
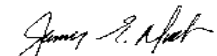


April, 2012 Trestleboard



Brethren:
The 616th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, April 5th 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, PM
Worshipful Master


James E. Duck, PM
Secretary

Masonic Birthdays April, 2012

Philip N. Nelson	57	Robert L. Hanson, Sr.	56
Morris G. Hitchens	54	C. Wayne Brittingham	52
William J. Sahn	52	James H. Lemon	49
Curtis J. Butler	48	James L. Robinson	45
Roger D. Brenegan	44	W. Allan Tharp, Sr.	41
Ronald N. Powell	39	John A. Sukeena, PM	36
Wayne T. Blansfield	35	James E. Duck, PM	31
William T. McCracken, Jr.	31	Olin W. Slaughter	25
Edward J. Brady	25	William R. Mangler	15
Bora I. Kilicoglu	13	Michael D. Lake	8
Larry P. Beatson, Jr.	6	Nathan F. Snow	5
William D. Stephey, Jr.	3	Timothy D. Kitchens	2

Thought for the Month

"It's not the number of hours you put it, but what you put in the hours that counts."

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



With a warm heart, I welcome Daylight Savings Time. The flowers are pushing up through the soil, the Birds are flying about signing and building new nests and we can open up our houses and let in the smell of spring.

I'd like to thank Most Illustrious **Robert A. Benson**, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Delaware and Very Eminent **John D. Hiott**, Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Delaware for their presentation on the York Rite at our last meeting.

Upcoming Activities

The program for our April Stated Meeting will be presented by **PM Dale T. Irwin**, and will be about the Scottish Rite branch of Masonry.

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

Ionic Lodge will be sponsoring the Delaware Colonials as they confer the Delaware Fellowship Degree upon 2 Entered Apprentices on Wednesday, April 18th in Williamson Lodge No. 309, Downingtown, Pennsylvania. The Lodge is located at 210 Manor Ave, Downingtown, PA and the Lodge will open at 7:30 PM

Masonic Home Clean-up Day is March 31st from 8:00 AM to Noon. It will be outside work (spreading mulch, raking leaves, cleaning out flower beds, etc.) so dress appropriately. Donuts & coffee will be served as well as lunch, provided by Union Lodge No. 7. You can also take a tour of the Home and meet some of the residents.

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.

Looking Back

In August of 1975, fifty-eight Ionic members and their wives, traveled to Kingston, Tennessee for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree upon a candidate from Ionic Lodge. The day after their arrival **WM James W. Emerson, Sr**, opened a Lodge of Master Masons in Elben's Cave, located 8 miles east of Kingston. The Degree was conferred by **PM John Collett**. 250 Masons, representing 93 Lodges and 9 states were in attendance.

Ionic Order of Architecture

The Ionic order originated in the mid-6th century BC in Ionia, the southwestern coastland and islands of Asia Minor settled by Ionian Greeks, where an Ionian dialect was spoken. The Ionic order column was being practiced in mainland Greece in the 5th century BC. The first of the great Ionic temples was the Temple of Hera on Samos, built about 570 BC–560 BC by the architect Rhoikos. It stood for only a decade before it was leveled by an earthquake. A longer-lasting 6th century Ionic temple was the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Dine With Fred

Dining at Fred's Hospitality Shack before our Stated meeting in April, is a great way to enjoy the fellowship of Ionic Lodge, not to mention have a great meal. If you're planning to partake, please let **Bro. Fred Palmer** know by Tuesday, April 3rd. His number is (302) 981-6202

Dates to Remember

March 24 th	Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Newport, 8:30 AM
March 31 st	Clean-up Day at Highfield 8:00 AM to Noon
April 5 th	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM Program: Scottish Rite
April 25 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM FC or MM Degree (Pending Proficiency)
April 27 th	State Wide "Brother Bring a Friend," Dover Sheraton
May 3 rd	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
May 13 th	Mother's Day
May 23 rd	Special Meeting, 5:30 PM Table Lodge on EA Degree
May 28 th	Memorial Day

Table Lodge

We are planning to conduct a Table Lodge on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. More information will be announced in the near future. Our Guest Speaker will be **Brother Christopher Hodapp**, noted Author and Past Master from Indianapolis, Indiana.

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