

# Eureka-DuPont #23-29

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## Masonic Trestleboard April 2023

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on the second Thursday  
of the month –September thru June

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# APRIL 2023 TRESTLEBOARD

The 275th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, April 13.

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. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

At our March communication, we had the honor of receiving the Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, M.: W.: Stephen M. Tucker, and his Grand Staff. Prior to the introduction proceedings, all were invited to partake in a catered dinner, where, along with the good food, fellowship and camaraderie abounded.

The Grand Code requires the Grand Master to visit each lodge during his year of service. This is quite an undertaking, requiring him and his staff to travel throughout the state, and the Grand Visits are always eventful occasions. The Grand Marshal provides an agenda, which includes addresses from the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Chaplain. Additionally, these visits are an opportunity to present 50- and 55-year pins to any members reaching those milestones in their Masonic lives.

This year's visit was especially notable, as we had five Past Grand Masters (pictured below with M.: W.: Steve Tucker) all in one place at the same time.

Appreciation is extended to Senior Warden Kevin O'Rourke, who contreibuted to this article.



Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 Officers and the 2022-23 Grand Staff



Picturted L to R: Grand Master Steven M. Tucker, Past Grand Masters Dale T. Irwin, James S. Russell, Herbert J. Atkinson, Glenn R. Davis, Sr., and John W. Marinucci



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# From the South



Dear brothers;

Hoping everyone is well and looking forward to seeing everyone at our next state...

For your Masonic education, here is an interesting explanation of a symbol we see in lodges and on rings and the backs of vehicles.



**Two-Headed Eagle**

The Two-Headed eagle is theorized to originate from Ancient Mesopotamia. It was a representation of polysepalous (multi-headed) beasts that were spoken of in legends and myths.

Over the years, the symbol was continuously used in flags, engraved in metallic work, garment embroidery, and many other places.

It was first used as a Freemasonry symbol in 1759. At the time, it delineated two bodies merging into one. The Two-headed Masonic eagle is also known as the **Eagle of Lagash**. The name originated from the oldest symbol in the ancient Sumerian city of Lagash.

In Freemasonry, the double-headed eagle is a symbol of the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite. It is used as a symbol of a completed alchemical process. In alchemy, the eagle represents purified sulfur and portrays a rising spirit. It stands for the reconciliation between matter and spirit.

(Taken from the MesonicFind website)

## IMPORTANT DATES...

### Mark Your Calendar

- Apr. 4** Granite- Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- Apr. 6:** Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- Apr. 11:** Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- Apr. 12:** Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- Apr. 13:** Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- Apr. 15:** Ladies Night -- Lafayette No. 14 & District One 5:00pm
- Apr 27:** United Grand Table Lodge, 6pm, Union Lodge No. 7, Dover, DE

Check out the Grand Lodge Calendar for more information and other events:  
<https://www.masonsindelaware.org/>

# From the Senior Deacon's Chair



My Brothers,  
 Many years ago, the famous Dr. Albert Schweitzer wrote these magnificent words, *“It is enough merely to exist... Every man has to seek in his own way to make his own self nobler and to realize his own true worth.”*

Those words capture the meaning of Freemasonry. As the world’s oldest and largest fraternity, our goal is to build a man’s most valuable possession: HIS CHARACTER.

As some of you may know, I went through difficult times during the past year and realized that some of the main principles taught guided me in my journey.

Masonry teaches you important principles:

✓ **Since God is the creator, all men and women are the children of God.**



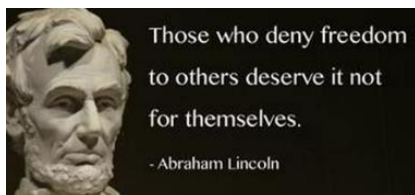
Because of that, all men and women are brothers and sisters, entitled to dignity, respect for their opinions, and consideration of their feeling.

✓ **Each person must take responsibility for his/her own life and actions.**

We must take responsibility for educating ourselves. Being part of a 'smart mob' doesn't guarantee that you're a responsible participant or collaborator.

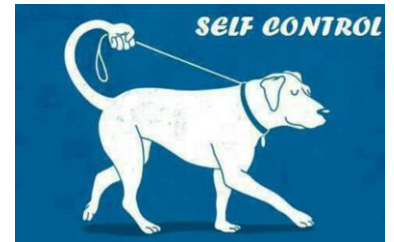
Neither wealth nor poverty, education nor ignorance, health nor sickness excuses any person from doing the best he or she can do or being the best person possible under the circumstances.

✓ **No one has the right to tell another person what he or she must think or believe.** Each man and woman has an absolute right to intellectual,



spiritual, economic, and political freedom. It is a right given by God, not by man. All tyranny, in every form, is illegitimate.

✓ **Each person must learn and practice self-control.** Each person must make sure his spiritual nature triumphs



over his animal nature. Another way to say the same thing is that even when we are tempted to anger, we must not be violent. Even when we are tempted to selfishness, we must be charitable. Even when we want to “write someone off”, we must remember that he or she is a human and entitled to our respect. Even when we want to give up, we must go on. Even when we are hated, we must return love, or, at minimum, we must not hate back. It is not easy!

✓ **Faith must be at the center of our lives.** We find that Faith in our houses of

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

worship, not in Freemasonry, but Masonry constantly teaches that a person’s faith, whatever it may be, is central to a good life.

✓ **Each person has a responsibility to be a good citizen, obeying the law.** That does not mean that we cannot try to change things, but change must take place in legal ways.



✓ **It is important to work to make this world for all who live in it.** Masonry teaches the

**We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.**  
 -Nelson Mandela

importance of doing good, not because it assures a person's entrance into Heaven – that's a question for a religion, not a fraternity – but because we have a duty to all other men and women to make their lives as fulfilling as they can be.

✓ *Honor and integrity are essential to life.* Life

**Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people.**

without honor and integrity is without meaning.

Put these principles into action every day of your life and you will see the beautiful and harmonious changes surrounding you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Laurent Zenidiu

*...from the*

## *Secretary's Desk*



Brothers,

The year is beginning to wind down. If dues payments seem insurmountable, please let me know. We can make arrangements for incremental payments. Please know that any Brother failing to pay dues for two years shall be in danger of suspension. I want to make sure that doesn't happen. I will work with anyone who is in arrears, assisting to bring your Lodge account up to date. There are many strategies that are available. Please contact me if you are unsure about your status.

For more information, contact Brother Secretary, Rollyn Trueblood, at 302-521-6926 (rollyn@pursersoffice.com). Mail your check to Eureka DuPont 23-29 AF&AM, 23 Palmer Dr., Middletown, DE 19709.

### **April Masonic Birthdays**

NAME	YEARS
PM Thomas Cole	42
William Downing	38
Mitri Habash	29
William Horne	57
Dmitry Pilipis	1
Samuel Rice, Jr.	66

### **233 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

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### **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