

# Eureka-DuPont #23-29



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## Masonic Trestleboard November 2024

All Visiting Brethren Are Welcome



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



Greetings from the East,

As a reminder, our lodge meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm sharp. A meal will be served before the meeting. Please bring your friends, especially those who you think would make good Masons. This is your lodge, Brother.

November has arrived, and the holiday season is officially upon us. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so it's time to start planning those delicious family feasts and gatherings. Let's all give thanks for those who can be with us and remember those who can't. Always remember that there are some things that money can't buy. Be sure to tell someone you love them.



We are presently investigating if there will be a Salvation Army bell-ringing event with some open dates in the near future, so look out for any mention of that in an upcoming email if it turns out to be possible.

Amidst the turkey and stuffing, don't forget that Christmas is fast approaching! We are in the midst of gearing up for our annual **Chocolate Night** on December 12. As you know, **Chocolate Night** is a huge Gift Wrapping Party for family and friends to enjoy! Think of it as a festive pre-holiday gathering to help you remember the reason for the season as we help less fortunate families offer their children a great Christmas experience.

We'll provide all the supplies, festive music, and good cheer. But the best part? The fuel for all that wrapping will be an abundance of delicious chocolate treats! More details to come.

We hope to see you at the Chocolate Night Gift Wrapping Party! In the meantime, be sure to check out our website for more information on upcoming events and activities.

As a parting thought, I want to remind you, once again, about a worthy cause that you might be able to help. Recently, I connected again with Brother Mercer Quimby. Brother Quimby is the Director of the VA Hobby Cart. The Hobby Cart serves veterans in VA Hospitals. It offers a range of items including hats, clothes, socks, toiletries, and other supplies for patients in need; and, it relies on donations to fulfill its mission. These donations can be both practical and geared towards leisure activities. The cart might stock crossword puzzles, playing cards, books, and art supplies to offer veterans ways to engage and relax during their hospital stays. These items provide comfort, support mental well-being, and foster a sense of normalcy during a potentially challenging and stressful time.

On this visit, I dropped off 11 pairs of pajama pants, 31 pairs of socks, and 10 zip-up hoodies. If you would like to be part of this worthy cause, keep your eye out for deals and bargains. Very inexpensive sources include Costco, the Delaware Bin Store, and Foreman Mills. Check second-hand shops, as the clothing could be new or used. And monetary donations are always a blessing!

Please contact me if you want more information or if you have a donation for the Hobby Cart. I will ensure that your donations are put to good use.

**Wishing you a happy and healthy November!**

Sincerely & Fraternaly, Jay



# The Chaplain's View

Brethren, this month, many of us are looking forward to gathering around the festive Thanksgiving table. As we do so let us be reminded of the spirit of gratitude that is central not only to Thanksgiving but to our Masonic journey as well. Throughout our ceremonies, we pause to give thanks, recognizing the Great Architect of the Universe for the blessings bestowed upon us. This act of thanksgiving is deeply woven into our Masonic tradition, urging us to reflect on the many gifts in our lives.



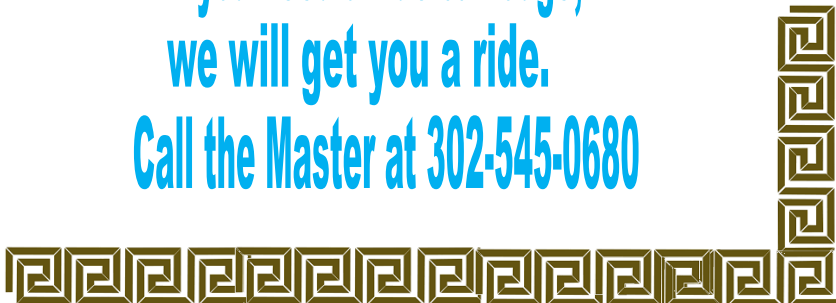
In our rituals, we acknowledge the importance of gratitude, whether it's for the brotherly bonds we share, the guidance we receive, or the strength and wisdom granted to us. This month, let us carry that spirit forward, not only within the Lodge but in our daily lives. Let's take a moment to express appreciation to our families, friends, and communities who support us in our endeavors.

