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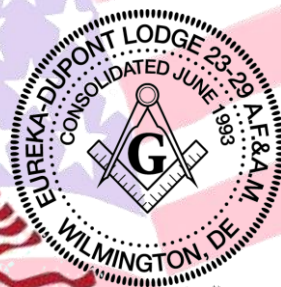
2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

Masonic Trestleboard June 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



SPECIAL NOTICE: Our June stated communication has been rescheduled to June 1 to coincide with a Family and Friends Picnic. The 286th Regular Communication of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29, will begin promptly at 11 AM in the **Brandywine Masonic Hall, 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington, Delaware.** 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, **including the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year.** Please plan to attend if you can.

The meeting will be followed by a picnic from noon to 3 PM at the lodge. Enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers plus potluck side dishes. This event will take place rain or shine, with indoor accommodations available in case of inclement weather. Additional details can be found on the flyer included in this Trestleboard.

With the arrival of Saint John's Day on June 24, another Masonic year has passed. As we look ahead to September and the resumption of our lodge activities, we also reflect on the challenges of the past few years. The strains of the 2020 pandemic have tested our attendance, but five years on, we are determined to put those difficulties behind us.

We envision a bright future for both America and our fraternity. Petty differences can divide us, but Masons must remember that our strength lies in unity and collaboration.

I wish you all a safe and prosperous summer.

Jay Troy, PM/WM

The Chaplain's View



With the warmth and relaxation of the summer months, I wish you all a season filled with joy and rejuvenation. While our Lodge takes its traditional summer recess, use this time to reflect on our Masonic values and carry them into our daily lives.

Summer is a time for family, friends, and personal growth. Whether you're traveling, enjoying outdoor activities, or simply unwinding at home, remember the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth that bind us. Engage in acts of kindness, seek knowledge, and cherish the bonds of friendship and fraternity.

I look forward to reconvening in the Fall, refreshed and ready to continue our shared journey. May you return with renewed spirit and stories to share. Enjoy the summer, stay safe, and let the light of Masonry guide you in all your endeavors.

Fraternally,

John R. Della Guardia, Chaplain

Masonic Education: St. John's Day A Masonic Tradition

St. John's Day, celebrated on June 24, holds profound significance for Masons and Masonic Lodges worldwide. The day was established in the 4th century A.D. to honor the birth of Saint John the Baptist, one of the two patron saints of Freemasonry (the other being St. John the Evangelist, commemorated on December 27). Historically, St. John the Baptist's virtues of integrity and uprightness resonate deeply with Masonic values. This date also marks the establishment of the first Grand Lodge on June 24, 1717, a tradition that likely stems from John the Baptist's recognition as the patron saint of stonemasons in medieval continental Europe.

Freemasonry's roots intertwine with medieval stonemason guilds, which revered these saints for their moral guidance. St. John's Day marks the mid-year and was traditionally a time for renewing commitments to Masonic principles. Early lodges often convened during this period for ceremonies and community engagement, fostering fraternity and charity.

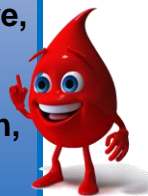
Today, Masonic Lodges continue this tradition, organizing special meetings and public events, emphasizing the enduring legacy of moral integrity, enlightenment, and brotherhood. Celebrating St. John's Day not only honors historical traditions but also reinforces the timeless values that define Freemasonry.



IMPORTANT DATES Mark Your Calendar

- June 1** Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 Stated Communication 11AM. Potluck Picnic-12-3PM
 - June 4** Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
 - June 6** Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
 - June 11** Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
 - June 12** Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
 - June 14** National Flag Day
 - June 15** Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Blood Drive, 9 AM- 2 PM
 - June 16** Father's Day
 - June 22** Happy Masonic New Year Celebration, 5:00 – 10:00 PM, Clayton Fire Hall
- 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)
 - Patrick S. Light (#33 DE)
 - Michael W. Jones (#34 DE)



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. Please send your submissions to jdell16@comcast.net.

