

Eureka-DuPont #23-29

“THE FRIENDLY LODGE”

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Masonic Trestleboard September 2024

All Visiting Brethren Are Welcome

Meetings are held on the second
Thursday of the month --
September through June
Brandywine Masonic Hall
2016 Foulk Road
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From the East



Summer's warmth may be fading, but the memories you've made over the summer are still glowing bright – even if some of those memories involve sunburn! I hope your swimsuits full of sand have finally been shaken out, and everyone's ready to trade beach towels for cozy blankets this fall.

I hope the upcoming Masonic year is in your thoughts and how you can help make a difference. Last year, The Evan R. Moody Grand Lodge Community Service Challenge was a call to action that inspired us to make a meaningful difference in our community. This challenge prompted us to channel our collective energy towards four distinct efforts, each aimed at addressing a specific charitable need. Our Lodge, your Lodge, was able to come up with **five!**

From organizing our **First Annual Blood Drive** to support local hospital and emergency care needs with the Blood Bank of Delmarva, to brightening the days of veterans in the VA hospital by making contributions to the **VA Hobby Cart**, we embraced the spirit of giving wholeheartedly. Our contributions to **Bushels of Blessings** helped raise money, contributing directly to combat food insecurity, while your Worshipful Master took the brisk **Polar Bear Plunge** to raise funds for Special Olympics. And of course, our beloved annual **Chocolate Night** continued to spread sweetness and camaraderie as we provided Christmas gifts to families with children in need. The Evan R. Moody Grand Lodge Community Service Challenge was the

catalyst for some of these extraordinary acts of kindness and generosity, demonstrating the true spirit of our lodge and Masonry.

I challenge you to help us best these efforts in the coming year. I hope that you will join me in the Polar Bear Plunge, together we will be able to host our Second Annual Blood Drive, and all of us can continue to make contributions to the VA Hobby Cart, all admirable acts of kindness.

I am also looking for brothers with ideas for programs and activities they would like to see this year. Here are a few I was thinking of: a big Masonic trivia night again (with some questions in there that Drew can't answer this time), visiting other lodges (Carney's Point Excelsior is on my short list), and just being more involved with other Delaware lodges and other lodge events.

Your lodge is ready to embrace you this year with open arms and plenty of hot cocoa as needed. Here's to a fantastic fall season filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the joy of being together again! Come back out to the lodge, your lodge!

Our first meeting is Sept 12th. I plan to get the grill out for burgers and dogs and start a little early --around 6 PM. The gavel will drop as scheduled at 7:30 for 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. Dress is business casual.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Jay Troy, WM

Thinking about Chocolate Night, 2025



From the Secretary's Desk



Greetings and Salutations Brothers. I appreciate the confidence you have shown by electing me Secretary for the ensuing Masonic year.

First, a big "Thank You!" to Brother Rollyn Trueblood for his tireless efforts as he served this Lodge for many years as Lodge Secretary. Brother Trueblood worked hard over his tenure to ensure all our Lodge business was completed and our Lodge finances and outstanding bills were addressed.

I hope to continue to serve our lodge, as many accomplished Brothers have done over the past 150 years, and perform my new duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability. I am looking forward to this year and am hoping you will come out and support our lodge.

Please know that I will be always ready to support you when needed, be it a good standing letter, information on Lodge or Masonic happenings, or just to answer any questions you may have on the Lodge or Masonry in general. Please contact me and I will respond as soon as possible.

You may be happy to hear that in addition to the current procedure for paying dues, we have set up a way to pay your dues electronically via **Cheddar Up**, which is an online payment option. Dues notifications will be sent to you via Grand View and will contain a link to the **Cheddar Up**

website. Of course, you may continue to pay dues directly via check, money order, or cash. In addition, Brother Treasurer, Tom Sandilands, is investigating **Venmo** for direct payment. On the **Cheddar Up** website, there will be two options: one for paying your annual dues and one for making a contribution to aid distressed brothers.

You will incur a small fee for the use of **Cheddar Up**, but the convenience of this method may more than offset the small cost of the service.

The Distressed Brother Fund was created for brothers in difficulty who may need financial assistance to pay their dues.

On the social side, Lafayette No. 14 is hosting a Social Mixer on September 28, 2024, at the Wilmington Brew Works on Miller Rd in Wilmington. This event is open to all Masons and their significant others. Worshipful Master Pat Light is hoping for a substantial turnout for this casual evening of Brotherhood and good cheer. Please check the flyer on page 6. Space is limited by the venue's fire code; so you will need to buy your "ticket" now to reserve space. Please Note that tickets for this Social Mixer will be digital. Electronic payment options can be found at <https://linktr.ee/lafayette14>. If you need to pay by check or cash, please reach out to patlight09@gmail.com or 302 379-8334.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Kevin O'Rourke

September Masonic Birthdays 339 Years in Masonry

NAME	YEARS	Happy Masonic Birthday 	NAME	YEARS
David Cole	19		Clyde Machamer	62
Thomas Herlihy	62	Robert Miller	62	
Pm John Kraus	57	PM Kevin O'Rourke	11	
Ernest Louis II	11	PM Herbert Rubenstein	55	



**Eureka-DuPont Lodge
No. 23-29
Living Past Masters**

2023-24	Jerome R. "Jay" Troy
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)
Paul D. Loveday (#9930 UGLE)

IMPORTANT DATES...