Thanksgiving is a time to honor the ties that bind us, both within our Lodge and beyond. May we each strive to exemplify the Masonic virtues of charity and humility, remembering that our thankfulness is a light we share with the world.

Please accept my most heartfelt wishes extended to you and your family for a most wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Fraternally,  
John R. Della Guardia, Chaplain

If you need a ride to Lodge,  
we will get you a ride.  
Call the Master at 302-545-0680



## October Masonic Birthdays (Corrected)

| NAME                | YEARS |
|---------------------|-------|
| Bruce Bartow        | 14    |
| Timothy Jackson     | 6     |
| William Manley      | 54    |
| PM Joseph Marvian   | 10    |
| David Pippin        | 59    |
| Jerome Troy         | 15    |
| Rollyn Trueblood    | 15    |
| Tenney Wheatley Jr. | 22    |
| Richard Williamson  | 17    |

**212 Years in Masonry**

## November Masonic Birthdays

| NAME               | YEARS |
|--------------------|-------|
| John Della Guardia | 6     |
| Kenneth Gray       | 41    |
| Donald McDowell    | 73    |
| David Russ         | 29    |
| PM David Simkins   | 29    |
| Reese Stewart      | 28    |
| Lloyd Taylor       | 58    |
| Edward Wolfe       | 7     |

**271 Years in Masonry**



# Masonic Education: Defining Freemasonry

John R. Della Guardia

Freemasonry defines itself through its teachings and rituals, especially in the three degrees, with a particular emphasis on the Entered Apprentice Degree. In this degree, the purpose of Freemasonry is articulated as making members "wiser, better, and consequently, happier."

This core mission involves learning, subduing our passions, and improving ourselves in Masonry. Any practices within a Lodge that do not align with this definition cannot be considered true Freemasonry.

There has been a trend in modern Freemasonry in which some members and Lodges adopt their own interpretations and practices, often diverging from the fraternity's traditional essence. This has resulted in a variety of practices, some of which emphasize *charity* as Freemasonry's primary purpose. While charitable actions are positive, they do not solely define Freemasonry.

The diversity in practice emphasizes the need to preserve the fundamental values of the fraternity, which focus on personal growth and moral development. The teachings of Freemasonry should remain the guiding principles. Thus, members and Lodges must stay true to these foundational teachings and rituals to ensure the essence of Freemasonry is maintained and passed on. By staying committed to this mission, Freemasonry can continue to have a meaningful impact on its members and society.

## 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

- Nov. 1 Ritual & Education Workshop No. 1—9AM
- Nov. 3 Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 5 Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Nov. 7 Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Nov. 12 Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Nov. 13 Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Nov. 14 Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30PM
- Nov. 28 Eureka-DuPont Officer and Candidate Training Class

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

# From the Secretary's Desk



Brothers,

I hope this finds you and your families well. It's that time of year again and the dues notices have gone out. The Eureka-DuPont annual dues remain at \$50, however, the Grand Lodge dues and assessments increased to \$51.

For those Brothers who have an email address in Grand View, the notices were sent via email from the following address ([no\\_reply@grandview.systems](mailto:no_reply@grandview.systems)) **Subject: Dues Notice for Eureka-DuPont No. 2329.** Please check your junk mail if you do not see it.

For those who do not have an email, the notices were sent via USPS mail.

Please review the notice and verify the amount owed is correct. We have had one instance where a brother was invoiced more than he owed for his annual dues. Please login to Grand View (<https://de.grandview.systems>) and review the items to confirm. Of course, if

there is a mistake, please contact me and we will work through it to correct.

As you may be aware, we now have a way to pay electronically through Cheddar Up. The link to access this page is below and can also be found on your dues notice. Additionally, there is a Distressed Brothers Fund accepting donations to be used for Brothers who are in financial difficulty.

