

Eureka-DuPont #23-29



“THE FRIENDLY LODGE”

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2016 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

Masonic Trestleboard October 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



If you attended the September meeting, you shared the joys associated with friendly brotherhood – we had a **Welcome Back to Your Lodge Picnic**. If you were there, you know it was a ripping good time.

Our 289th Regular Communication is on October 10, at 7:30 PM. The meal menu promises to be outstanding. Dinner begins at 6:30 to give us time to enjoy each other's company before the meeting.

This Lodge is your Lodge, and your friends are welcome— bring them to dinner. After all, the spirit of the organization is finding new friends while keeping the old.

If it's been a while since you've visited the Lodge, we'd be delighted to welcome you back. We miss your presence in our fraternal family. Remember, we call each other "Brother" for a reason -- we cherish the bonds of Brotherhood and would love to reconnect with you.

As discussed during our September Stated Communication, we're starting an Officer and Candidate Training Class scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month. The first training session was very successful with some meaningful accomplishments and stimulating Masonic conversation.

The October training session is on Thursday. October 24 at 6:30. Anyone who wants to gain more light or help out is welcome to attend. The meeting is likely to run 60-90 minutes, then I expect we may retire to Stanley's.... or just call it a night.

Chocolate Night is coming again in December. To prepare, many gifts must be purchased. Now is the time, as many sales pop up before Christmas. Last year we were able to fill two trucks with gifts. For Chocolate Night 2024, we have purchased approximately one-third of what we need. Therefore, we need shoppers, husbands and wives, to go out, shop hard, look for really good sales, and have some fun. See me for details if you have questions.

Don't forget our Second Annual Halloween Costume Contest - A top prize will be given to the brother with the best Halloween costume. Last year's contenders were awesome!

Please be sure to visit our recently updated web page, where you will find archival copies of our award-winning Trestle Boards and other key information regarding Masons and our lodge.

Also, remember, if you ever need to know the time and date of a meeting or for anything Masonic in Delaware, go to www.masonsindelaware.com.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Jay Troy, WM



**GOVERN YOURSELF
ACCORDINGLY**

The Chaplain's View

Seasonal Reflections: Faith, Hope, and Charity in Freemasonry

As we move into the season of harvest and thanksgiving, it is a fitting time to reflect on the core Masonic values of Faith, Hope, and Charity, which serve as the foundation of our Brotherhood.



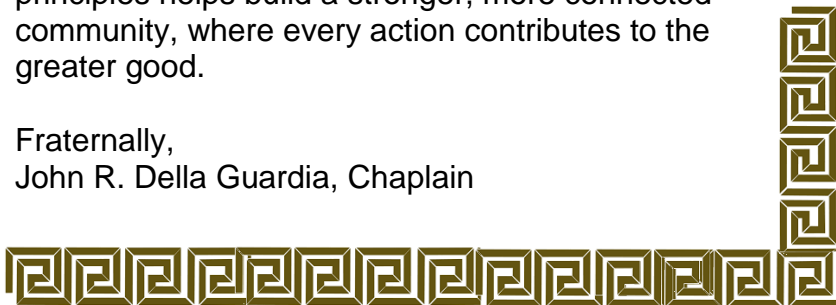
Faith in the Great Architect of the Universe guides us on our Masonic journey, reminding us that, no matter the challenges we face, we walk with purpose and trust in a higher plan. This faith strengthens our bonds as Brothers, assuring us that we are never alone.

Hope is the beacon that lights our way, encouraging us to strive for self-improvement and the betterment of our Lodge and community. It reminds us to remain optimistic, even in difficult times, knowing that perseverance will yield fruitful rewards.

Charity, the highest of virtues, calls us to extend our hands to those in need. As we gather with family and friends during this season, let us remember our duty to be charitable not only in material ways but also through acts of kindness, understanding, and brotherly love.

May the spirit of this season inspire us all to live by these virtues, reflecting the true essence of Freemasonry in all that we do. Let us carry this spirit beyond the holidays, ensuring that these values guide our interactions throughout the year, bringing light and goodness into the lives of others. By living with Faith, Hope, and Charity daily, we truly embody the teachings of our Craft, influencing not only our Lodge but also the wider world around us. In doing so, we create a ripple effect that uplifts those we touch, fostering a sense of unity, compassion, and shared purpose. This continuous effort to embody Masonic principles helps build a stronger, more connected community, where every action contributes to the greater good.

Fraternally,
John R. Della Guardia, Chaplain



October Masonic Birthdays

NAME	YEARS
Bruce Bartow	14
Timothy Jackson	55
William Manley	14
Joseph Marvian	6
David Pippin	54
Jerome Troy	10
Rollyn Trueblood	59
Tenney Wheatley Jr.	15
Richard Williamson	15

242 Years in Masonry

Happy Masonic Birthday



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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)

Masonic Education: Spreading the Word

Jay Troy

The other day, I was at church when an acquaintance pointed at my ring and whispered, "Is that the Illuminati?" He was completely serious.

I replied, "No, it's Freemasonry."

He leaned in closer and whispered, "Is that like the place down the street, the Masonic Lodge with the big Square and Compasses and the light-up scrolling sign that shows upcoming events?"

I confirmed, "It's exactly like that place. But you don't have to whisper about it; they know they're there."

He responded, surprised, "But I thought it was a big secret." I clarified, "Well, not really..."

I mentioned the prominent emblem on their building and explained the distinction between not being a secret society and being a society with secrets. I pointed out that many organizations have secrets; even doctors have confidential information.

He then asked, "So a lot of them are doctors..." He a bit out of touch with "things".

On another occasion, a woman from church whispered to my wife, asking, "Isn't Masonry all about demonic worship? I'm concerned your husband is involved...." Later, when I spoke to her and explained that most of our ritual is Old Testament, her follow-up question was, "Well don't the Catholics have a problem with Masons?"

We encounter many people who are completely misinformed about Freemasonry. It's crucial to be a positive role model whenever possible. I try to have a calm controlled demeanor in all things, and as I get older, that seems to become easier. I talk to people about Faith, Hope, and Charity and how Freemasonry embodies those values. I try to dispel their misconceptions. When someone mentions a relative who was a Mason, I always say, "He must have been a really good guy." Usually, they agree.

Sometimes, this opens the door to further conversation. It's so essential that you spread accurate information about Freemasonry when you're out in the world. We are Freemasonry's ambassadors. We need more of that.



IMPORTANT DATES...

Mark Your Calendar

- Oct. 1 Granite-Corinthian No. 34, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Oct. 3 Washington No. 1, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Oct. 7 219th Annual Communication**
- Oct. 9 Temple No. 11, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Oct. 10 Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Oct. 15 Lafayette No. 14, Stated Communication, 7:30PM**
- Oct. 24 Eureka-DuPont Officer and Candidate Training Class**

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