

Eureka-DuPont #23-29



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Masonic Trestleboard May 2024

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From the East



We had a great turnout for our stated communication on April 11, with ten brothers participating. It was a truly enjoyable evening for all. We were especially honored and thrilled to welcome the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, Randy Mullen. He gave a fascinating and entertaining talk all about York Rite Freemasonry.

Randy is a captivating individual with a deep knowledge of our history, and I was able to swap stories with him regarding many of our Past Grand Masters and other esteemed brothers. We shared stories about legends like Jim Pletz, Barry Hughes, Joe Kaufman, and Herb Fulmer. It's always heartwarming to reminisce about these figures and discuss the impacts of the shadows they cast.

If you're curious to explore the York Rite further, I highly recommend visiting their website at <https://deyrmasons.org/>. Also worthwhile is <https://deyrmasons.org/grand-council/grand-council-leadership/>. You'll find a wealth of information and resources there.

At the stated, we also had the opportunity to recognize two outstanding brothers. Kevin O'Rourke received a well-deserved Certificate from Grand Lodge thanking him for his valuable contributions to our fraternity. Additionally, the Grand Staff presented a Grand Master's Challenge Coin to our Chaplain and Trestleboard wrangler, John Della Guardia. This award acknowledges his excellent work in creating and maintaining our Trestleboards. I'm sure we all agree that John's dedication is truly exceptional!

Our Lodge also had the opportunity this month to make more contributions to the VA Hobby Cart. We delivered several boxes of adult diapers, many pairs of socks, toothbrushes, and other toiletry

products. Keep this charity in mind, as we can contribute to it as much as we are able. Currently, there is an urgent need for pajama pants and T-shirts, as well as fun "hobby-type" things to entertain men in the VA Hospital - games, puzzles, etc.

Upcoming events:

June 15 – Blood Drive – Details forthcoming
June Picnic Potluck – Details forthcoming

Please be sure not to miss our May Stated Communication on 9 May. I hope to make it a special night for you. We will be nominating officers for the upcoming Masonic year. As always, the meal will be served at 6:30 PM (bring a friend or invite/call a brother whom you haven't seen in lodge for a while), and the gavel will drop at 7:30 sharp.



Gifts for the VA Hobby Cart courtesy of our Junior Warden Thanks Drew! Ideas for needed items include reading glasses, shampoo/soap, socks.

Jay Troy, PM/WM

Masonic Education: Why Is It Called Blue Lodge

Laurent Zenidiu, Junior Warden Pro Tempore

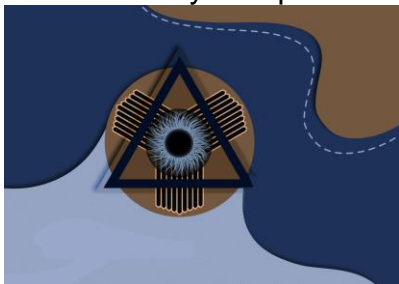
The question is always "Why is it called BLUE LODGE?" Here is some information on this subject from my research.

Why have we adopted blue into the lodge name? Where does it come from? What does it represent and mean?

The mother of all Freemasonry. The place where every man begins his journey into the Ancient Craft of Free and Accepted Masons. "The Blue Lodge" - It has been here in America that the term "Blue Lodge" has become popularized and so widely used. Originally, it was frowned upon, and Lodges were called Craft Lodges or Ancient Craft Lodges; some were even called a St. Johns Lodge.

According to Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia, there may be a number of reasons why symbolic lodges are called Blue Lodges. Since ancient times, the color blue has been associated with immortality, eternity, and fidelity. References to the color blue in the Bible emphasize the special place blue has as a color symbolizing goodness and immortality. The Druids also honored the color, while the ancient Egyptians used the color to represent Amun, one of their most important gods. The ancient Babylonians associated the color blue with the gods. In Medieval times, Christians saw blue as the symbol of perfection and hope, as well as of immortality and fidelity.

It is not known when blue first came to be associated with Freemasonry, although some historians think that initially the color was used in Craft Masonry to represent the sky. Today, blue

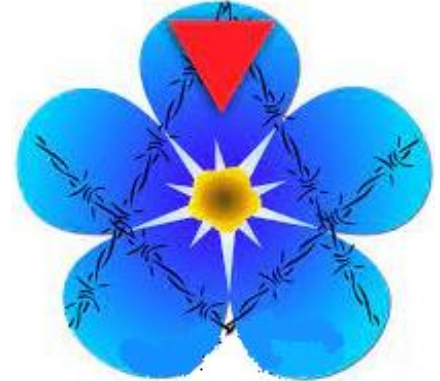


for Masons symbolizes brotherhood and symbolizes the fact that Masons should seek out

virtues as extensive as the blue dome of heaven.

