

Eureka-DuPont #23-29



“THE FRIENDLY LODGE”

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*2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810*

Masonic Trestleboard October 2023

**All Visiting Brethren Are Welcome
Meetings are held on the second Thursday
of the month –September thru June**

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The 278th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, October 12, 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.



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From the East



It's great to meet new Brothers and to spend time with Brothers whom we haven't seen for a while. This is the spirit of the organization, finding new friends while keeping the old. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, please consider coming out. We would love to have you come back to your Lodge.

The most important part of any Masonic gathering is not the business, but the fellowship. We have meals before meetings to foster this idea of fellowship.

This Lodge is your Lodge, and your friends are welcome—bring them to dinner.

Chocolate Night is coming again in December

To prepare, many gifts must be purchased. Now is the time -- many sales pop up before Christmas. Last year we filled two trucks with gifts. For **Chocolate Night 2023**, we need shoppers, and maybe their wives, to go out, shop, and have some fun. See me for details, if interested.

Remember that the Grand Lodge 218th Annual Communication is coming up on October 9 at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth Beach. Masters and Wardens or their proxies are expected to be in attendance. Grand Lodge will open promptly at 9am. All Master Masons are invited to attend and see their Grand Lodge in action. This year there will be a change in the Installation of the new Grand Staff. It will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:30pm at the Atlantic Sands in the Swan Ballroom. It is open and everyone is invited.

Sincerely and Fraternally
Jay Troy

If you need a ride to Lodge, we will get you a ride. Call the Master at 302-545-0680

OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

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

84 YEARS IN MASONRY

From the South



This is a story of Masonry practiced during the Civil War

Drew Wedel

In 1863 Hunter McGuire, a physician and commissioned officer in the Union Army, was trying to evade capture by Confederate forces. He tried to jump his horse over a fence, but both he and the horse went down and were captured. He gave the Masonic sign of distress. A Confederate Officer recognized the sign and ordered a temporary cease fire while he and his horse were cared for. This action of the part of the Confederate Officer so moved McGuire that he resigned his commission in the Union Army and enlisted in the Confederate Army as a Private.

Masonic Education: Some Wise and Serious Truths

Freemasonry is not a static institution. Rather, it is a way of existence., a guiding philosophy for how we conduct our lives. Just as we cannot change fundamental aspects of life, like breathing, walking, or the natural elements, we must accept Masonry for what it is: a rich tapestry of history, tradition, principles, and purposes that have endured the test of time. The true essence of Masonry lies in how each of us applies its teachings to our lives. The value of Masonry today is no less significant than it was a century ago, and its philosophy remains as relevant as ever. Each day presents an opportunity to gain new insights and deepen our appreciation for what Freemasonry means to us. The hope is that every Mason, through dedicated engagement with our Craft, diligent study, and understanding, will find renewed appreciation. Let us wholeheartedly seek to understand what this fraternity truly means to us. Trust in the Craft enough to admire it, study it, and perfect it. Apply its teachings in your life, and by doing so, you will enhance both yourself and Freemasonry. After all, this is why we are here.



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)

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, by now most of you should have received the Invoice for your 2023-2024 Lodge Membership Fee. The amount due represents the Grand Lodge Assesment as well as an amount essential for the running of the Lodge.

Please be aware that any Brother failing to pay dues for two years shall be in danger of suspension. Part of my job as Lodge Secretary is 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.

Upon payment of your dues, your membership card will be sent promptly. As you know, this membership document is essential for entrance to any Lodge that you may wish to visit.

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IMPORTANT DATES... Mark Your Calendar

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| Oct. 3 | Granite-Corinthian No. 34 Stated
Communication, 7:30pm | Oct. 11: | Temple No. 11 Stated
Communication, 7:30PM |
| Oct. 5: | Washington No. 1, Stated
Communication, 7:30pm | Oct. 12: | Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 Stated
Communication, 7:30PM |
| Oct. 9: | 218 th Annual Communication of Grand
Lodge, 9am, all MM are welcome | | |
| Oct. 10: | Grand Staff Installation, 7pm, All are
invited to attend | | |
| Oct. 10: | Lafayette No. 14 Stated | | |

Check out the Grand Calendar for other events:
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From the Chaplain



Here's a little story I heard a while ago that has influenced the way I live my life. I hope it has some meaning for you, too.

