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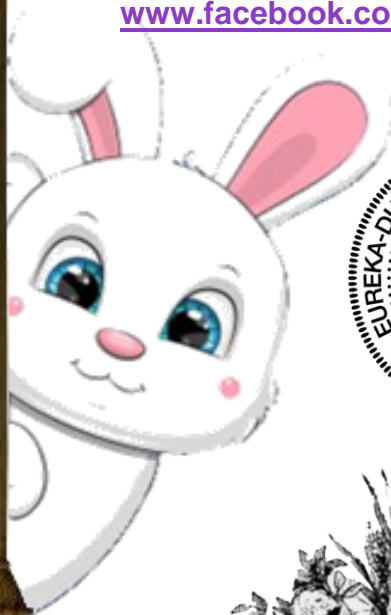


Masonic Trestleboard April 2024

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

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From the East



Journeys of a Traveling Man: as Seen Through the Eyes of Your Worshipful Master

Freemasonry fosters a unique sense of brotherhood that transcends geographical boundaries. Within this brotherhood, the concept of a "Traveling Man" embodies this spirit of exploration, camaraderie, and the pursuit of further Masonic light.

To be a Traveling Man is to embark on a journey of discovery, both within oneself and throughout the Masonic landscape. It means venturing beyond the familiar confines of one's home lodge to visit other lodges and events. In these travels, you forge new friendships and expand your understanding of fraternity and Brotherhood. The act of traveling reinforces the universal nature of our Masonic teachings, reminding us that despite regional variations in practices, the core values of Freemasonry remain constant.

My recent first-hand experiences as a Traveling Man have been incredibly enriching. Firstly, I hung out with most of the Grand Staff and other folks when I participated in the Polar Bear Plunge event in February. Then, following our wildly successful Grand Visit, I attended Brotherhood Night at the Nur Shrine. I felt a profound sense of belonging, instantly welcome, as a lot of the folks there were included in the 54 guests we had at our Grand Visit. Many were congratulatory about the success of that event. Through the friendly conversation and the warmth extended to me, I felt more welcome than ever. These events are what you make of them.

Venturing further, I also had the privilege of joining Jackson Lodge's Roadkill Cafe and Roaring Twenties Grand Visit event. I took my wife and skipped the lodge meeting part of the evening. The unique theme of the event added a touch of extra fun to our Masonic fellowship. Our Grand Visitation and these events presented a diverse view of experiences that express the shared commitment to brotherhood through creative and engaging events; all were fun and enjoyable.

Each Masonic journey is as unique as the individual undertaking it. For some, travel may focus on deepening their understanding of a particular area of Masonic interest, like history or symbolism. Others might be drawn to Lodges with a reputation for exceptional ritual work. Even more might just be in it for friends and fun. It's up to you.

Importantly, being a Traveling Man is not merely about the physical act of visiting other lodges. It's about fostering an open mind, a receptive heart, and a genuine desire to connect with brethren from all walks of life. When a Mason travels, they carry not just themselves, but the spirit of their home lodge, sharing its traditions and values with the lodges they visit. In return, they bring back new insights and perspectives, enriching their home lodge.

The beauty of traveling lies in the unexpected discoveries and bonds formed along the way. Conversations sparked over a shared meal, insights gained during a degree exemplification, or the

simple act of witnessing how another Lodge conducts its affairs can all contribute to a Mason's growth. You live in a unique location, bordered by F&AM in Pennsylvania, and AF&AM embodied in Delaware and New Jersey. These encounters affirm the notion that while our Masonic foundation is shared, its expression can be wonderfully diverse.

In essence, the Masonic Traveling Man embodies the ideals of curiosity, fraternity, and personal growth. It's a testament to the enduring power of Freemasonry to connect like-minded individuals across distance and cultural differences. Whether traveling near or far, venturing out with an open heart and a desire to learn ensures that the journey of a Traveling Man is one that yields immeasurable rewards, both for the individual and the brotherhood at large. Break out of your shell, and join me traveling.