Albert Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry under "Blue" has further light to share. He says "Blue is emphatically the color of Masonry. It is the appropriate tincture of the Ancient Craft degrees."

The Hebrew word for blue when referring to spiritual matters is tekhelet (תְּכֵלֶת) derived from a root word meaning perfection.



It is well known that among the ancients, initiation into the mysteries and "perfection" are synonymous terms and this is why blue is the appropriate color for the greatest of all the systems of initiation the world has ever known, The Ancient Blue Lodge Craft."

Beyond the allegory and symbolism of the color blue, there is the reality of millions of men who have experienced things beyond themselves, transformed and evolved into their highest potentials, reached even further to give the same to other men, while standing in and being a member of a Blue Lodge.

It is said over and over again, "There is no other degree 'higher' than the third degree and being a Master Mason. There is no higher distinction in our entire institutional Fraternity!" With that being said, we all should remember, support and love our Blue Lodges, where we began as good men and through the motherly love of our Ancient Craft Lodge, we were brought into the world anew....literally brought from the dark to the light, to rise as GREAT MEN!

Courtesy: Brother Elton Trindade



What if we took the methods used by US Special Forces all over the world and applied them to the problems found in the impoverished areas of inner-city America?

Through the application of a force multiplication model, a collaborative framework, and evidence-based change strategies; the Green Beret Project is empowering kids, cops, and communities to win the fight on the front lines of our inner cities.



Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 is a proud sponsor of the Green Beret Project. Pictured is the banner displayed recently at a Green Beret Tournament. Anyone interested in this worthy project can visit the website at <https://www.greenberetproject.org/> or chat with WM Jay.

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



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.



John R. Della Guardia

The other day, our Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like really nice people. But I really won't be impressed with technology until I can start downloading food. And can someone PLEASE explain camping to me? It seems you spend a small fortune on gear just to live like a homeless person huddled around a fire. Meanwhile, every day I just try to remember a few simple truths. First, if you don't take the time to do it right, you'll have to find the time to do it twice. You cannot unsay a cruel word. Every path has a few puddles. Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway. And, don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you. And, by the way, If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed, and we're having a staff meeting.

The Chaplain's View

John R. Della Guardia, Chaplain



In May, as blossoms bloom and nature does her thing, we gather as Brothers of Eureka-DuPont Lodge with renewed vigor and purpose. May symbolizes growth, renewal, and the promise of new beginnings—a fitting backdrop for our Masonic journey.

As we tread the path of Brotherhood, let us reflect on the bonds that unite us, forged in the crucible of shared values and noble aspirations. In this season of growth, let us nurture the seeds of friendship, kindness, and benevolence within our hearts, spreading their bounty to all we encounter.

May our Lodge stand as a beacon of light, illuminating the darkness with the principles of Freemasonry. May we continue to labor diligently, building a better world brick by brick, guided by the compass of wisdom and the square of integrity.

In this month of May, let us recommit ourselves to the noble ideals of our craft, inspired by the spirit of unity, fellowship, and service.

IMPORTANT DATES...

Mark Your Calendar

- May 2 Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- May 4 Ionic No. 31, Annual Railroad Degree
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 7: Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- May 8: Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- May 9: Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 Stated Communication 7:30PM
- May 14 Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM

Check out the Grand Calendar for other events:

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

May Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Peter Castle	13
David Clark	17
Laurent Zenidui	6

36 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)
Patrick S. Light (#33 DE)
Michael W. Jones (#34 DE)