<https://eureka-dupont-no-23-29-2024.cheddarup.com>

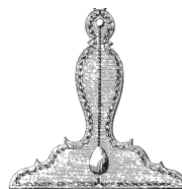
Once payment is received, I will send you your new Good Standing card by USPS mail. The dues are due by **December 31, 2024.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I hope to see you in lodge or at any of the social events planned in District 1.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Kevin O'Rourke, Secretary



# From the South



**To my fraternal brothers,** best wishes to all of you and your loved ones during this special holiday. I bestow on you this passage from Masonry.

"As we gather this Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to reflect on the true essence of this day. It is a time to embrace the blessings that surround us, recognizing that they are gifts bestowed upon us in the present moment from the Great Architect of the Universe. We are reminded to approach the challenges of life with patience and grace, for today is the only time we truly possess. In the face of changing fortunes, may our spirits remain steadfast, rooted in gratitude for the gifts of immunity, liberty, and integrity. Let us celebrate a lifetime of thanks, cherishing both the joys and the lessons of our journey. Happy Thanksgiving! We are not here for long; let us devote our time on earth to the advancement of knowledge, virtue, and brotherly love."

Fraternaly yours,  
Bro Drew.



# Crossword Fun

If you get stuck or just can't figure out that one last clue, Email me at [idel16@comcast.net](mailto:idel16@comcast.net) for the answers

## ACROSS

- 1 English dude
- 5 Instrument with some heft
- 9 Not a heavyweight
- 14 Frau's partner
- 15 Got dirty going home?
- 16 Overserved
- 17 Jason's ship
- 18 Title character with the King of Siam
- 19 Battery terminal
- 20 Dilly-dalliers' activities
- 23 "Come in!"
- 24 "... and you know the rest"
- 25 Spigot
- 28 Perform incorrectly
- 32 Force out of office
- 34 Word with "photo" or "black"
- 37 Extremely long films
- 39 Voice of the choir
- 40 The art of putting things off for tomorrow
- 44 Member of the Jackson 5
- 45 Glitterati member, briefly
- 46 Bawl
- 47 Acted badly
- 50 Like illegally parked cars, often
- 52 Don'ts partners
- 53 "Much \_\_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 55 Come to mind
- 59 Delays leading to rescheduling
- 64 Bloodhound's guide
- 66 Material in a gym
- 67 Mine entrance
- 68 At a good clip, in poetry
- 69 Pre-owned
- 70 5,280 feet
- 71 Word with "film" or "home"
- 72 Cushiony forest growth
- 73 Fortune-teller, supposedly

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## DOWN

- 1 Make sore by rubbing
- 2 "Great white" bird
- 3 Slanguage
- 4 For the time being (abbr.)
- 5 The last one was Nicholas II
- 6 Arm bone
- 7 Type of cherry
- 8 "Love is blind," e.g.
- 9 Batting position
- 10 Type of valuable vase
- 11 Relating to the Pope
- 12 Hallucinogenic drug
- 13 Caustic drain opener
- 21 Less humid
- 22 " \_\_\_\_ be an honor"
- 26 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 27 Indiana's state flower
- 29 Where to get a muddy face
- 30 LP or CD, e.g.
- 31 Santa's reindeer, collectively
- 33 Butter unit
- 34 Made a choice
- 35 First-rate, slangily
- 36 In a way (3 words)
- 38 Fodder holder on a farm
- 41 Bunk
- 42 Not yet unwrapped
- 43 Crosswise, on deck
- 48 Resurrection Day
- 49 Banned bug killer
- 51 Enters REM sleep
- 54 Codeine source
- 56 Low-budget film, often
- 57 Fence feature
- 58 Banana oil, for one
- 60 Fairy-tale opener
- 61 About (2 words)
- 62 Words of denial
- 63 Concludes
- 64 First name on "Cheers"
- 65 Bean counter, for short