

## February, 2011 Trestleboard



Brethren:  
The 604<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011, at 5:30 PM.** The reading of the minutes, reception of petitions, Masonic Birthdays, committee reports and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge, will be transacted.

*Robert W. Noble*

Robert W. Noble, PM  
Worshipful Master

*James E. Duck*

James E. Duck, PM  
Secretary

### Masonic Birthdays February, 2011

James R. Stokes	58	C. Spencer Hawkins	55
David C. Trimble	55	Newell C. Taylor	54
Samuel T. Bramble	46	Ronald P. Reeder	40
Daniel W. Hudson	38	Charles A. Galloway	37
Donald L. Jester	34	George L. Brown, III	32
James C. Feist	32	John R. Miller	29
Craig M. Cannon, PM	28	Keith E. Adams	28
George A. Carey	27	Lloyd E. Evans	27
James T. Pratzner, PM	24	John V. Collett	20
W. David Pudvan, PM	20	Steven W. Atchley	13
Charles P. Wolfe, Jr.	10	William D. Johnson	8
Raymond A. Gurnee	7	Charles L. Porter, Jr.	6
Sean P. Croker	5	Brett A. Leffet	4
Michael G. Staley	3	Anthony R. Williams, Jr.	3
Michael W. McDaniel	3		

#### Ionic Lodge Grand Lodge Award of Honor

William A. Calloway (1993)      W. Bryan Irwin (2007)

#### Ionic Lodge Distinguished Service Award

Charles P. Wolfe, Sr — 2007  
James E. Duck, PM — 2008  
Charles C. Simmermon, Jr., PM — 2009  
Dale T. Irwin, PM — 2010

#### Ionic Lodge Column Award

Benjamin H. Deeble, Jr, PM	2007	W. Bryan Irwin	2007
James E. Duck, PM	2007	Robert C. Wood	2007
William Precht	2008	Michael F. Matteo	2008
C. C. Simmermon, Jr, PM	2008	John M. Maiorano	2008
Eric L. Thompson	2010	Charles L. Porter, Jr	2010

## From The East



As Master of the Lodge, I'd like to invite members and friends to our February 3rd Stated Meeting, which will be our Annual Grand Master's Visitation. The Lodge will open at 5:30 PM to deal with any necessary business, then join our guests in the banquet hall for dinner at 6:30 PM and reconvene the Lodge at 7:30 the receive the Grand Master.

Behind every good man, is a great woman! So, let your lady know that she is invited to attend on February 3rd as well. We have scheduled a special program for the ladies while the brethren are meeting in the Lodge room.

This will also be your last opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the Diamond Tennis Bracelet, as the Grand Master will be drawing the winner during his visitation.

Dinner will be \$15 per person. Please make your dinner reservations with the Secretary, NO LATER than January 30<sup>th</sup>. You can contact him by phone at (610) 608-8862 or by email at jimd1117@zoominternet.net.

### Upcoming Activities

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, our guest speaker will be **Mr. Chris Sobocinski**, Racing Information Coordinator for Delaware Parks. With the thoroughbred racing schedule about to start, Chris will be ready to explain that "Two Minute Rush."



### Tennis Bracelet Fund-Raiser

**Junior Warden, Eric L. Thompson**, has donated a 14k yellow gold and diamond tennis bracelet to the Lodge for a fund raising raffle. The bracelet is valued at \$2000. Tickets may be purchased from Eric at his Store, **All About Jewelry**, or from the Lodge Officers. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. To see the bracelet, stop by his shop at 5912 Kirkwood Hwy.

## Past Activities

Special Thanks go out to **W.: Jeff Evans** of Hiram Lodge No. 25. Brother Jeff, in his capacity as a Troop Commander for the Delaware State Police, gave an enlightening presentation at our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on the Aviation Section. If you were absent from Lodge that night, you missed a really great presentation.

