

Eureka-DuPont #23-29



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From the East



Greetings, Brothers,

For our February meeting, our Junior Warden, Drew Wedel, had his first chance in the Oriental chair. Congratulations Drew!! This is a significant step in his personal Masonic journey to the East and the future of the lodge. This meeting was our **Annual Soup Night**, Our Chaplain, John's, chicken tortellini soup was the winner with Drew's Chicken noodle a close second. John's homemade garlic bread rounded out the meal. The 1st-place prize was the perfect addition to this tasty event. (See picture)

The 282nd Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the **Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware, on Tuesday, March 12**. Our March meeting is our annual Grand Visitation where we will have the honor of receiving the Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, M.: W.: Ronald P. Ferraro and the Grand Staff. To make the night extra special, our regular meeting night has been rescheduled from Thursday to Tuesday so that we can welcome the Grand Master in a unity meeting with Lafayette Lodge No. 14.



Take Note: in light of the Grand Visit, this meeting will open at 5:30 P.M. with reports of Lodge correspondence, committee reports, reception of petitions, and all other business as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge.

Lodge will be called to rest, and a delicious dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. at no charge. Please plan to attend and invite any others, as this event is open to all Masons.

Lodge will be called from rest at 7:30 P.M. for the reception of the Grand Master and the Grand Staff and the continuation of the meeting, including the reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report.

Eureka-DuPont Officers are expected to wear tuxedos. Members and visitors should wear a coat and tie.

We anticipate an enjoyable dinner, interesting conversation, grand fellowship, and a hearty welcome for the Grand Master and his Grand Staff. Please consider joining us for dinner and the Grand Visit.

Jay Troy, Worshipful Master

Menu

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Hors d'oeuvres

Garden Salad

Beef Brisket

Chicken

Sides

Rolls and Butter

Miscellaneous
Beverages

M.:W.: EVAN R. MOODY "COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD"

From Jay Troy, Worshipful Master

The M.:W.: Evan R. Moody "COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD" was announced this year by our current Grand Master, M.:W.: Ronald P. Ferraro. The Community Service Award will be presented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication held in October 2024. Lodges that complete a minimum of five qualifying community service projects will receive a Certificate of Achievement and Lodges completing a minimum of ten qualifying community service events will receive a special plaque for display.

This challenge was issued to all sitting Masters, and to that end I am requesting your help to participate in at least five charitable activities for the year.

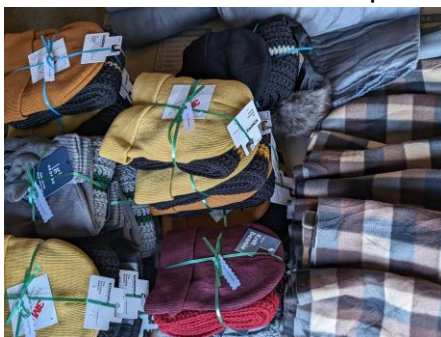
So far this year we have participated in several charitable events, but more help is needed

- 1) **Chocolate Night** -- provided over \$2,500 in toys to families in need
- 2) **Polar Bear Plunge** -- Through our Lodge and the generous contributions of our friends and families, Eureka Dupont Lodge was able to raise \$1,000 to benefit Delaware Special Olympics.

3) **Bushels of Blessings - A Shared Passion: Tackling Hunger, Box by Box, Basket by Basket**

Bushels is a gleaning organization that breathes life into "imperfect" produce and grocery items.

Struggling families are nourished while food waste is reduced. In 2023 alone, Bushels of Blessings distributed over 500,000 pounds of food: 270,000 pounds of gleaned field crops and over 250,000 pounds of retail gleaned items.



Bushels is looking for folks with free time during the week to help with food distribution tasks. If you have time during the week, please let me know and I can arrange for you to get the right information to participate.

