

Eureka-DuPont #23-29

“THE FRIENDLY LODGE”

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Masonic Trestleboard September 2023

All Visiting Brethren Are Welcome

The 277th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, September 14, 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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IMPORTANT DATES...
Mark Your Calendar

September 4
Labor Day

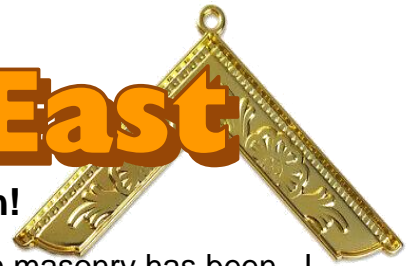
September 7
Kennett Lodge Visit,
6:30pm (See pp. 6 & 7)

September 14
Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29,
Stated Communication,
7:30pm

September 21
Washington No. 1
100 Masons in Lodge
Challenge, Dinner, 6:30,
Stated Communication,
7:30pm (See pp. 6 & 8)

Check out the
Grand Lodge Calendar
<https://www.masonsindelaware.org>

From the East



Welcome back to Lodge this month!

My Brothers, what an experience my time in masonry has been. I thought I should take this time to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me that well. I'm Jay Troy, and this is my third time as Worshipful Master, once at Eureka-DuPont some years ago, once at Granite Corinthian, and now back here again (um, like a bad penny?). I live in Newark, joined the fraternity in 2009, and through it have met many new friends, whom I am proud to now call brothers. I never had the experience of a biological brother. I grew up and went to school in Indiana where I had a few very close friends. Interestingly, my two closest college friends/roommates (whom I lost track of but since have gotten back in touch with) followed a similar path and are also Master Masons. Funny coincidence.

2023-24 is shaping up to be an interesting and busy year starting this month. At our Stated Communication on September 14, I hope to discuss options for Lodge and Family events and some possibilities for fundraisers. Of course, any Brother is free to invite friends whom you think may be interested in meeting and sharing a meal with your Lodge Brothers and learning more about the Craft. Freemasonry is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values and one of the world's oldest and most popular fraternal organizations. Freemasonry is perhaps the most misunderstood, yet popular, "secret society" the world has ever known. We need to share the goodness that the Fraternity fosters and enlighten the uninformed about what good men are doing within our community. This Lodge is your Lodge, and your friends are welcome — bring them to dinner.

Please be sure to read the message from R:W :James R. Hanby, Sr., PM, later in this Trestle Board.

Make every effort to help me kick off the new Masonic Year by joining us in Lodge on September 14 with dinner at 6:30pm. Help make your Lodge something special.

S & F, Jay Troy, WM



From the West



Brothers,

Recently, I watched videos on why younger Masons (less than 35 years of age) leave Freemasonry. One opinion among some was that there is a disconnection, a lack of authenticity and not meeting expectations. Some pointed to the significant amount of work they accomplished and the notable lessons they learned as they moved through their degrees, but then attended meetings that focused only on lodge business and the reading of communications but did not touch on any of those learned fundamental Masonic Lessons that they spent so much time digesting.

The lack of authenticity refers to some brothers' words and actions that do not reflect what was taught in the catechisms, such as criticizing other Masons or discussing the politics within the fraternity.

These are good points to discuss. What is the purpose of the Lodge meeting? What would better serve the brethren of the Lodge? We must conduct the business of the Lodge (i.e., pay the bills, provide the minutes and Grand Lodge communications) as these requirements are in our bylaws. However, these tasks can be expedited as we do more often than not. So how can a Lodge keep the younger Masons engaged and promote attendance? I think our younger brothers would be better able to answer this question themselves.

Personally, I joined the Fraternity to meet people and create new friendships. I also had an interest in its history and mystery. I enjoy the Lodge meetings as they allow me to get together with those new friends and continue to forge those relationships. Once I began my journey through the officer chairs, I realized I also enjoyed the rituals of the degrees and developed a better understanding of what those rituals mean to me; how to be a better man.

Just as I found my connection to Freemasonry, I encourage our younger brethren to make their thoughts known so that you might find your connection. Let the Lodge or Lodge Officers know what you would like to see our Lodges do. Is it to include Masonic lessons in the meetings? Have gatherings outside of the Lodge? Have fundraisers for the Lodge or worthy beneficiaries? Is there something else that would draw you more into the fraternity? Let us know what you are missing. What we, collectively, can do to meet your expectations. This is your Lodge and your opinion and expectations matter.