The 284th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 will be held in the **Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware, on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 PM**. 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 is served at 6:30 PM.

Your Worshipful Master,

Jay

Masonic Education: Black Freemasonry in the United States

Jay Troy, WM

Black Freemasonry in the United States dates back to before the American Revolution. In 1775, a freed Black abolitionist and leather worker named Prince Hall (1735-1807) was refused membership in the St. John's Masonic Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts. Undeterred, Hall and 14 other free black men were initiated into Freemasonry by a British military lodge based in Boston.

After the British left America in 1784, the Grand Lodge of England granted Hall a charter to establish an African lodge in Boston. The lodge was so popular that Hall was granted the status of Provincial Grand Master, allowing him to establish two more African Masonic lodges in Philadelphia and Rhode Island.

Over the next two centuries, Prince Hall Freemasonry spread across the United States, becoming the world's largest fraternity for black men. By the mid-20th century, there were lavish Prince Hall Masonic temples all over the country.

Prince Hall Freemasonry remains an important part of African American history and culture. It has played a significant role in the lives of many prominent African Americans.

Notable African American Freemasons

Prince Hall

Sugar Ray Robinson

And many more...

Paul Robeson

Don King

Duke Ellington

Shaquille O'Neal



...from the

Secretary's Desk



Brothers,

The Masonic year is beginning to wind down. If dues payments seem insurmountable, please let me know. We can make arrangements for incremental payments. Please know that any Brother failing to pay dues for two years shall be in danger of suspension. I want 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.

For more information, contact Brother Secretary, Rollyn Trueblood, at 302-521-6926 (rollyn@pursersoffice.com). Mail your check to Eureka DuPont 23-29 AF&AM, 23 Palmer Dr., Middletown, DE 19709.

IMPORTANT DATES...

Mark Your Calendar

- Apr. 2: Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Apr. 6 Washington No. 1, Beef & Beer, 6:00PM, Delaware City Fire Hall
- Apr. 9 Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Apr. 10: Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Apr. 11: Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 Stated Communication 7:30PM
- Apr. 20: Officer Leadership Workshop 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Check out the Grand Calendar for other events:

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



Being male
is a matter of birth.

Being a man
is a matter of age.

But being a gentleman
is a matter of choice.

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)

Grand Visitation, 2024



The Chaplain's View

John R. Della Guardia, Chaplain



APRIL FOOLS DAY

April 1



PASSOVER

April 22



EASTER SUNDAY

March 31



NAT'L SIBLINGS DAY

April 10



NAT'L PET DAY

April 11



EARTH DAY

April 22



ARBOR DAY

ARBOR DAY

April 26

In the heart of Wilmington, Delaware, watching the blooming of spring flowers and the promise of renewal, the Brothers of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 gather in unity and joy. As April unfolds its multi-colored tapestry, we embrace the essence of Easter, Passover, and other National Holidays with profound reverence and celebration.

Easter, a time of rebirth and hope, symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, inspiring us to reflect on the power of faith and the beauty of redemption. Passover, with its rich traditions and deep significance, reminds us of the powerful strength found in community and the enduring legacy of freedom.

In our gatherings, we honor not only these sacred occasions but also the diverse composition of humanity, recognizing and respecting the various beliefs and traditions that enrich our lives. As Brothers bound by the principles of Masonry, we stand united in our commitment to fostering goodwill, Brotherhood, and understanding.

Amidst the festivities, we also pay homage to other National Holidays in April, embracing the spirit of unity and patriotism that they evoke. From the peacefulness of Earth Day and Arbor Day to the exuberance of April Fools Day, each observance serves as a reminder of our interconnectedness and shared responsibility to nurture our world and uphold the values that define us.

As we gather in fellowship, let us rejoice in the bonds that unite us, drawing strength from our shared values and the enduring spirit of camaraderie. In Eureka-DuPont Masonic Lodge, every celebration becomes a testament to the power of Brotherhood and the transformative potential of unity.

