

December, 2011 Trestleboard



Brethren:
The 612th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, December 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
Robert W. Noble, PM
Worshipful Master

James E. Duck
James E. Duck, PM
Secretary

**Masonic Birthdays
December, 2011**

Harold H. Dayton	55	Charles W. Collins	53
Cortland W. Warrington	51	Robert L. Hunter	50
Charles P. Wolfe, Sr	48	James C. Jones	43
Alexander B. Trench	42	Daniel E. Wilson	40
Dale M. Fernsler	39	Bruce N. Baker	36
Rhoman R. Rhoades, III	36	Kenneth W. Lodge	35
Rex R. Doelze	34	C. Vernon Moore	34
William A. Calloway	29	Daryl G. Hendricks	19
Dale T. Irwin, PM	18	W. Bryan Irwin	18
Ralph E. Allen	14	Michael D. Villec	13
Richard P. Alexander	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		

From The East



I am preparing this message for the Trestleboard on November 11, 2011 (11/11/11). This “once in a century” occurrence, represents a day of respect and remembrance; a day of thanks; a day of Luck. As we pause on Veteran’s Day to remember the sacrifices of so many, perhaps we don’t realize just how lucky we are for the Freedom they have defended. Think about it.

The holiday season is fast approaching, and it is important that we realize how lucky we are and how thankful we should be. As we gather with friends and family, take a moment to reflect on your blessings.

Upcoming Activities

The program for our December meeting will be presented by **Brother William Logan** of St. John’s Lodge No. 2. **Bro. Logan** is an active Life Member of the Holloway Terrace Fire Company and will be talking about the New Castle County Dive Team. He is a retired Paramedic with 33 years of service and was the coordinator of the dive team for 11 years.



We will again have a lite meal before the meeting, at 6:30 PM. The cost will be \$5 and reservations should be made with **Brother Fred Palmer, no later than November 28th.** You may reach him at (302) 981-6202

Brother John W. McKenney, Jr. Is looking for volunteers to fill slots to ring the bell for Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. We will be at the WalMart on Centerville Road. If you would like to participate, contact John at (302) 998-0895. As of this writing, he has openings on December 5 and 6, and December 12 thru 17.



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

“We have happier days when we give others a bit of our heart, rather than a piece of our mind.”

Past Activities

On Wednesday, November 9th, The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on **Brother Kevin T. Lubeck** The Degree was conferred by **Brother Robert C. Wood, PM**. The Lecture was presented by **Brother E. W. Held, Jr.** and the Charge was given by **Brother Robert C. Wood, PM**. The Senior Deacon position was filled by **Brother Charles L. Porter, Jr.**

Congratulations to our newest brother!

Looking Back

The Masonic year of 1992-1993 offered a very interesting and popular event. **Worshipful Master James T. Pratzner** decided to present a Masonic Play by Carl H. Claudy, “*The Greatest of These.*”

Under the direction of **Brother Bill Calloway**, 11 cast members (**The Ionic Players**) rehearsed the play and the first performance was held on January 7, 1993.

Over 200 members and visitors were present. The play was so well received, that 12 subsequent performances were given in Masonic Lodges in three different states.



Dates to Remember

- December 1st** Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
Program on NCC Dive Team
Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Reservations to Fred Palmer by 11/28/2011
- December 7th** Special Meeting, 7:00 PM
EA Degree*
(Pending Favorable Ballot)
- December 14th** Special Meeting, 7:00 PM
FC Degree*
(Pending Proficiency)
- December 20th** Hanukkah Begins



- December 22nd** First Day of Winter
- December 25th** Christmas Day



Salvation Army Bell Ringing
December 5 & 6
December 12 – 17
Walmart, Centerville Road
Contact:
John McKenney, Jr.
(302) 998-0895

- January 5th** Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM

*Officers’ Practice if no Degree

Living Ionic Lodge Past Masters

G. W. Grandel, Jr.	1966	Emil H. Lawrence	1979
J. A. Sukeena	1980	Robert Bryant	1981
C. A. Walls	1983	Carl W. Morris	1986
Richard Smith	1990	Craig M. Cannon	1991
James T. Pratzner	1992	C. C. Simmermon, Jr.	1994
Jay C. Bergstrom	1995	W. David Pudvan	1996
D. Edward Wright	1998	Dale T. Irwin	1999
Mark S. Warrington	2000	Dale T. Irwin	2002
W. F. Huxtable, Jr.	2003	C. C. Simmermon, Jr.	2004
James E. Duck	2005	James E. Duck	2006
Benjamin H. Deeble, Jr	2007	Robert W. Noble	2008
Robert C. Wood	2009	Robert W. Noble	2010

Affiliated Past Masters

John C. Rayias 1998 Brandywine No. 33, Delaware