Mother Nature, the Prankster

John R. Della Guardia

May and June are the months when the weather has a personality disorder. One day it's cold and rainy, the next it's warm and sunny, leaving us mere mortals in a constant state of wardrobe confusion. It's like Mother Nature is laughing at our expense.

Picture this: you wake up to a gloomy, drizzly morning. Naturally, you don your jacket, maybe a winter coat, since it looks that bad out there. Then magically, by noon, the sun is blazing, and you're sweating like you're in a sauna. So, you lug around your heavy jacket all day like an awkward, oversized handbag, regretting every life choice that led to this moment.

Determined to outsmart the weather, you decide to embrace the sunshine the next day. Out come the shorts and flip-flops. You're feeling confident—until a cold front rolls in faster than you can say "frostbite." Now you're shivering in your summer attire, wondering why Spring can't just make up its mind.

The constant back-and-forth leaves your closet in chaos. Winter boots sit beside sandals, and you can't remember if you packed away your gloves or if they're hiding behind the sunscreen. Every outing becomes a gamble, and your car's backseat is a seasonal melting pot of mismatched clothing.

Spring weather is like that unpredictable friend who keeps you guessing, never lets you get too comfortable, and always leaves you laughing at the absurdity of it all. So, here's to navigating Spring's meteorological mood swings—with humor and an extra layer, just in case.

June/July Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Fred Botwright	72
Wilbur Butler, II	5
David Clements	18
Jerome Herlihy	62
Jeffrey Scott	14

NAME	YEARS
Said Shakshir	11
Arnold Tabor	38
Alfred Wedel	13
Luke Bunting	4
104 Years in Masonry	

From square to square, Masons care. Offer a Brother a ride to Lodge.

JOIN US FOR A



Eureka-DuPont Lodge

POTLUCK

PICNIC

Saturday, June 1, Noon - 3 PM

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Soft Drinks - PLUS -
Bring Your Favorite
Dish to Share.

Masons, Families, and
Friends are Welcome.

Bring your
beverage of choice.

Bring your chair
or lawn blanket
and stay
a while.



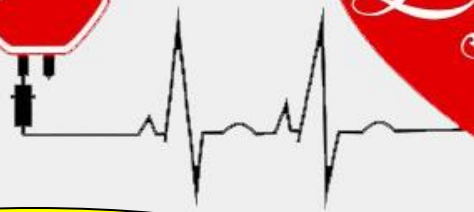
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Brandywine Lodge
June 15, 2024 – 9 AM-2 PM
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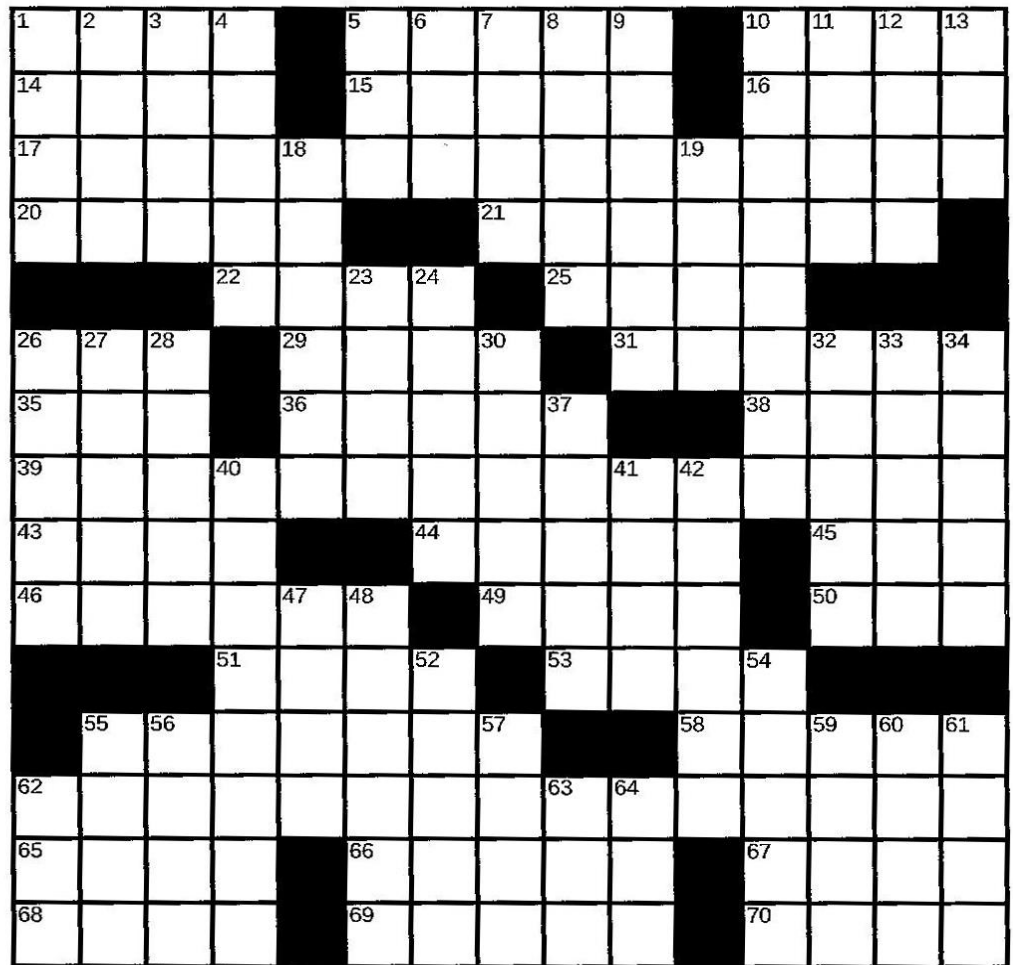
BLOOD DRIVE