Mark Your Calendars...and Save the Date



Please take a look at Grand View for announcements and more information on upcoming events:

- Solomon Lodge Bus Trip to NY Grand Lodge: April 19
- United Grand Table Lodge (Dover): April 26
- Ladies at the Table (Delaware City): May 11, 6PM
- Endeavor Lodge Car & Truck Show (Hudson Fields/Henlopen): May 25



Eureka-DuPont Writer's Corner

The Writer's Corner is a place for you to share your literary talents: 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 -- a personal reflection, Masonic insights, or simply a piece that resonates with you. Let's explore the depth of our collective creativity. 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.

Memories-where did they go?

John R. Della Guardia

As I age, my memory transforms into something like a sieve—full of holes and incapable of holding onto anything for long. It's like trying to catch a greased pig at a county fair: I might have it in my grasp for a moment, but it slips away before I can even register what just happened.

In my youth, my memory was keen and sharp, like a kitchen knife. I could recall the lyrics to every embarrassing pop song from the '60s, the exact moment my brother broke Mom's favorite vase, and the precise location of that one last chocolate bar that I hid for myself for later. But as the years roll by, those memories start to blur and fade like an old painting left out in the sun.

Suddenly, I find myself wandering aimlessly around the house, wondering why I came into the kitchen in the first place. I once called out to my wife, and the dog came running in because I had mistakenly used his name instead of hers. And I spend hours searching for my glasses, only to realize they're perched atop my head.

But hey, who needs a perfect memory anyway? Forgetting where I left your keys just means I get a few extra minutes of exercise searching for them. And mixing up names at family gatherings? It keeps everyone on their toes, right? So here's to the fading memories of yesteryear; may they always keep us entertained and forever young at heart!



From The South

Drew Wedel Junior Warden

Distinguished Freemason Presidents

GERALD R. FORD

President 1974-1977, Master Mason 1949

Ford was initiated September 30, 1949, at Malta Lodge No. 465, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees were conferred on April 20 and May 18, 1951. Brother Ford was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd degree, and Honorary Member,

Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, on September 26, 1962, for which he served as Exemplar (Representative) for his Class. Brother and President Ford was unanimously elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and its Honorary Grand Master, at its Annual Session held at Orlando, Florida, April 6-9, 1975. Ford held this post until January 1977, at which time he became a Past Honorary Grand Master.



March Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
PM Thomas Cole	43
William Downing	39
Mitri Habash	30
William Horne	58
Dmitry Pilipis	2
Samuel Rice, Jr.	67

220 Years in Masonry

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Brandywine Lodge
2016 Foulk Road
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June 15, 2024 - 9AM-2PM

Stay tuned for sign-up information coming soon!