Mark Your Calendar

- Sept. 2 Labor Day**
- Sept. 3 Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Sept. 5 Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Sept. 10 Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Sept. 11 Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Sept. 12 Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Sept. 28 District One Mixer, 6PM (See p. 5 for details)**

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

The Chaplain's View

As we transition from the warmth of summer into the crisp days of autumn, we find ourselves at the beginning of another Masonic year. The changing of the seasons is a time-honored reminder of the cycles of life—of endings that give way to new beginnings. In the natural world, the vibrant greens of summer gracefully yield to the rich hues of autumn, reminding us that change is not only inevitable but also necessary for growth.



This seasonal shift offers us an opportunity for reflection. Just as the trees shed their leaves, we too are called to let go of what no longer serves us—whether it be old habits, outdated ideas, or unresolved conflicts. By doing so, we create space within ourselves to welcome new insights, deeper understanding, and stronger bonds with our fellow brethren.

As your Chaplain, I urge each of you to take time during this season to consider the lessons of the past year. What challenges have you faced, and how have they shaped you? What successes can you celebrate? In the quiet moments of reflection, we find the wisdom to carry forward what is most valuable, allowing it to guide us through the year ahead.

Let us enter this new Masonic year with a renewed sense of purpose and unity. Our Lodge, much like a tree, is sustained by the strength of its roots—the shared values and principles that bind us together. As we move forward, may we support one another with the same steadfastness, ensuring that our Lodge continues to thrive as a pillar of Light and Brotherhood.

May this year bring each of you growth, peace, and fulfillment in your Masonic journey. Together, let us build upon the foundation laid by those who came before us, while also planting the seeds for future generations.

Wishing you all a successful and enriching Masonic year ahead.

Fraternally,
John R. Della Guardia, Chaplain



Masonic Education: From Apprentice to Master From Master to Apprentice

In medieval times, the secrets of the Mason's art were communicated with great care and diligence from Master to apprentice. The education of a chosen Apprentice was a significant commitment for a Master Mason to undertake. Converting these secrets took time, commitment, and patience. And it took no less than seven years to complete.

Following a lengthy apprenticeship, a man worked as a Fellow of the Craft for a number of years while honing his skills under the watchful eye of the Master. To be raised to the degree of Master Mason was the culmination of years of dedication not only by the Master but by each member of the Lodge, who took the time to guide, instruct and mentor the Apprentices and Fellows of the Craft.

Thus, to be a true Master Mason was not just to attain knowledge for oneself, but also to convey the knowledge to those that would follow.

A timeless proverb states, "It takes a whole village to raise a child".

In Freemasonry, it takes a whole Lodge to raise a single Master Mason.

September Puzzles

Here's your chance to win a fabulous prize while having some fun preparing for the September Meeting.

FIRST, all you have to do is find the most words in this mixed-up puzzle. Beware! There are at least 20 words of four or more letters. Find them upwards, downwards, diagonally, frontwards, and backward. THEN, solve this Sudoku Puzzle. The rules for Sudoku are printed below. Bring your solutions to the Stated Communication on September 12, where awesome prizes await.

WORD SEARCH 9: DANCES

N	C	H	I	C	K	E	N	D	A	N	C	E	P	C
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M	G	D	S	A	L	S	A	Z	L	I	M	B	O	S
J	J	I	T	T	E	R	B	U	G	M	M	B	G	Q
I	Y	P	E	T	S	H	S	I	R	I	U	J	D	U
S	W	O	S	Z	C	T	W	O	S	T	E	P	B	A
M	A	G	A	F	G	B	A	L	L	R	O	O	M	R
A	L	N	L	M	T	L	S	R	O	T	V	J	C	E
C	T	A	B	A	U	H	I	W	Q	Z	H	E	H	D
A	Z	T	X	H	P	J	V	N	I	C	X	V	A	A
R	Y	Z	Z	M	A	M	B	O	D	N	L	Y	C	N
E	O	T	H	E	T	W	I	S	T	Y	G	O	H	C
N	A	F	O	X	T	R	O	T	L	X	H	G	A	E
A	E	E	K	L	A	W	N	O	O	M	U	O	K	E
S	R	R	F	X	H	A	N	D	J	I	V	E	P	Y



SUDOKU—

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	6			9	7			1
	3							
				4			7	9
6			2	7			1	
8								
	1		8			6		2
	9					1	4	
2			6	1				

Rules for Sudoku

Each row must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions.

Each column must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions.

The digits can only occur once per block (nonet).

The sum of every single row, column, and nonet must equal 45.

SEPT
28TH
2024

SAT
6PM
10PM



SOCIAL MIXER

DISTRICT ONE

RELAXING EVENING TO ENJOY
BROTHERS & SIGNIFIGANT OTHERS

SCAN FOR TICKETS



The
ALAMO
Room
wilmington brew works

LIGHT FOOD & SNACKS | CASUAL DRESS
FREE PARKING | CASH BAR | \$40 COUPLE | 21+
3129 MILLER RD, WILMINGTON, DE 19802

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