- 4) **VA Hospital Hobby Cart** -- The Hobby Cart traces its roots back to a charitable initiative launched by the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) in 1947, aimed at supporting servicemen returning from World War II, providing warm clothing, socks, and other necessities alongside items to help them pass the time. Today, the Hobby Cart continues to serve veterans in VA Hospitals. It offers a range of items including hats, clothes, socks, toiletries, and other supplies for patients in need. The Hobby Cart relies on donations to fulfill its mission. These donations can be both practical and geared towards leisure activities. The cart might stock crossword puzzles, playing cards, books, and art supplies to offer veterans ways to engage and relax during their hospital stays. These items provide comfort, support mental well-being, and foster a sense of normalcy during a potentially challenging and stressful time.

Eureka-duPont Lodge has made a significant effort to support the Hobby Cart initiative, collecting a generous amount of supplies thanks to the contributions of compassionate community organizations. To date, these include:

59 blankets, 31 scarves, 16 pairs of gloves, 20 hats, 88 pairs of socks.

Please ask me how you can help.

- 5) **Additional charity** – possibly a blood drive or raising funds to purchase ballistic vests for K9 units.

This collaborative effort demonstrates the continued power of Masons working within the community to support improving the lives of those around us.

The Chaplain's View

John R. Della Guardia, Chaplain



Soon, the warmth of spring will begin to thaw the frost of winter, the perfect time to take a moment to reflect on the profound symbolism of this season within the halls of our Masonic Lodge.

Just as nature will awaken from its slumber, bursting forth with new life and vibrant colors, so too should our hearts and minds yearn for renewal and growth. Let us embrace this coming season of rebirth as an opportunity to rejuvenate our spirits, to shed the burdens of the past, and to emerge stronger and more resilient than ever before.

As Freemasons, we are bound together by the unbreakable bonds of Brotherhood and Fellowship. So, let us draw strength from one another, lifting each other up in times of need and celebrating each other's successes with unwavering support and admiration.

We should also remember the timeless teachings of our craft – the importance of morality, the pursuit of knowledge, and the dedication to service. May we continue to walk the path of enlightenment, always striving to improve ourselves and the world around us.

As we stand ready to meet this new season, let us greet it with open hearts and minds, ready to embrace the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, my Brothers, let us sow the seeds of hope, kindness, and benevolence, knowing that through our collective efforts, we can truly make a difference in the world.

The journey ahead is ours to shape and the possibilities are endless.



IMPORTANT DATES...

Mark Your Calendar

- Mar. 2 Officer Leadership Workshop 9AM
- Mar. 5: Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Mar. 7: Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Mar. 9 Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Dover Masonic Temple, 11:30AM
- Mar. 12: Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 and Lafayette No. 14, Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
- Mar. 13: Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Mar 15: 45th Annual Brotherhood Night, 5:30PM
- Mar 23: Semi-Annual Communication, 9AM

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

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

Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29

Living Past Masters

2020-22 David M. Simkins
2018-19 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)



Eureka-DuPont Writer's Corner

The Writer's Corner is a place for you to share your literary talents by submitting your original pieces of writing. Whether it's a short story, poem, essay, or any other form of written expression, "Writer's Corner" aims to showcase the diverse talents that make our Lodge unique. Your contribution can be a personal reflection, Masonic insights, or simply a piece that resonates with you. This is an opportunity to explore the depth of our collective creativity and possibly strengthen the bonds that tie us together. Please send your submissions to jdell16@comcast.net. I look forward to reading and celebrating the literary endeavors of our talented Lodge members in an upcoming editions of the Trestleboard.

Chasing Rainbows

John R. Della Guardia



In March, we all become Irish, even me! Decorative shamrocks abound, and graphics of leprechauns appear on windows and school bulletin boards. Usually, with the leprechaun, there's a rainbow and a pot of gold, and the old folk tale of leprechaun fortunes gets passed along to a new generation.

In the perpetual game of cat and mouse between humans and leprechauns, it's a battle of wits that's as old as the hills of Ireland themselves. Humans, with their insatiable greed and knack for chasing rainbows, are perpetually on the hunt for the elusive pot of gold guarded by those mischievous little green-clad tricksters, the leprechauns.

Armed with shovels, metal detectors, and maps drawn with the precision of a cartographer, humans traipse through fields, forests, and even urban alleyways, convinced they're just one lucky four-leaf clover away from striking it rich. But alas, the leprechauns are always one step ahead.