Crossword Fun

This one is harder than usual. If you get stuck or just can't figure out that one last clue, Email me at jdell16@comcast.net for the answers

ACROSS

- 1 Problems for directors
- 5 At a quick rate, poetically
- 10 Some precipitation
- 14 Eye layer
- 15 '70s White House name
- 16 Shopper's bag
- 17 Easily achieved goals (3 words)
- 20 Dark
- 21 Aspen features
- 22 Whacks
- 25 Insult but good
- 26 After-hours school group
- 29 Common welcomers
- 31 Last name for an unbalanced egghead?
- 35 ____ Gabriel
- 36 Very angry
- 38 Buffalo's canal
- 39 An NFL player usually needs it (3 words)
- 43 Shivering fit
- 44 Begin an internet session
- 45 Brain scan
- 46 Sushi condiment
- 49 Duck's domain
- 50 Suffix for "host"
- 51 Minnow variety
- 53 Bygone despot
- 55 Some kind of nut
- 58 Pigeon's perch
- 62 Weaponry that's neither large nor small (2 words)
- 65 Black cat, to some
- 66 Chose not to dine out
- 67 ____ vera
- 68 British title
- 69 Year-end tunes
- 70 Some evergreens



DOWN

- 1 Streaming service
- 2 Shakespeare's river
- 3 Cry like a baby
- 4 Colonial title in India
- 5 ____ Arbor
- 6 "Animal Farm" critter
- 7 Line on a graph
- 8 Hits on the head
- 9 Decorate with gold leaf
- 10 Played a banjo, in a way
- 11 It may be proper in a sentence
- 12 Mayberry's self-jailer
- 13 Moist
- 18 Type of energy
- 19 German wife
- 23 "Legal" prefix
- 24 Drag one's feet
- 26 "Don't give me that!" old-style
- 27 Evergreen-forested landscape
- 28 Black ____ (cattle breed)
- 30 Posture problem
- 32 Grade of beef
- 33 Stadium features
- 34 Abominable creatures
- 37 Cereal grain killer
- 40 It's designed to get your attention
- 41 Charged particles
- 42 Ultimate object
- 47 Hindu Mr.
- 48 "The ____ Cometh"
- 52 A Muse
- 54 Pass on in a race, as a baton
- 55 Disaster relief grp.
- 56 Footnote word
- 57 Leaves home?
- 59 Proofreader mark
- 60 Shoot up
- 61 Storm centers
- 62 Like hip Brits in the '60s
- 63 "Shop ____ you drop"
- 64 ____ and outs