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**MEMORIAL
DAY**

Masonic Trestleboard May 2023

All Visiting Brethren Are Welcome



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MAY 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, May 11.

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 April communication, Brother Senior Deacon, Laurent Zenidiu, presented an informative program: Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette (6 September 1757 – 20 May 1834). Often known simply as Lafayette, he was a French aristocrat, Freemason, and military officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War, commanding American troops in several battles, including the siege of Yorktown. After returning to France, he was a key figure in the French Revolution of 1789 and the July Revolution of 1830. He has been considered a national hero in both countries.

Brother Zenidiu made the program especially enjoyable with his slide show presentation and by including little known facts which he learned during his recent trip to France.

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

From the West



Brothers, in April, it was my honor and privilege to be part of the Grand Staff Shadow Night with Job's Daughters. Young Ladies from Bethel 5 in Newark and Bethel 55 in Port Deposit, Maryland, with assistance from their Guardians, conducted the meeting very well. I was paired with the Recorder, daughter of a Brother of Washington 1. These young ladies worked very hard to learn their ritual, were gracious hosts, and had a very fun time, receiving the Grand Master and his staff as well as any Lodge has done this year. If you have the opportunity, please consider attending a meeting, as it is not only interesting to see the ladies at work, but rewarding knowing they are the future and part of the Craft.



As with Masonry, their ranks are dwindling and desperately need members to join them.

If you know of any young ladies that might benefit from being a member of this great organization, please reach out and learn more. Members are girls and young women between the ages of 10 and 20 who are related to or are sponsored by a Master Mason and believe in a higher power. Kevin O'Rourke, Senior Warden

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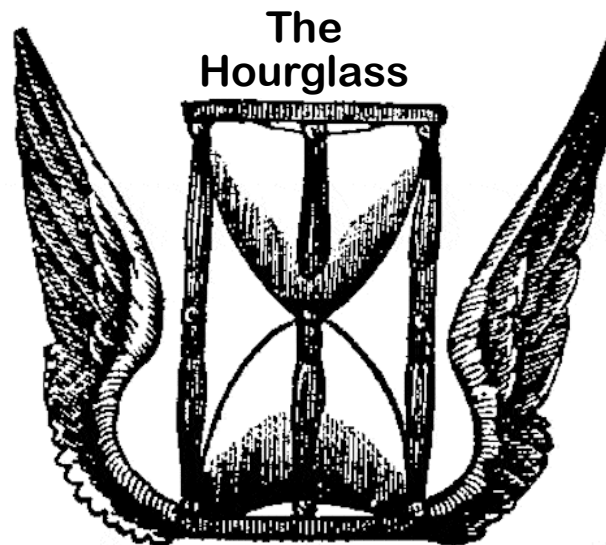
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From the South



Dear brothers;

I hope you enjoy reading about the symbols and our history. It's part and parcel of being a Mason. As a history buff, this aspect of Masonry is always a joy to research. For your Masonic education, I present...



An Hourglass in Freemasonry holds more than one meaning. It is used to represent multiple concepts. However, it especially symbolizes two significant allusions: time and death.

The hourglass indicates that time is moving forward, and nothing can reverse

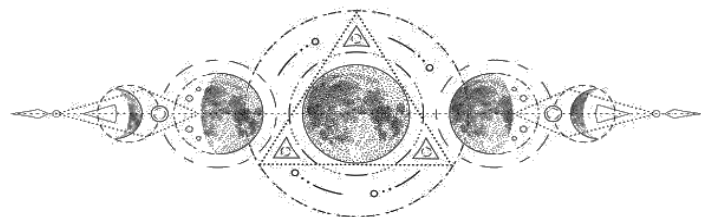
the movement of the sand. Masons are taught that everyone is equal regardless of the position one holds in life. Even riches and high social status cannot move the sand backward. Therefore, in life we are all on the same level.

The title page of Nicholas Stone; Mason to King James I and Charles I; has a note saying:

'In time take time while time doth last
For time is no time, wheel time is past.'

The note emphasizes the importance of utilizing time now before it's gone.

The scythe sometimes symbolizes death in the hourglass. Death cuts short life and leads us to eternity. It shows that even though we manage to conquer evils from childhood to adulthood, eventually time will catch up, and we will have to leave the world behind. Death is inevitable to all human beings, whether rich or poor. (Taken from the MasonicFind.com website)



From the Senior Deacon's Chair

My Brothers,

After the article last month, I wanted to go further on one perspective of the masonic attitude. This article from Rosmunda Cristiano (Un Massone nel mondo profano - ExPartibus) was translated from Italian to French and now is translated into English for all American Masons. I hope that you will enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed it.



Freemasons are always called to "account" for the "work" that animates their existence, and this happens throughout life itself. It is not a question of "adapting" the Masonic attitude to the civil world and its perspectives, but of acting in the world with the light, strength and serenity that came from Masonic free thinkers.

The daily experience of working on oneself and for the good of the country and humanity, in communion with others, can transform the cosmos into a brotherhood that walks together in the hope of "new heavens and a new earth".