### Thought for the Month

*"Yesterday is History,  
Tomorrow is a mystery,  
Today is a gift.  
That's why it's called —  
The Present."*

### E-Trestleboard

**Don't forget!** You can assist with the Lodge's efforts to reduce printing and postage costs by receiving your Masonic Trestleboard by email. If you'd like to get yours this way, please let the Secretary know, and he'll add you to the E-trestleboard Buddy List.

### Sick & Visitation Committee



**Brother Ben Deeble, PM**, Chairman of the Sick & Visitation Committee requests that he be contacted to report on the illness or needs of any member of Ionic Lodge. Ben can be reached at (302) 475-3900 or by email at conrady7@aol.com.

### Don't Forget Valentine's Day

Remember your Mother, Wife or girlfriend on **Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Not remembering may be hazardous to your health!



## Dates to Remember

January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM FC Degree
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM EA Degree (Pending Favorable Ballot)
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grand Master's Visit Open @ 5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:30 PM Ladies Invited
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Lodge Workshop 9:00 AM @ Union # 7, Dover Lunch available for \$5
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Day
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Religious Service @ Highfield Masonic Home 3:00 PM
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM Delaware Parks Program



### Ionic Lodge Past Masters

<i>E. H. Livermore</i>	1950	<i>William H. Edwards</i>	1951
<i>Clifford L. Barlow</i>	1952	<i>Charles O. Bratton</i>	1953
<i>Alfred F. Jefferis</i>	1954	<i>Henry F. Seeds</i>	1955
<i>Raymond L. Blades</i>	1956	<i>Theodore H. Work</i>	1957
<i>John C. Crowley</i>	1958	<i>Charles S. Rhoads</i>	1959
<i>C. D. Bratton</i>	1960	<i>Samuel L. Hodgekiss</i>	1961
<i>Lawrence Hodgekiss</i>	1962	<i>William Morris</i>	1963
<i>Horace D. Taylor</i>	1964	<i>Clifford Berry</i>	1965
<i>G. W. Grandel, Jr.</i>	1966	<i>Harry M. Miller, Jr.</i>	1967
<i>Albert G. Mitchell</i>	1968	<i>Bruce D. Phillips</i>	1969
<i>George H. Harris</i>	1970	<i>Warren K. Kessler</i>	1971
<i>Raymond B. Bowers</i>	1972	<i>Robert H. Davis</i>	1973
<i>John W. Collett</i>	1974	<i>James W. Emerson, Sr.</i>	1975
<i>Karl Steinbrunner</i>	1976	<i>J. Donald Davis</i>	1977
<i>Chester G. Hamm</i>	1978	<i>Emil H. Lawrence</i>	1979
<i>J. A. Sukeena</i>	1980	<i>Robert Bryant</i>	1981
<i>Gilbert S. Leigh</i>	1982	<i>C. A. Walls</i>	1983
<i>I. J. Colegrove</i>	1984	<i>L. S. Strycharz</i>	1985
<i>Carl W. Morris</i>	1986	<i>W. Dale Reardon</i>	1987
<i>Karl Steinbrunner</i>	1988	<i>Carl E. Kurten</i>	1989
<i>Richard Smith</i>	1990	<i>Craig M. Cannon</i>	1991
<i>James T. Pratzner</i>	1992	<i>D. C. Matthews, Sr.</i>	1993
<i>C. C. Simmermon, Jr.</i>	1994	<i>Jay C. Bergstrom</i>	1995
<i>W. David Pudvan</i>	1996	<i>J. Sherman White</i>	1997
<i>D. Edward Wright</i>	1998	<i>Dale T. Irwin</i>	1999
<i>Mark S. Warrington</i>	2000	<i>J. Sherman White</i>	2001
<i>Dale T. Irwin</i>	2002	<i>W. F. Huxtable, Jr.</i>	2003
<i>C. C. Simmermon, Jr.</i>	2004	<i>James E. Duck</i>	2005
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<i>Robert W. Noble</i>	2008	<i>Robert C. Wood</i>	2009

*Italics = CFL*

### Affiliated Past Masters

John C. Rayias 1998      Brandywine No. 33, Delaware