S&F, Kevin O'Rourke, SW



Brethren, if you have not yet registered for the new Grand Lodge **Grand View Membership System**, (GVMS), please do so now. **Click this link to sign in and register: <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 that you are not able to edit, please contact Brother Secretary with the information that is incorrect and the change(s) required. The sooner we are up to date, the better off our Lodges will be as the beacons of freemasonry (and masonic computer technology) in our jurisdiction.

The Chaplain's View

Welcome back, Brothers, to a new Masonic Year, one that I hope is filled with meaningful days and fulfilling activities for you.

Here are six little, short stories. They're little but each has big implications for you to think about. And that's all I'll say about that.



First Little Story -- Once, since it had been very dry for weeks and weeks, all the villagers in a faraway place decided to set aside a day when all would come together to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered at the designated location, but only one little boy came with an umbrella. **That, my Brothers, is FAITH.**

Second Little Story -- Most parents already know this. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh. They aren't afraid, they laugh, because somehow they know that you will catch them. **That, my Brothers, is TRUST.**

Third Little Story -- Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still, we set the alarms to wake up. **That, my Brothers, is HOPE.**

Fourth Little Story -- We plan big things for tomorrow despite zero knowledge of the future. **That, my Brothers, is CONFIDENCE.**

Fifth Little Story -- We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. **That, my Brothers, is LOVE.**

Sixth Little Story -- On an old man's shirt was written the sentence, "I am not 80 years old. I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." **That, my Brothers, is ATTITUDE.**

Strive for **FAITH, TRUST, HOPE, CONFIDENCE, LOVE, and ATTITUDE:** Masonic attributes that make a good man better.

With Sincere Fraternal Regards,
John R. Della Guardia

Aug./Sept. Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
David Cole	18
Thomas Herlihy	61
Pm John Kraus	56
Ernest Louis II	10
Clyde Machamer	61
Robert Miller	61
Robert Oberg Sr	60
PM Kevin O'Rourke	10
PM Herbert Rubenstein	54

391 Years in Masonry

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)



And A Great Time Was Had by All



Union Lodge No. 7 A.F. & A.M.
Annual Crab Feast - Marydel Fire Hall
110 Firehouse Lane - Marydel, DE
Saturday, August 26, 2023
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Crabs, Chicken, Corn, Soda, Water & More Included
\$50.00/Person
Children Under 12 Eat Free

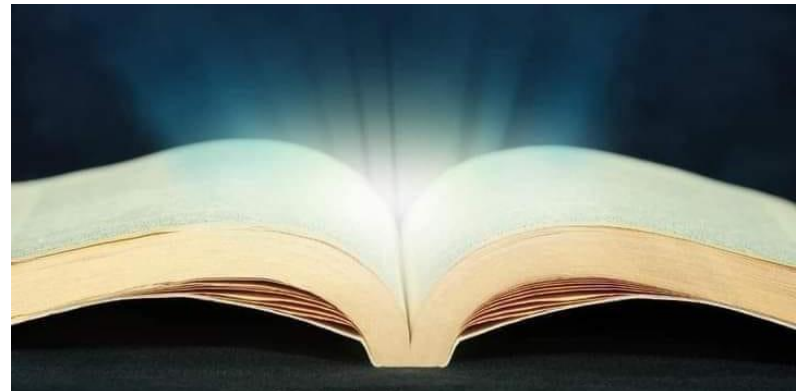


How good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity. In this case, the Union #7 Crab Feast! If you were there you know what we mean.

It was a great time. Over 200 Masons and non-Masons attended and the enjoyment was evident. It was a time for fellowship, camaraderie, and chowing down on crabs, fried chicken, and corn on the cob. This event is one to plan to attend next year. All proceeds go to Mason-sponsored scholarships.



**THE BEST TEACHERS ARE THOSE
WHO SHOW YOU WHERE TO
LOOK, BUT DON'T TELL YOU
WHAT TO SEE.**



Special Message from R.:W.:James R. Hanby, Sr.

My Brothers,

As we return from the summer call-off, I want to make you aware of several important upcoming events. Please make a note of them, especially the changes regarding Washington Lodge No. 1's meeting for September.