Becoming a Freemason is a unique way of knowing oneself and the reality that surrounds us until that moment: a perspective that leads to blasphemy, but which, at the same time, opens an upward horizon and a full life.

Obviously, this particular point of view does not magically eliminate suffering and failures, pain and death, but manages to guide and give confidence to face them with a different approach and with a renewed vision.



So what does it mean to be a Freemason in our civil life?

The attitudes acquired in the Temple can be obtained gradually and absorbed by the family environment and by the place where we grow and live, bringing about profound transformations as a true "conversion". For a Freemason, it is crucial to recognize and accept the change that has occurred in oneself as a positive upheaval in one's life.

The work of a Freemason, not only in the Lodge, is the center that unites the Brothers, beyond the various and infinite forms of concretely living this Institution, which often depends on disparate contexts.

To admit it, is to commit, to express a decision that distinguishes the relationship between oneself and creation, a choice that therefore engages one's conscience and one's praxis.

Recognizing oneself in the Workshop and confiding in it are not only abstract actions but take place in close relationship with the civil man.

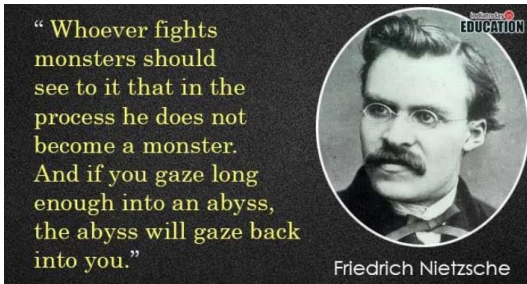
It is not only a question of honoring an oath, but it is an authentic act of trust, lived concretely, inside and outside the Temple. If, therefore,

Masonic life is conducted daily with an eye towards [...] "**the Grand Lodge of Delaware**", following the teachings of the Masters who preceded us, also exercising forcefully the work on the rough stone, done on ourselves, then, too, the social, family, professional,



economic, political, religious and cultural context becomes an opportunity to express the responsibility of being a Freemason.

So does Freemasonry help us to live our civil life better?



Our Masonic knowledge and confidence in what we are currently doing in the Temple stimulates us to release energies, synergies, and attitudes for another reality. The identity of a Brother is also built through Masonic behavior. Situations always arise where you must decide if you want to follow your heart. These are times when temptation and revelation are very close. In these cases, members in an initiatory institution such as Freemasonry can be a criterion for

assessing whether our "faith" is alive or not. To expand our Masonic knowledge is to trust, in a way, an obedience considered obsolete in our current world, but which, at the same time, is modern and extremely current.

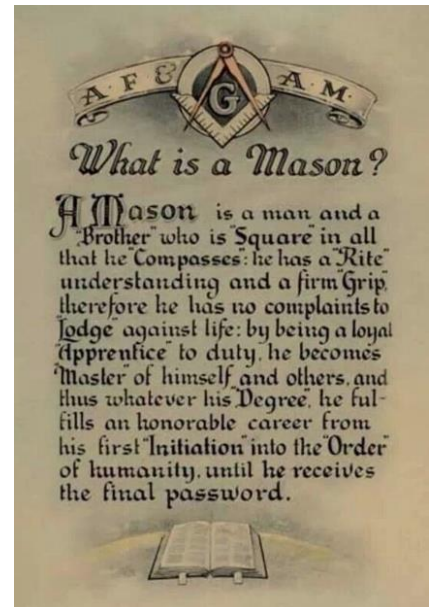
To be a Freemason is to stimulate and release energies that we did not think we had, towards a new life, to modify these behaviors that, until the day before, seemed right to us, to discover then that we must change everything, abandon even the certainties more anchored in ourselves.

The result of the gradual erosion of the sphere of the sacred is today comparable to what Nietzsche called the disturbing guest, *Nihilism*: the goal is missing, the answer to why is lacking, everything is devalued, while resignation and disengagement dominate.

The only value increasingly idolized is the god of money and its natural correlate, consumerism, which is called upon to fill the existential and cultural gaps that have emerged forcefully in recent times.

Being Freemasons in the civil world means that there is a small minority who, dissatisfied with this sordid situation because they intuitively feel or perceive a void, choose freely. It is a distinct and completely different dimension from the trivial one of *routine*, which expresses man's relationship to the One; It is the orientation towards the unconditioned.

I find enlightening the words of a well-known brother, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, at the end of his inaugural speech after being sworn in as the 35th president of the United States:



In this sentence, the *Keystone... The Freemason, in the civil world, asks himself every day what he can do for his country and, every day, he works to make the world a better place.*

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Laurent Zenidui



May Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Peter Castle	12
David Clark	15
Richard Stout	68
Laurent Zenidiu	5
David Senghaas	1

101 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*
- 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) that needs to be made. 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.

IMPORTANT DATES...

Mark Your Calendar

- May 2** Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- May 4:** Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- May 9:** Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- May 10:** Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- May 11:** Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30pm
- May 13:** Solomon No. 36, POW / MIA Chair of Honor Dedication, Newark Masonic Temple, 207 East Delaware Ave., 1 – 2pm
- May 14:** Mother's Day

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