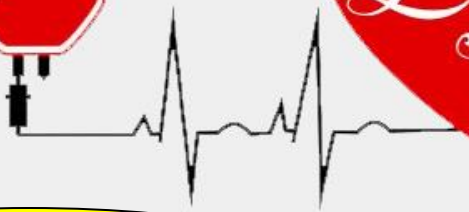


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Brandywine Lodge

June 15, 2024 – 9 AM-2 PM

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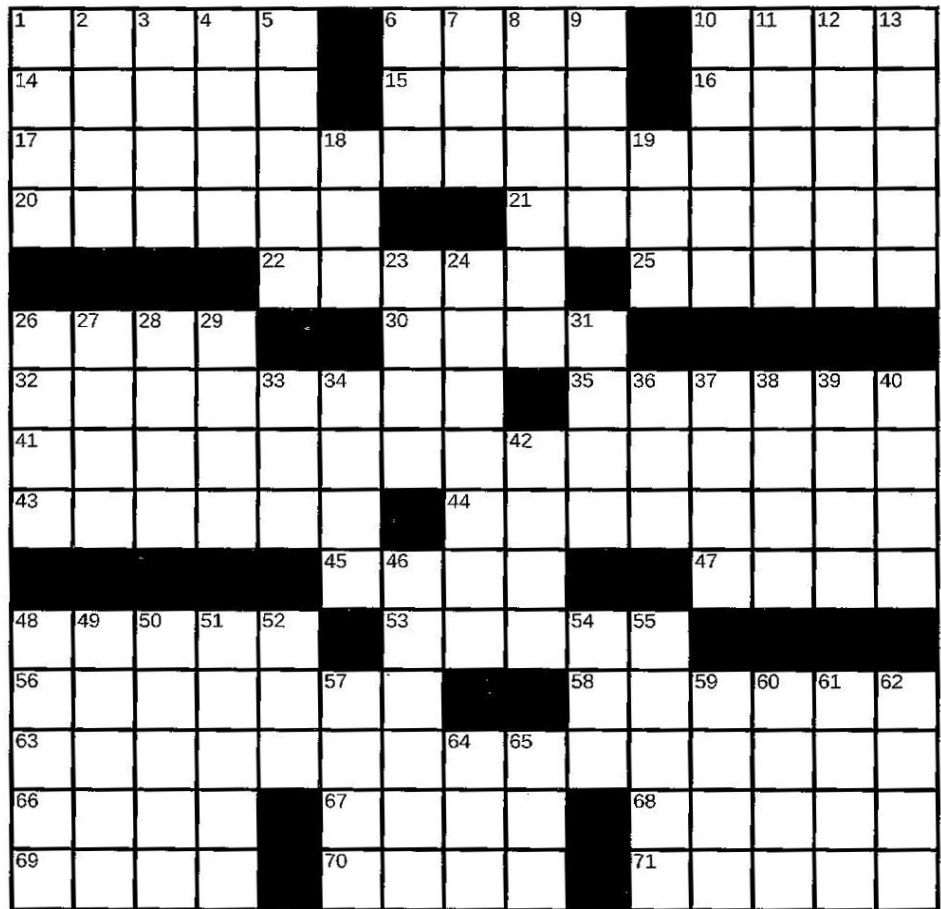
BLOOD DRIVE

Crossword Fun

If you get stuck or just can't figure out that one last clue, Email me at idell16@comcast.net for the answers.

ACROSS

- 1 Religious factions
- 6 Luxury
- 10 Ostrich cousins
- 14 Bye, in France
- 15 One opposed
- 16 Top-rated steak sauce
- 17 Spy vs. spy, e.g. (4 words)
- 20 Suburb of Atlanta
- 21 Book of Psalms
- 22 Boise's state
- 25 Sleeps
- 26 Annoying smell
- 30 "Star Trek" speed
- 32 Close-mouthed
- 35 Painting props
- 41 Haphazard
- 43 Hawaii hellos
- 44 Extreme emotional outburst
- 45 Jazz classic, "Take ___ Train"
(2 words)
- 47 Like a finished song
- 48 Birch tree
- 53 Moral standard
- 56 Move like a snake
- 58 Rounded roof structure
- 63 Old computer monitors
(3 words)
- 66 Well aware of
- 67 Incite
- 68 "David Copperfield" clerk
- 69 Mattel wares
- 70 Finance transfer systems
(abbr.)
- 71 Annoying



DOWN

- 1 Plant pouches
- 2 Cheese wrapped in red wax
- 3 Word with "slicker" or "hall"
- 4 Shed one
- 5 Largest denomination of Islam
- 6 Shortened female name
- 7 Lennon's wife
- 8 Shocked state
- 9 Cat's noise
- 10 Two under par
- 11 Castle trenches
- 12 Unreached (goals)
- 13 Fortune-tellers
- 18 Father
- 19 Word before "drop" or "muff"
- 23 Barley bristles
- 24 Short-handled ax
- 26 Threat in the ocean
- 27 Post-ante activity
- 28 "Beetle Bailey" canine
- 29 Wealthy
- 31 Goldfish, gerbils, and such
- 33 Chinese tea
- 34 To the right, on maps
- 36 Work in Hollywood, perhaps
- 37 Cows and sows
- 38 Brown shade
- 39 Form of "lie"
- 40 Entanglement
- 42 Hindu nursemaid
- 46 "Concerning this" on a contract
- 48 Neckwear worn with a smoking jacket
- 49 Treeless plain below the equator
- 50 Cheerful little song
- 51 Character or disposition
- 52 Greek letter
- 54 Like some winter roads
- 55 Funny person (Sl.)
- 57 Outer limit
- 59 Not diluted
- 60 Kimono sashes
- 61 Sink mishap
- 62 Covered with soot
- 64 Cat's prey
- 65 They're on billboards