

# Eureka-DuPont #23-29

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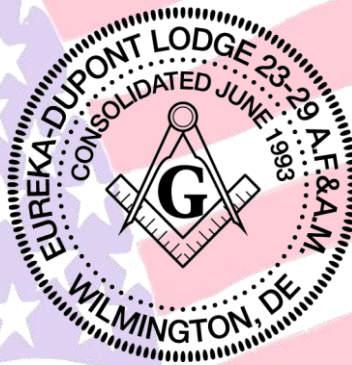
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## Masonic Trestleboard June 2023

**All Visiting Brethren Are Welcome**



**Meetings are held  
on the second Thursday  
of the month –September thru June**

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# JUNE 2023 TRESTLEBOARD

The 276th 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 8, 2023, at 7:30pm.

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. Kudos and deepest gratitude to Kristen Troy for once again preparing one of her delectable meals for the May meeting. And her desserts also are truly noteworthy.

As you know, the June meeting is the last, and in some ways the most important, of the 2022-2023 Masonic Year. Elections are held in June, and your voice is important in choosing next year's leadership team. Additionally, any unfinished business will be addressed.

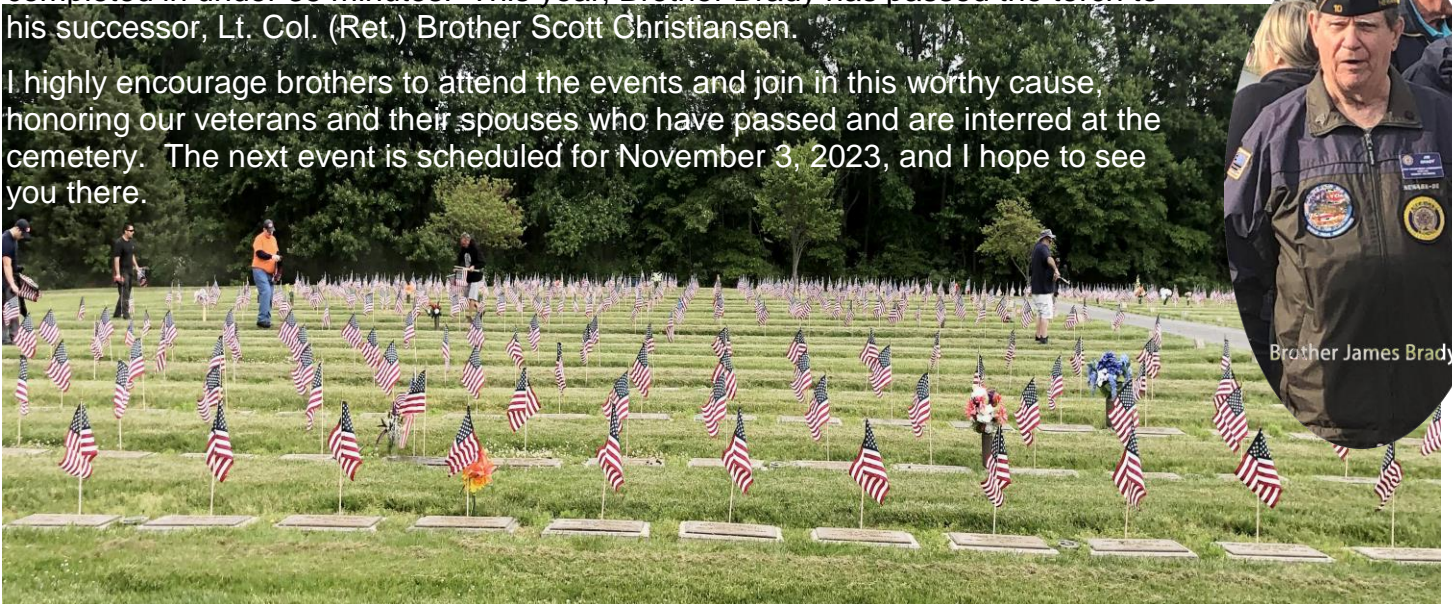
We hope to see you at the June stated communication. Important end-of-year items are on the agenda.