BLOOD DRIVE

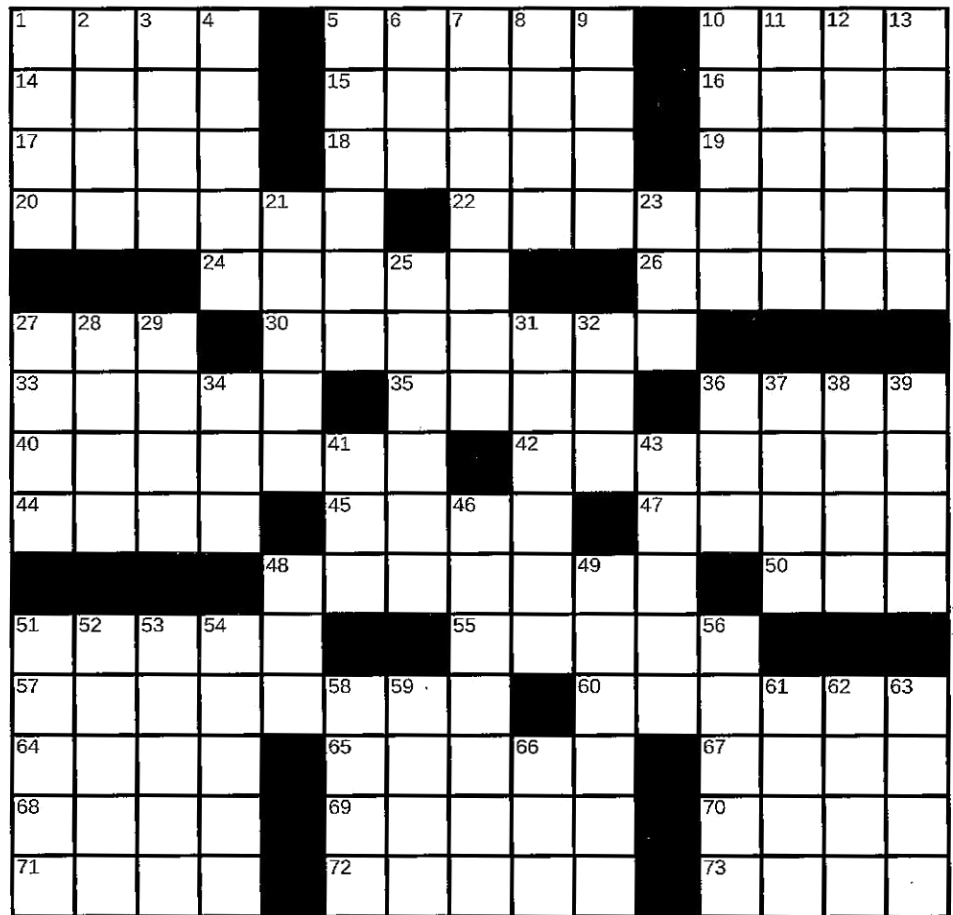
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Crossword Fun

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 Log float
- 5 East or West
- 10 Read quickly
- 14 Car part
- 15 Pond growth
- 16 Lighten
- 17 Swarm
- 18 Royal rule
- 19 Rub dry
- 20 Pass, as time
- 22 Torn
- 24 Soap ____
- 26 Satire
- 27 Health resort
- 30 Former (hyph.)
- 33 Nervous walker
- 35 18-wheeler (abbr.)
- 36 Iraq's neighbor
- 40 Sports figure
- 42 Grazing ground
- 44 Those people ,
- 45 Ancient resident of the Andes
- 47 The British ____
- 48 Logbook items
- 50 Chow down
- 51 Sworn statements
- 55 Wipe away
- 57 Climbing flower (2 words)
- 60 Method
- 64 Batman wears one
- 65 Eight musicians
- 67 Father
- 68 Dry
- 69 The things there
- 70 Rewrite text
- 71 Nail polish shades
- 72 More painful
- 73 Notices



DOWN

- 1 Assess
- 2 Figure skating feat
- 3 Hopping insect
- 4 Musical pace
- 5 Lurch
- 6 World Cup stadium cheer
- 7 Stir up
- 8 Heroic narrative
- 9 Camper's home
- 10 Urban drainpipe
- 11 Nile city
- 12 Type of poplar
- 13 Poor
- 21 Mushroom "seed"
- 23 Neckwear
- 25 Forwarded email
- 27 Squabble
- 28 Trail
- 29 Long (for)
- 31 Damage
- 32 Hamm or Farrow
- 34 Stately tree
- 36 Often misused contraction
- 37 Dominate
- 38 Region
- 39 Container for eggs
- 41 Can metal
- 43 Coward
- 46 Maker
- 48 NH time zone
- 49 Spring holiday
- 51 Movie award
- 52 Alert
- 53 Moderately warm
- 54 Listens
- 56 19th letters
- 58 Crab traps
- 59 Resound
- 61 Ocean current
- 62 A Great Lake
- 63 New York baseball team
- 66 Wind direction (abbr.)