In Washington DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After about four minutes:

A middle-aged man noticed that a musician was playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule.

About four minutes later:

The violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

At six minutes:

A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and walked away.

At ten minutes:

A three-year-old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard, and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent - without exception - forced their children to move on quickly.

At forty-five minutes:

The musician played continuously. Only six people stopped and listened for a short while. About twenty gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

After one hour:

He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth 3.5 million dollars. Two days before this performance in the station, Joshua Bell sold out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him play that same music.

This is a true story:

Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste, and people's priorities.

This experiment raised several questions:

In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we recognize beauty? If so, do we stop to appreciate it? Extend that question to include: happiness, satisfaction, and contentment. So often what we seek is right in front of us, and we don't take the time to stop and really SEE it.

If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the greatest musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made, how many other things are we missing as we rush through life? (Remember my little story as you read the Senior Deacon's message on the next page.)

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
John Della Guardia



From the Senior Deacon's Chair



My Brothers,

I hope your summer was full of quality time with those who are dear to you. The summer months always seem to fly too quickly.

For my first article of the year, I would like to discuss the importance of clarity and understanding while working together toward the betterment of the Lodge. Sometimes an individual comes to a conclusion based on his perceptions. Each constructs their unique understanding of the world, influenced by experiences, beliefs, and perspectives. However, at times, this method of coming to a decision prevents us from really, actually, fully, and truly SEEING each other or the situation at hand. We may not be fully informed, or we may be acting on what we have heard without personally verifying that information.

Take, for example, the simple question, **Why did the chicken cross the road?** The answer is determined by whom you ask. Each of the following individuals would have their own unique view on this particular predicament of our poultry specimen:

- Aristotle: To fulfill its nature on the other side.
- Oliver North: National Security was at stake.
- Albert Einstein: Whether the chicken crossed the road or the road crossed the chicken depends upon your frame of reference.
- Ernest Hemingway: To die. In the rain..
- Buddha: If you ask this question, you deny your own chicken nature.
- Jack Nicholson: 'Cause it (censored) wanted to. That's the (censored) reason.
- Nietzsche: Because if you gaze too long across the Road, the Road gazes also across you.
- Howard Cosell: It may very well have been one of the most astonishing events to grace the annals of history. A historic, unprecedented avian biped with the temerity to attempt such a herculean achievement formerly relegated to homo sapiens pedestrians is truly a remarkable occurrence.

The problem arises when a lack of information distorts one's thinking, thereby causing one to come to an incorrect conclusion. In our scenario, **did anyone ask the chicken why it crossed the road?** Did anyone go to the best source for information, namely, the chicken? A silly situation, I know, but quite apropos to the workings of the Lodge. If you do not ask the questions directly to the person, or organization, or committee, or whatever, you will build your answer from your own perception of reality. Therefore, I encourage you to get involved. Ask questions when you have them. Get a satisfactory understanding of the situation and resolve your uncertainties before acting. Stand up in Lodge and share your ideas. Stand up in Lodge and voice your concerns. And get to really know each other.

Remember that your first step in Masonry was to ask to be a Mason. Have all of your questions been answered? Did your perspective change since then through discussions in and out of Lodge with other brothers?



So, why did the chicken cross the road?

Have a great 2023-2024 Masonic Year my Brothers!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Laurent Zenidiu

WE ARE LIKE BOOKS. MOST PEOPLE ONLY SEE OUR COVERS, THE MINORITY READ ONLY THE INTRODUCTION, MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THE CRITICS. FEW WILL KNOW OUR CONTENT.

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