but also our trust in the Masonic "code," the three tenets of Freemasonry: **BROTHERLY LOVE** (tolerance and respect for the opinions of others; behaving with kindness and understanding to fellow creatures); **RELIEF** (charity, caring, not only for one's own, but also for the community as a whole); **TRUTH** (possessing high moral standards and aiming to achieve them in one's own life). Freemasons believe that these principles represent a way of achieving higher standards in life. So, I urge you to trust, not only the Grand Architect when you are in doubt, but also the obligations you spoke in your travels through the Masonic degrees.

John Della Guardia, Chaplain

From the Secretary's Desk

Lafayette Lodge has is hosting a Lady's Night on April 15. Here's an opportunity to treat your special Lady to an event that promises to be entertaining while offering the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to make some new friends. Tickets are \$30 per couple. For more information or to purchase, please Email Rollyn@pursersoffice.com

Rollyn Trueblood, Secretary
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THIS YEAR IN MASONIC HISTORY IS 6023 ANNO LUCIS (A.L.)!

The year is 6023 Anno Lucis or Year of Light.

Why does masonry add 4000 years to the current date?

Anno Lucis was adopted by Freemasonry some time in the 18th century. It was taken from the **Anno Mundi** or "**In the Year of the World**", which was first implemented in the 17th century by an Irish Monk.

The idea of **Anno Mundi** was to begin counting from the date of creation. The date of creation according to the Bible has been often debated. It is believed in the Jewish tradition that the date of creation was October 17, 3761 B.C. So in Anno Mundi, the current year is added to 3761. This would make the year 5784 A. M. (Anno Mundi).

For Freemasonry the year in **Anno Lucis**, like Anno Mundi, has a relationship to creation. However, that is where the similarity ends for Anno Mundi and Anno Lucis. Where Anno Mundi is meant to bring an actual date into focus for the creation of existence, for Freemasonry it is meant to represent the symbolic moment that Light came into the world. In Freemasonry Light is a metaphor for knowledge. It could also be said that it relates to enlightenment. This would make sense since at the time that speculative Masonry was gaining ground in the world, the age of enlightenment had begun. The search for knowledge, both spiritual and physical was very much on the minds of the early speculative Freemasons. It is from the idea that knowledge is equated to light that most likely Freemasonry adopted the idea of Anno Lucis and the moment of creation. This would come from the book of Genesis and the description of the creation of the Universe.

Light is incorruptible; it can be split into its parts, as through a prism. It can even be brought back together through a similar process. Still, when you break it down into its parts, it is still Light! Light can be blocked though, and can be kept from shining through. It can be filtered. In the end, however, the original Light is still in its incorruptible form.

Knowledge in Freemasonry and in general is the same. It can be broken down into its parts. It can be pulled apart and dissected and put back together. Still, it is knowledge! Whether we choose to bask in that Light or study how it functions, it is still meant to be used for the betterment of all who see it and are touched by it. When it is blocked or filtered, it causes darkness, or ignorance, to spread; and when it reaches those who choose to dwell in that "darkness" or who only see the filtered Light, then it brings hate, injustice, and sorrow.

We as Freemasons, have the responsibility to make sure that Light, or knowledge shines forth. At times the Light comes through the metaphoric prisms, and we only see a part of the Light. It is up to us to find all the pieces of the Light and put it back together for those who have lost the Light or can only see that one part of the spectrum that comes through the prism of our own bias.

I wish all of you a Happy 6023! May this truly be a Year of **LIGHT**!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
John R. Della Guardia
Trestleboard Editor

Chocolate Night... A Huge Success

Eureka-DuPont Lodge can be proud of what we accomplished during Chocolate Night, 2022. By all accounts, our efforts were a huge success and had a powerful impact on the lives of over one hundred Delaware children and their families. This truly was a worthy community-benefit event. A hearty Thank You is extended to all who demonstrated their gift-wrapping expertise and all who participated in making the night a spectacular success. Best of all, we had a fun time while doing good, as you can see from these photos.





IMPORTANT DATES...

Mark Your Calendar

- Jan. 3:** Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Jan. 5** Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Jan. 10:** Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Jan. 11:** Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Jan. 11:** Solomon No. 36, Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
- Jan. 12:** Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Jan. 16:** Newport Unity, Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
- Jan. 21:** Senior Officer Training Workshop, 9AM – 12PM, Dover Masonic Temple

**Check out the Grand Calendar
for other events:**

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

Masonic Facts

...did you know?



The highest Masonic Lodge in the world is on top of Cerro de Pasco in Peru, 14,208 feet above sea level. It's called "The Roof of The World" Lodge No. 1094 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Masonic Symbols

...and what they mean

Masonic

Blazing Star



The Masonic Blazing star is said to represent the peak of a person's Masonic Journey. Its symbolism in the craft has more than one meaning.

First, the masonic blazing star represents God, the Highest Being who shines his light upon us, making us better people in the society.

It also reminds Masons of God's omnipresent nature, indicating that He is with us regardless of where we are.

Second, the masonic blazing star represents the sun, which casts its rays upon the earth giving everything life. Some ancient religions worshipped the sun.

Third, it represents the star of Bethlehem, which guided the three wise men to baby Jesus. In a Freemason Lodge, the Masonic Blazing Star leads members on a spiritual path to meet the Supreme Being.

Fourth, it stands for prudence. The quality of being wise. Prudence guides Masons in living a life full of wisdom.

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***The Grand Master's Youth Table Lodge is fast approaching.
Please consider joining the MW Grand Master, and the
members and leaders of our DeMolay & DelMar Job's
Daughters, on January 28, 2023.***

Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge

January 28, 2023 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Union Lodge No.7

Dover, Delaware



Come join us for our Annual Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge. With members of Grand Staff, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay, You will enjoy hearing from a few special speakers, a flavorful seven course meal, and toasts for every course!

Good Food, Good Times, & Fellowship

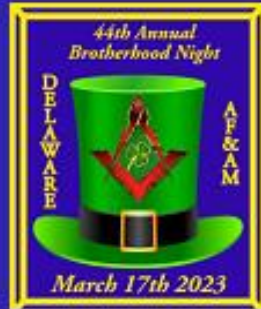
Tickets are \$35.00 per person and available through Eventbrite by going to this link or by scanning the Qr code below..

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-masters-youth-table-lodge-tickets-446673361047>



44th Annual Brotherhood Night

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Join us for the 44th annual Brotherhood night. Scan the QR code to purchase a ticket, or contact Jim Bennett (302) 228-1228.

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MARCH 17 2023

Social Hour: 5:30 PM | Dinner: 6:30 PM

Centennial Lodge #174



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