With their clever illusions and supernatural sleight of hand, leprechauns delight in leading humans on wild goose chases. They'll leave false clues, create mirages of gold at the end of rainbows, and even employ the occasional hypnotic jig to distract their pursuers. And just when a human thinks they've finally outsmarted the little rascals, the leprechauns vanish into thin air, leaving behind nothing but a trail of laughter and a lesson in humility.



So, as humans continue their futile quest for the leprechaun's fortune, perhaps it's time to take a step back, enjoy the journey, and remember that sometimes the real treasure is the laughter and camaraderie shared along the way. And who knows, maybe the true pot of gold is the friendships we make in Lodge ... or maybe it's just buried under another rainbow.

Masonic Education: The Knights Templar, Freemasonry, and the York and Scottish Rites

Jay Troy, WM

I enjoy a good conspiracy theory and recently came across this fascinating video about the Knights Templar, Freemasonry, and the York Rite. It's quite riveting and well worth the time it takes to watch: https://youtu.be/z_YeaMO2X0s?si=kp8l_Klsdi3U65ix

As a member of both the York and Scottish Rites, I've found the York Rite (particularly the Chapter degrees) to be fascinating and thought-provoking. However, in conversation, I find some people hesitate to join the York Rite due to perceived Christian elements. These are mostly concentrated in the Commandery body, with the earlier portions offering plenty to explore without being heavily Christian-focused.

This video also mentions Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland, which has ties to the Knights Templar mythos. This beautiful, historic chapel (built in the 1400s) is also worth exploring. Rosslyn Chapel is featured in the Dan Brown book, *The DaVinci Code*, and was created by William Sinclair as a private chapel for his family. This beautiful place was used for many purposes over time, and in the 1600s after the Reformation, was even used as a stable for horses.

I've included some of my photos from my visit there, along with Wikipedia, and official site links below.

- My photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/E1OJ7REVFpnpRTOQ2>
- Rosslyn Chapel Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosslyn_Chapel
- Rosslyn Chapel Official Site: <https://www.rosslynchapel.com/>



From The South

Drew Wedel Junior Warden

Distinguished Freemason Presidents
Harry S. Truman
President 1945-1953 / Master Mason 1909

In 1911, Truman was the first Worshipful Master of the new Grandview Lodge No. 618, Grand Master of Missouri 1940-1941, very active and supportive of Freemasonry, Master of Missouri

Lodge of Research while U.S. President, Masonic Ritualist, district lecturer, and deputy Grand Master for several years. He was buried with Masonic rites in Independence, MO, in a televised ceremony.

Truman was Grand Master of Missouri, an enthusiastic Masonic ritualist, and Master of lodges while an active politician. He attended Masonic lodge meetings while campaigning, and while he was President of the U.S. He wrote, *"The greatest honor that has ever come to me, and that can ever come to me in my life, is to be Grand Master of Masons in Missouri."*



March Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
PM David Hipp	54
Willard Keen	57
Harold Kenton	64
Paul Loveday	13
PM Terry Martz	22
John Olliver III	4