This month, on **September 7**, Washington No.1 will not meet on its usual first Thursday. Instead, District 1 will make a cross-border invasion of Kennett Lodge, which is the home lodge of the District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District in Pennsylvania, Eric Downs. As many of you know, Eric has made several visits to Delaware lodges and always brings a great crew with him, so I hope to see every District 1 lodge represented when we visit them on **September 7**. Dress for this event is a coat and tie.

This event is open to all Master Masons. We should arrive at Kennett Lodge by 6:30pm when dinner will be served. During the meeting, Jack Harley, PM, will present "Two Saints John", which promises to be very interesting. The Fellow Craft degree will be conferred at this meeting as well. (PA degrees are shorter than ours!) This should be an outstanding evening of Brotherhood and Fellowship. Members of our lodges have long wished to visit Kennett but haven't been able to do so because of our meeting occurring on the same night. Kennett Lodge is located at 121 Center St. in Kennett Square. Parking can be tight, therefore carpooling is a good idea.

Washington Lodge No. 1 will hold its first stated meeting of the new Masonic year on September 21. It will be a very special evening. We are calling it "**The 100 Masons in Lodge Challenge.**" We expect to have visits from both the 5th and 6th Districts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, lodges throughout Delaware, and anywhere else we can encourage Brothers to come from. Our goal is to have at least 100 Masons in Lodge.

Grand Tiler W.B. Andrew Greene will present a very special program at this meeting: "**Friends of the Fallen,**" an amazing non-profit that operates on Dover Air Force Base to serve the families of our fallen soldiers as they come to Dover to receive their loved ones remains. Both Andrew and his wife, Tina, are active with the group. Further, a very special dinner is planned starting at 6:30. Dinner will be free but donations will be accepted, all of which will be donated to "Friends of the Fallen," which is also one of M.W.:Stephen M. Tucker's charities. We will also be selling 50/50 tickets to support the effort.

Please invite all Masons to join us. Let's fill the lodge room. When we unveiled the POW/MIA chair a few years ago, we had more than 100 people in the lodge room. Let's do it again! This event will be Masonic Casual and is open to Entered Apprentices, FellowCrafts, and MasterMasons.

Finally, remember that the 218th Annual Communication is scheduled for October 9 at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth Beach. Masters and Wardens are expected to be in attendance, or their proxies. Grand Lodge opens promptly at 9am. Any Master Mason is invited to attend and see their Grand Lodge in action.

New this year is the installation of the Grand Master and Grand Staff, on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, the day following Grand Lodge meeting, also at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth Beach starting at 7pm. It is open, and everyone is invited.

Please pass these items of interest on to your Brothers so that as many as possible will be able to take part and enjoy the Brotherhood in District 1. See flyers on the following pages.

Fraternally,

R.:W.:James R. Hanby, Sr., PM
Senior Grand Warden





Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

**An Invitation to All
District 1 Lodges of Delaware**

**Enjoy An Evening of Brotherhood and Fellowship
At Kennett Lodge, Kennett Square, PA**

**Thursday, September 7, 2023
121 Center Street
Kennett Square, PA**

The evening includes:

- ☞ Dinner at 6:30 PM followed by Opening of Lodge
- ☞ Presentation by Jack Harley, PM
- “TWO SAINTS JOHN”**
- ☞ Fellow Craft Degree



**The evening is open
to all Master Masons.
Contact:
RW James R. Hanby
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at hanbyj@aol.com**

Kennett Lodge, Kennett Sq., PA



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Washington Lodge No. 1 Hosts The 100 Masons in Lodge Challenge

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Brandywine Masonic Hall

2016 Foulk Road

Wilmington, DE

We expect Masons to visit from the 5th and 6th PA Districts,
from Maryland and New Jersey, and
from Lodges all across Delaware and beyond.

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Program: "Friends of the Fallen"

Presenter: WB Andrew Green, Grand Tiler

Dinner is free, however donations will be accepted
to benefit "Friends of the Fallen"

**There will be a 50-50
to support this worthy cause**



FRIENDS OF THE FALLEN
Friends Helping Lift the Families of the Fallen

We are a community-based volunteer group
which provides service and assistance to
families who come to Dover Air Force Base
to witness the Dignified Transfer of their
loved ones.