
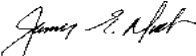




Brethren:
The 609th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, September 1st 2011, at 7:30 PM.** The reading of the minutes, reception of petitions, Masonic Birthdays, committee reports and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge, will be transacted.


Robert W. Noble, PM
Worshipful Master


James E. Duck, PM
Secretary



Where did the summer go? I hope everyone had a safe & enjoyable vacation. September marks the beginning of a new Masonic Season. It announces to all that it is time to attend Lodge; get active and involved in the Lodge Programs and Activities. As I have said before, this is OUR Lodge and it needs YOUR help & ideas. Don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas, large or small.

Upcoming Activities

At our September 1st meeting, our guest speaker will be Mr. Linda Popper, Account Exec for the Blood Bank of Delmarva, who will discuss the various programs of the Blood Bank. Ionic Lodge will be sponsoring a Blood Bank Group. You will be able to sign up, if you don't already belong.

She will also spend some time discussing the Apheresis Program, which is dear to my heart. This is the process where platelets are removed from whole blood to be transfused into patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment. These patients are unable to produce enough platelets to help fight off infection.

Past Activities

On June 11th, the semi-annual Adopt-A-Highway program was completed, as required by the State. The date may not have been the best pick, but lessons have been learned. We will perform the fall clean up in mid-November.

On June 25th, we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on **Brothers Mark Moore, Carl Shockley, Harry Skinner and John Skinner.** The Degree was conferred by Brother **Robert W. Noble, PM** and the Lecture was delivered by **Brother W. W. "Bill" Held, Jr.** Congratulations to our new EA's on taking the first step in an exciting, new journey.

Sick & Visitation Committee



Please contact **Brother Ben Deeble, PM**, Chairman of the Sick & Visitation Committee 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.

Thought for the Month

"Remember: if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm ... as you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."
— Audrey Hepburn

Ionic Silent Service

During the past seven years, **Brothers Bill Calloway, Ben Deeble, Jim Duck, W. W. "Bill" Held, Jr.** (and his wife **Debi**), **Bill Huxtable, John McKenney**, and **Bob Noble** have met monthly to fold, and prepare Ionic Lodge's **Masonic Trestleboard** for mailing. And although he didn't want to be mentioned, **Brother Chuck Simmermon** has ably led this group in the work. Their time and efforts have saved the Lodge over six thousand dollars during that seven year period.

All too often, we forget efforts like those of the above mentioned brethren; and we tend to take them for granted. With that being said, the Lodge would like to express it's heartfelt thanks and admiration to these Brothers. Well Done!

Called From Labor
Robert G. England
May 24, 2011

Called From Labor
Thomas E. Beatson, Sr
June 3, 2011

Dates to Remember

- September 1st Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
Program: Blood Bank of Delmarva
- September 7th Special Meeting, 7:00 PM*
EA Degree
(Pending Favorable Ballot)
- September 14th Special Meeting, 7:00 PM*
FC Degree
(Pending Proficiency)
- September 21st Special Meeting, 7:00 PM*
MM Degree
(Pending Proficiency)
- October 3rd 206th Grand Lodge Annual
Atlantic Sands Hotel
Rehoboth Beach, DE, 9:00 AM
- October 6th Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
- October 6th Grand Lodge Installation
Sheraton Hotel
Dover, DE 7:00 PM

First Day of Fall:
September 23, 2011

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
<i>James E. Duck</i>	2006	<i>Benjamin H. Deeble, Jr</i>	2007
<i>Robert W. Noble</i>	2008	<i>Robert C. Wood</i>	2009
<i>Robert W. Noble</i>	2010		

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Affiliated Past Masters

John C. Rayias 1998 Brandywine No. 33, Delaware

**Masonic Birthdays
July, August & September, 2011**

Witold A. Brick	58	Kenneth L. Dambach	56
Howard R. Othoson	56	Robert J. Stamp	56
Charles L. Murphy, Jr.	52	Donald Parks	48
Clifford C. Walker, Sr.	45	Lonnie D. Dillon	44
Clarence W. Drummond, Jr.	41	Dayne R. Smith	39
Thomas B. Wright	38	Lawrence W. Mullikin, Jr.	27
Joseph A. Bruno, Jr.	23	Francis E. Kates, Jr.	20
James D. Taylor, Sr.	20	Greg A. Lochten	15
Louis M. Dyer, Sr.	14	Franklin D. Lloyd	9
Michael R. Walls	8	Ronald L. Wiant	5
Christopher R. Emerson	3	Eric C. Sheehan	2

**PRACTICE WITHOUT, THAT WHICH
YOU HAVE LEARNED WITHIN**

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	John M. Maiorano	2008
C. C. Simmermon, Jr, PM	2008	Charles L. Porter, Jr	2010
Eric L. Thompson	2010		