

# Eureka-DuPont #23-29



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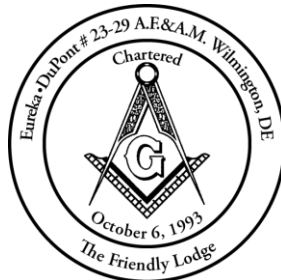
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*Happy ★ New ★ Year*

## Masonic Trestleboard January 2025

**All Visiting Brethren Are Welcome**



Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month  
September through June  
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# From the East

## A New Year Reflection

Brothers!

Time has flown by in a way I never anticipated. Reaching 2025 once seemed like a distant dream, yet here we stand, at the precipice of a new era. I've often joked that "if I knew I would live this long, I would've made better choices," but in truth, I wouldn't trade the wisdom and experiences I've gained for anything.

Most days, I feel as youthful and energetic as ever, but intellectually, I recognize that the passage of time has left its mark. I'm fortunate to have friends and family members who have lived long and fulfilling lives well into their 90s, and I'm hopeful that I, too, am only halfway through my journey.

The year 2025 promises to be a fascinating one, building upon the momentum of the latter half of 2024, which was marked by remarkable technological breakthroughs, significant cultural shifts, and a series of impactful global events. These developments will undoubtedly shape our world for years to come, influencing every aspect of our lives in ways we can only begin to imagine.

As we embrace the possibilities of the future, let us not forget the importance of our past. Our shared history, our collective experiences, and the relationships we've forged along the way are what give our lives meaning and depth.

In the spirit of reflection and connection, I encourage you to reach out to a friend and brother whom you haven't seen in a while. Invite them back to the lodge, give them a call, or send them a message. Ask how they're doing, share a memory or two, and put a smile on their face.

Our future is bright, but it's made all the richer by the connections we cherish and the moments we share. Bring someone to the lodge - offer a ride to someone who doesn't feel comfortable driving in the dark. Make a difference.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Jay

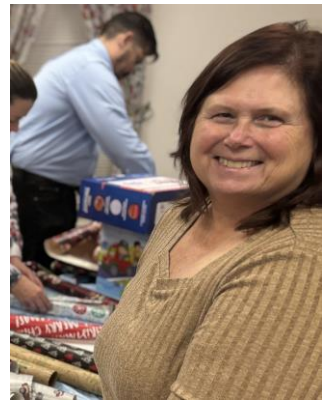
### **POLAR BEAR PLUNGE TO BENEFIT DELAWARE SPECIAL OLYMPICS.**

Once again this year I am taking the plunge, and I challenge you to join me. You can hop in the cold water yourself, or you and your friends can sponsor my plunge by visiting this link: <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/5939687>. My personal goal is to raise \$2,000 this year for this great cause. Do what you can. Pass the link to your friends and family and make a contribution yourself. You can **CLICK HERE** to donate.





# Eureka-DuPont Chocolate Night-2024



Over the past year, our lodge along with our Brother, Bill Downey, has once again pulled off a small Christmas miracle in the form of a remarkable charitable endeavor. As our annual Chocolate Night event, we organized a fantastic toy and gift drive. Simultaneously, the Grand Lodge conducted a fundraising campaign to support our event. I want to personally thank the Grand Lodge for their support in making this all possible.

Through our combined efforts, we were able to provide gifts for over 200 children and families in need, bringing much-needed joy and support to our community during the holiday season. The success of this initiative highlights the positive impact that can be achieved through collective action and community engagement. The families who benefited are primarily from Delaware and Maryland.

As in years past, the lodge brought in toys and supplies, and the Masonic family friends joined ranks to ensure all the presents were wrapped and delivered. If you participated, you already know what a great event this is every year.



# The Chaplain's View

## Fostering Our Masonic Principles in the New Year

Brethren,

As we welcome the dawn of a new year, it is a fitting time to reflect on our Masonic principles and how we can enrich our commitment to them. Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are not merely tenets; they form the core of our Fraternity and guide our actions in every aspect of life.



In the coming months, let us embrace opportunities for spiritual growth and camaraderie. I encourage each member to actively participate in our lodge's programs, Attending meetings, seeking knowledge through lectures, and discussions that delve deeper into the moral lessons of our craft. By fostering an environment of open dialogue, we can learn from one another and strengthen our bonds.

Moreover, let us renew our focus on charity and community service, embodying Relief in tangible ways. Organizing outreach initiatives will not only benefit those in need but also fortify our ties as brothers united in purpose.

In the spirit of Brotherly Love, may we uplift each other and cultivate a sense of belonging among all members. Together, let us embark on this journey of enrichment, ensuring our principles remain vibrant and influential as we strive to leave a positive mark in our lives and those around us.

Fraternally,  
John R. Della Guardia, Chaplain



## The Polar Bear Plunge

For over 30 years, thousands of "Bears" have jumped into the icy Atlantic Ocean in support of Special Olympics – Delaware, and it makes an impact on over 4,200 Special Olympics athletes across the state.

Practice Faith, Hope, and Charity this Holiday Season.