## From the West



Last month I was honored to participate in the flag placement at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, Delaware. Twice a year, prior to Memorial Day in May and again on Veterans Day in November, Old Glory is placed on each gravesite. Worshipful Brother James Brady of American Legion Post #10 has been spearheading the effort since 2007. Back then, the participants amounted to 5 or 6 people from the post with a few other volunteers, and typically it took four to five hours to place the 9,000 - 10,000 flags on the graves. In 2011 Past Grand Master Barry Hughes asked Brother Brady, the Department Commander for the State of Delaware, what the Craft could do for veterans. That's when flag placement became a Masonic event. Since then, more and more Masons have been attending. This past event included many Masons as well as other entities. Over a hundred people were helping to place nearly 16,000 flags. The effort was completed in under 35 minutes! This year, Brother Brady has passed the torch to his successor, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Brother Scott Christiansen.

I highly encourage brothers to attend the events and join in this worthy cause, honoring our veterans and their spouses who have passed and are interred at the cemetery. The next event is scheduled for November 3, 2023, and I hope to see you there.



Brother James Brady

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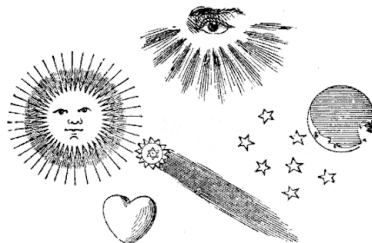
# From the South



Dear brothers;

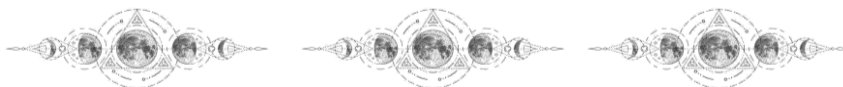
I hope you enjoy reading about the symbols and our history. For your Masonic education, I present the following...

## The Moon



During the 18th Century, some lodges met only during full-moon nights since, at the time, there was no street lighting. Members were dependent on the light emitted from full moons to find their way back home.

Freemasonry highlights the moon as a less powerful source of light. The light from the East side of the moon is devoted to the Master of a Lodge. The moon's symbolic nature is used as a reminder of the rituals, alchemical rebirth, and Newtonian training in Freemasonry. Its symbolism, however, leans more towards alchemical rebirth. Alchemy refers to the process of purifying substances. Educating a person as they move up from one degree to another perfects him, making him a better Mason.



# The Chaplain's View

It's June. The Lodge is about to go dark for the summer months, schools are beginning to wind down, and many students are already in summer mode. During July and August, whether we're planning a holiday or just staying home, we have the opportunity to step back a bit and take a breather. Taking a breather is a good thing to do now and again. It's good for the body, and it's good for the soul, too.

Hopefully, as we look back at this past year in Lodge, we can identify some progress. I know for sure that there were many good times and some amazing dinners before the meetings. I always hope to see something new in Lodge: new activities, new procedures, new faces; because, to me, these are signs of a new life for our organization. It's encouraging for us all if we can see the future taking shape.

But, for now, it's time to take a break, and I hope your summer months will be a time of rest, of doing different things, of doing nothing much at all except enjoying being outside whenever you are able. Enjoy the next few weeks, make the most of the opportunities that come your way, and return to Lodge refreshed.



# From the Senior Deacon's Chair



*My Brothers,*

*The last article of this masonic year will be dedicated to ALL brothers from our lodge (and to Masons everywhere).*



A few days ago, I watched a TV show named **HOMESTEAD RESCUE** where a family came to rescue a homestead owned by a former fireman. As the work was a daunting task, fellow firefighters came to assist from far away. When everyone was gathered, Marty (the father of the family who came to the rescue) said, "This is what we call Brotherhood".

My dear brothers, this is our most ancient ritual, "Brotherhood", that tightens and holds us together.

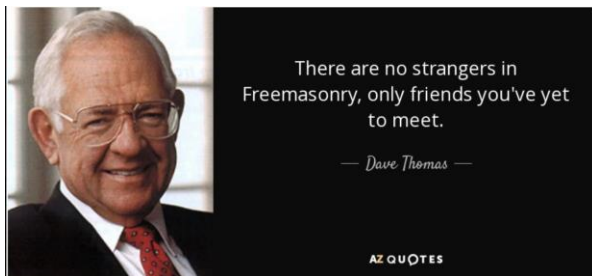
Brothers are those who guide us to be better and help us when we need support, especially when our body/mind begins to be weaker.

Our Worshipful Master, officers, and active brothers are currently performing excellent work at the Lodge. I want to thank all of you!



On June 24th, Washington No. 1 will host an open house which will include Brothers from other lodges. This is an example of how we enjoy Brotherhood.

