

**February, 2012 Trestleboard**



Brethren:  
The 614<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 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012, 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, 2012**

|                       |    |                         |    |
|-----------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| James F. Stokes       | 59 | C. Spencer Hawkins      | 56 |
| David C. Trimble      | 56 | Newell C. Taylor        | 55 |
| Samuel T. Bramble     | 47 | Ronald P. Reeder        | 41 |
| Daniel W. Hudson      | 39 | Donald L. Jester        | 35 |
| George L. Brown, III  | 33 | James C. Feist          | 33 |
| John R. Miller        | 30 | Craig M. Cannon, PM     | 29 |
| George A. Carey       | 28 | Lloyd E. Evans          | 28 |
| James T. Pratzner, PM | 25 | John V. Collett         | 21 |
| W. David Pudvan, PM   | 21 | William D. Johnson, PM  | 9  |
| Raymond A. Gurnee     | 8  | Charles L. Porter, Jr.  | 7  |
| Sean P. Croker        | 6  | Brett A. Leffet         | 5  |
| Michael G. Staley     | 4  | Anthony R. Williams, Sr | 4  |
| Michael W. McDaniel   | 4  | Elliot Rosario          | 2  |
| Ronald C. Warne, III  | 1  |                         |    |

**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 trust everyone had a safe and prosperous holiday.

I'd like to thank all the Brothers who have responded promptly to the annual dues notice. Your swift action is appreciated. Approximately half of our members have responded. Hopefully the rest will follow and make additional notices unnecessary. If you should have an issue with paying your dues, please contact the Secretary to work out a solution.

The Annual "Blue Envelope" campaign for the Masonic Home of Delaware is well underway. Please consider a donation to support Highfield. You can do this on line by visiting [www.HighfieldMasonicHomeDel.org](http://www.HighfieldMasonicHomeDel.org) and using your credit card.

Please note that Ionic Lodge will sponsor the Sunday Religious service at Highfield on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

**Upcoming Activities**

Ionic Lodge's Grand Master's Visitation will be on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Lodge will open at 5:30 PM to conduct necessary business and then retire to dinner prepared by Five Points Eastern Star at 6:30 PM. The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers will be received in Lodge at 7:30 PM.

**Dinner will be \$15 per person and reservations should be made with the Secretary NO LATER than Noon on January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The Newport Masonic Hall Company will be hosting "breakfast with the Easter Bunny" on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$4 per person; children under 3 are free.

**Thought for the Month**

*"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."*

**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.



**Past Activities**

At our January 5th Stated Meeting, **M.: W.: Herbert J. Atkinson, PGM**, spoke on his experiences while serving as Grand Master, and his views on the requirements to be Grand Master.

**Looking Back**

The remodeling work on the Newport Masonic Temple was still progressing when the last meeting in the old second floor lodge room was convened on New Years Day, 1959. **Worshipful Master John C. Crowley** closed that meeting at 8:34 PM.

On January 7, 1959, **M.: W.: Charles W. Lewis** and the Grand Lodge Officers dedicated the new Lodge Room. The room was filled to capacity. The next day, Ionic Lodge held it's first meeting in the new Lodge Room, with Ionic Past Masters conferring the Master Mason Degree on **Brothers Robert Holdway** and **Jack Weer**.

**The Rough & Perfect Ashlars**

A rough ashlar is a stone as taken directly from the quarry, and allegorically represents the Freemason prior to his initiation; a smooth ashlar (or "perfect ashlar") is a stone that has been smoothed and dressed by the experienced stonemason, and allegorically represents the Freemason who, through education and diligence, has learned the lessons of Freemasonry and who lives an upstanding life.



**Dates to Remember**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Officers' Practice, 7:00 PM**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Stated Meeting, 5:30 PM**  
                         **Dinner @ 6:30 PM**  
                         **Grand Master's Visitation @ 7:30 PM**

**NOTE: Dinner Reservations to the Secretary by January 30<sup>th</sup>. \$15 per person.**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Special Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
                         **EA Degree\***  
                         **(Pending Favorable Ballot)**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>**      **Valentines Day.**



**February 15<sup>th</sup>**      **Special Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
                         **FC Degree\***  
                         **(Pending Proficiency)**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>**      **Religious Service at**  
                         **Highfield, 3:00 PM**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Special Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
                         **MM Degree\***  
                         **(Pending Proficiency)**  
**February 29<sup>th</sup>**      **Officers' Practice, 7:00 PM**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>**              **Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**              **Grand Lodge Workshop**  
                         **Union Lodge # 7**  
                         **8:30 AM—12:00 Noon**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>**          **Grand Lodge Semi-Annual**  
                         **Newport, 8:30 AM**

\*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      |
| William D. Johnson | 2009 | Penns Grove-Excelsior No. 54, NJ |