**CLICK HERE** to support WM Jay Troy and the Delaware Special Olympics .as he plunges on February 2, 2025.

## 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

Jan. 2	Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
Jan. 7	Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
Jan. 8	Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
Jan. 9	Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
Jan. 14	Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM

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

### January Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
PM Robert Hiddemen	35
Jacob Higgins	7
Garry Norton	6
Robert Rock	12
James Simkins	6
Mark Siple	30

**96 Years in Masonry**

# Masonic Education: Being A True and Upright Mason

John R. Della Guardia

"To every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." ~Newton's Third Law of Motion

I can't help but think that Newton's Third Law of Motion doesn't just apply to motion. In fact, it applies to a lot of things. It can apply to life as well, and to a way of living. Just think how many sayings are similar to Newton's Law that apply to a lot of different things. How many times have we heard the saying "what goes around comes around." Generally, when somebody uses that expression, it means that when you do

something rotten to somebody, eventually, it comes back on you. But the same can be said of good deeds as well. Another version says it better--you reap what you sow. You do good things, you get good things, and when you do bad things, you better get ready for bad things to come back to you. But all these sayings are suggesting the same thing. That when you live your life with the intent of doing good things, you're rewarded with good things.



## VA Hobby Cart ...Masonic Charity in Action

In the past, I've shared information both here and in the lodge about the VA Hobby Cart, a charitable initiative that provides comfort and support to veterans staying at the local VA hospital. These individuals, predominantly men, have selflessly served our country and now find themselves in need of assistance to make their hospital stay more bearable. The Hobby Cart provides them with warm clothing, toiletries, and items to occupy their time and lift their spirits.

I've personally contributed to this cause throughout the year by donating a variety of goods. I currently have additional bags filled with new sweatpants, socks, sweatshirts, and blankets ready to be delivered. However, more donations are always needed and you can help!

Next time you're out shopping, keep an eye out for great deals on items like clothing, toiletries, puzzle books, art supplies, or anything else you think might brighten a veteran's day. If you come across any bargains, purchase them, and I'll gladly arrange for their delivery to the Hobby Cart. Our brother Mercer Quimby manages the cart at the VA, and I'll ensure the items reach him directly.

Please note that, for safety reasons, razors are not accepted as donations.

By contributing to the VA Hobby Cart, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of veterans who have sacrificed so much for our nation. Your generosity can provide them with comfort, dignity, and a reminder that their service is appreciated and remembered. If you would like to donate to the cause by financing the purchase of some of these items, let me know.



# Crossword Fun

If you get stuck or just can't figure out that one last clue, Email me at [jdell16@comcast.net](mailto:jdell16@comcast.net) for the answers

## ACROSS

- 1 Just plain terrible
- 6 Object of finger-pointing
- 10 Friends of Tarzan
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ apso
- 15 Thus
- 16 Change homes
- 17 Three big things
- 20 Two-dimensional sound
- 21 Throwing into confusion
- 22 Ancient Greek instruments
- 25 Sight or taste, e.g.
- 26 Snakes in hieroglyphs
- 30 Opposed
- 32 Best
- 35 Pick
- 41 Three big things
- 43 Bathing suit brand
- 44 Convention freebies
- 45 Paving stone
- 47 Parking meter opening
- 48 Greenhouse pest
- 53 Necessary things
- 56 The late Mr. Nimoy
- 58 Plea
- 63 Three big things
- 66 Eye layer
- 67 Babies' needs, thankfully
- 68 Accepted practices
- 69 Untidy situation
- 70 Catch using trickery
- 71 Winter weather

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## DOWN

- 1 Money for the poor
- 2 "Could you repeat that?"
- 3 Thing washed daily
- 4 Nation in stunning 1991 news
- 5 Jacket part
- 6 Beverage type
- 7 9-5, e.g.
- 8 Horror-struck
- 9 In-law to Lincoln
- 10 Like Santa's girth
- 11 Visit unannounced (2 words)
- 12 Equalizes
- 13 Twilled fabric
- 18 Powell partner of old Hollywood
- 19 Cards with a photo
- 23 Gravelly voice feature
- 24 Treaty of a sort
- 26 Some are unspeakable
- 27 Do more than browse
- 28 Vatican leader
- 29 Builder's workplace
- 31 Weapon of modern warfare
- 33 Spanish hero El \_\_\_\_\_
- 34 Grand-scale poetry
- 36 Loosen the earth
- 37 Selects
- 38 Aussie gem
- 39 Utah state flower
- 40 Prefix for "while" (archaic)
- 42 Put on a scale
- 46 Make lovable
- 48 Photograph book
- 49 Pet \_\_\_\_\_ (grievance)
- 50 Makes perfect
- 51 Ancient Peruvians
- 52 "Lah-di-\_\_\_\_\_!"
- 54 Divided U.S. terr.
- 55 Bombards with junk email
- 57 Get a lease on
- 59 Unit measuring loudness
- 60 Continental dollar
- 61 Once more
- 62 Highland girl
- 64 Resort feature
- 65 Clairvoyant's claim, briefly

