

## March, 2012 Trestleboard



Brethren:  
The 615<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, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, 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 March, 2012

Clyde W. Yost	48	William J. Stout	48
Bruce R. Ashworth	47	Earl V. Nichols, Sr	47
Larry L. Smith, Sr	44	Emil H. Lawrence, PM	44
George H. Hartman, Jr	43	Frank N. Woodruff	38
Dale M. Hall	37	H. Frank Hickam	37
Jeffrey W. Irwin	37	Charles J. Goddard	34
Robert G. Sproul, III	30	David C. Matthews, Jr	18
Thomas B. Nolan, Jr	16	Michael E. Jones	14
Lee T. Irwin	13	John W. Day	10
William F. Esterling, Jr	7	Kevin C. Thomas	5
David N. Jacowitz	5	Robert J. Welsh	3
Stephen E. Hentkowski	3		

### Thought for the Month

*"If it's not broke, don't fix it; but keep it in good repair."*

#### 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'd like to thank everyone who attended our last Stated Meeting and helped greet the Grand Master on his official visit. Before the meeting, we all enjoyed a "picnic" dinner, served by Five Pointes Eastern Star. It was a welcome change and was awesome.

By the time this notice is received by most of the brethren, Ionic Lodge will have sponsored its annual religious service at the Masonic Home, with **Father Greg Eidell** from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating.

Please remember that the Annual "Blue Envelope" campaign for the Masonic Home of Delaware is well underway. If you haven't yet made a contribution, 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.

### Upcoming Activities

The program for our March Stated Meeting will be presented by **SW Jay Bergstrom**, and will be about the York Rite branch of Masonry (Red Side).

Tickets are available for the Annual Brotherhood Night on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The last date to receive them will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact the Secretary, if you wish to attend.

Tickets are also available for the State Wide "Brother Bring a Friend" event at the Dover Sheraton on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce your family and friends to Freemasonry. See the Worshipful Master for more information or tickets.

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.

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

### 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](mailto:conrady7@aol.com).



### Looking Back

On May 10, 1986, Ionic Lodge held it's annual Ladies' Night. Worshipful Master, **Bro. Leonard S. Strycharz**, planned a very unique affair featuring a dinner show aboard the Lady Christiana. The ship traveled down the Christiana River to the Delaware river, then continued south to just below Pea Patch Island. It then reversed its course and returned to dock at the foot of South French and Water streets. Several Lodges participated in this event with over 300 masons and guests attending.

### Grand Lodge Workshop

On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Committee on Masonic Education will conduct an Education Workshop. The workshop will be held at the Union Lodge Masonic Temple in Dover, and will commence with coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM. The event will conclude by noon.

### NOTICE

Notice is given to all Grand Lodge Members, that the 44<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at the Newport Masonic Temple.

### Don't Forget

NCAA Road to the Final Four begins March 13, 2012



### Dates to Remember

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 7 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting—7:00 PM EA Degree*
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pending Favorable Ballot Special Meeting—7:00 PM FC Degree*
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pending Proficiency Special Meeting—7:00 PM MM Degree*
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pending Proficiency Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Newport, 8:30 AM

\*Officers' Practice if no Degree

### Phil Sees his Shadow!



**Don't Forget**  
First Day of Spring:  
March 20, 2012

### 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