For those who are not regularly coming to our monthly communications, I take this opportunity to remind you of our Brotherhood. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. If needed, we, as Brothers, will use our precious jewels to provide assistance. Your absence is noticed and we look forward to seeing you again.



For those with whom I have met and had discussions, I take this opportunity to say **thank you** for your time, and it is an honor to know you.

Have a great summer Brothers and take care!

Fraternally,  
Laurent Zenidui, Senior Deacon

## June/July Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Fred Botwright	71
Wilbur Butler, II	4
David Clements	17
Jerome Herlihy	61
Jeffrey Scott	13
Said Shakshir	10
Arnold Tabor	37
Alfred Wedel	12
Luke Bunting	3

**228 Years in Masonry**

## IMPORTANT DATES... Mark Your Calendar

- June 1: Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- June 4: Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- June 8: Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- June 13: Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- June 14: Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- June 14: Flag Day
- June 18: Fathers Day
- June 24: Open House, Brandfywine Hall, 11-2pm

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

**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\*

**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



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<https://de.grandview.systems/users/password/new> . **Just follow the instructions.**

Once you register, please review and update any information if applicable, load up a headshot photo of yourself, etc.

If there are discrepancies in the data which you are not able to edit, please contact Brother Secretary with the information which is incorrect and the change(s) required. The sooner we are up to date, the better off our Lodges will be as the beacon of freemasonry (and masonic computer technology) in our jurisdiction.



In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane,



Washington was inspired by the idea of Mother's Day to honor her father, William Jackson Smart, in a similar way. William, a farmer and Civil War veteran, was a single parent who raised Sonora and her five brothers by himself after his wife, Ellen, died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27 years old, came up with the idea. Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. Thus, on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day events commenced.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June. Under President Richard Nixon, in 1972, Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday. (Six years later, Sonora died at age 96.)



**Flag Day** is a celebration of the American flag. It occurs each year on the anniversary of the flag's official adoption, June 14. Flag Day celebrates the day in 1777 when the United States Continental Congress approved the design for its first flag in the midst of the Revolutionary War. Until this time, Colonial troops fought under many different flags with various symbols—rattlesnakes, pine trees, and eagles—and slogans—"Don't Tread on Me," "Liberty or Death," and "Conquer or Die," to name a few. However, The Declaration of Independence made the adoption of an American flag necessary. While its look has changed more than a few times over the years, the American flag has remained a symbol of freedom and justice.

Here are five fast facts about the flag and the annual holiday:

- Flag Day was founded by a school teacher named Bernard J. Cigrand, who began observing the day with his class at Stony Hill School in Wisconsin. In 1885, Cigrand urged his students to observe June 14 as "**Flag Birthday**." He later wrote an essay published in a Chicago newspaper urging Americans to also celebrate the flag annually on that day.
- Betsy Ross, the famed Philadelphia seamstress, is often credited for making the first flag. But there's no proof she did. No official documentation has been found to confirm Ross was responsible for sewing the very first flag, but it is believed Col. George Ross – a signer of the Declaration of Independence and Betsy's late husband's uncle – recommended her for the job. If not Ross, then who? Some historians say it was Francis Hopkinson, a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress and signer of the Declaration of Independence. He also played a role in designing seals for departments within the U.S. government.
- On June 14, 1777, John Adams spoke about the flag at a meeting of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." There have since been 27 official versions of the flag, according to the Library of Congress. The last change was made on July 4, 1960, when Hawaii became the 50th state. The flag today features 13 horizontal red and white stripes, representing the nation's 13 original colonies, and a blue rectangle in the canton with 50 white, five-pointed stars representing the states.
- The flag got its "**Old Glory**" nickname from William Driver, a Massachusetts-born resident of Nashville who hid his homemade flag from Confederate troops. During the Civil War, Driver remained loyal to the Union and sewed "Old Glory" into a quilt for safekeeping, according to Tennessee Encyclopedia. When the Union army occupied Music City, Driver gave the flag to the troops to be flown for a short time over the State Capitol. Driver is buried in the Nashville City Cemetery. "Old Glory" is exhibited at the Smithsonian Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.
- The Continental Congress left no record as to why it chose red, white, and blue as the flag's colors. But, in 1782, the Congress of the Articles of Confederation chose the colors for the Great Seal of the United States with these meanings:
  - White for purity and innocence.
  - Red for valor and hardiness.
  - Blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.