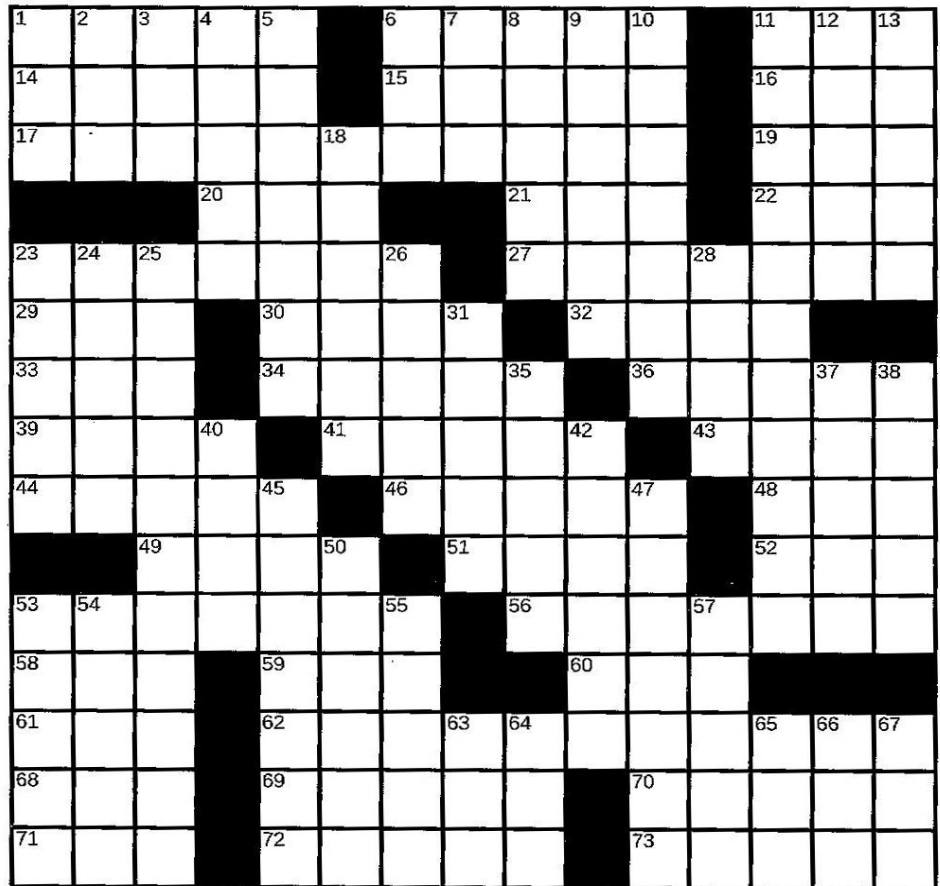
214 Years in Masonry

Crossword Fun

If you get stuck or just can't figure out that one last clue, Email me at idel16@comcast.net for the answers.

ACROSS

- 1 Astronomical scales
- 6 Public boulevard (Sp.)
- 11 Didn't overlook
- 14 "Thanks, I've had ___ nice time!" (2 words)
- 15 Motel rooms
- 16 Attempt
- 17 It makes a romantic dinner
- 19 Return Goods Authorization (abbr.)
- 20 Ideal suffix
- 21 That woman over there
- 22 Satisfy the munchies
- 23 Large, irregular spot
- 27 Poseidon's spear
- 29 Surname among boxing legends
- 30 Geological timespan (var.)
- 32 Short, erect tail
- 33 Eldest March sister
- 34 Kidney-related
- 36 Sesame and honey confection
- 39 Bangkok coin
- 41 Some extinct birds
- 43 Untruths
- 44 Noted capitalist John Jacob
- 46 Fair attractions
- 48 A country's output (abbr.)
- 49 Cup part
- 51 Not imaginary
- 52 Rainbow gradation
- 53 Achieves success
- 56 Kiddie transport
- 58 Payable
- 59 Exist as a group
- 60 Have free and clear
- 61 First number
- 62 Slight, puny
- 68 Show ___ (entertainment industry)
- 69 Cause of many yawns
- 70 Frighten
- 71 Opposite of WSW
- 72 Brings to ruin
- 73 Brief in speech



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| 1 Lake, to Jacque | 23 Bossa nova relative | 54 Angry encounter |
| 2 Popular savings plan | 24 They are entered in court | 55 Musical repetition mark |
| 3 Jerry's ice cream partner | 25 Summer cooler (2 words) | 57 Chilling (2 words) |
| 4 Ham's equipment | 26 Nice roll to be on | 63 Engine sound |
| 5 Outstanding player | 28 Two-part | 64 "___ the season!" |
| 6 Afghan coin | 31 Bottommost point | 65 Alligator-snouted fish |
| 7 Darth Vader former nickname | 35 Ore sources | 66 Slugger's stats (abbr.) |
| 8 Glimpse | 37 Show's place | 67 Ball holder |
| 9 Old-time anesthetics | 38 According to (2 words) | |
| 10 Earthbound bird | 40 Actress Spelling | |
| 11 Nighttime illuminator | 42 Dugong or manatee | |
| 12 Moroccan oil | 45 Matched, as in skill | |
| 13 O.K. Corral first name | 47 Last at Belmont Park | |
| 18 Hosted, as a game show | 50 Choice breed of sheep | |
| | 53 Southwest building brick | |