

November, 2012 Trestleboard



Brethren:

The 621st Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, November 1st 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

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Secretary

Masonic Birthdays November, 2012

Robert H. McKinley	57	John A. Mills	56
Benjamin H. Deeble, Jr./PM	53	Philip H. Gardner	53
Fredd O. Mathewson	48	John G. Schultz	42
John Welsh	41	William M. Webster	40
C. C. Simmermon, Jr./PM	39	Harry Christopher	29
Lee S. Fogal	28	Lowell E. Trescott	27
G. Ronald Summers	25	Jay C. Bergstrom, PM	23
Robin A. Cannon	22	John F. Lento	19
Dennis R. Henson	19	Michael L. Stevens, Sr	19
David P. Strawbridge	18	Larry A. Townner	18
Edward W. Carson	16	Eugene W. Tuer	14
Alvin C. Fulton	10	Robert W. Noble, PM	10
Edwin D. Jochen	7	John E. Kline	6
George R. Burns, Jr.	3	Eric C. Condit	2
David B. Eichholz	2	Kevin T. Lubeck	1



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

November is a busy month! This year our Stated Meeting falls on All Saints Day (November 1st); followed by the return to Standard time at 2:00 AM on November 4th; Election Day on the 6th; Veterans Day on the 11th; and Thanksgiving on the 22nd.

The Steward Committee will again be planning a meal prior to our Meeting. If you plan to partake, please notify *Bro. Fred Palmer* no later than October 29th.

Trivia Night Planned

On Wednesday, October 24th, we will be holding a Trivia Night in Lodge. Come out and test your knowledge on Masonic, Movie, Music, and general knowledge. Prizes include a custom Masonic ring from *Brother Gordon Spurlock*, as well as others. Come join us for a night of fellowship. We will begin at 7:00 PM



Thought for the Month

"Jigsaw puzzles are like life — It's up to you to put the pieces together."

Red Kettle Campaign



Brother John McKenney, Coordinator of Ionic Lodge's 2012 Red Kettle Campaign, has planned for us to "ring the bell" at two locations this year. On December 3rd and 10th, we will be at Sears in Price's Corner and on December 4th and December 11th thru 15th, we will be at the Walmart on Centerville Road. We will be working in teams of two for two hour shifts, as we have done in the past. There are still slots available, so contact John @ (302) 998-0895 to sign up.

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 conrad7@aol.com.

Looking Back

During Masonic Year of 2004-2005, Worshipful Master William F. Huxtable, Jr., proposed the adoption of the Lodge Logo that now adorns the front of the Trestleboard and the Lodge Stationary. During the year, "Elvis was in the building" for our Grand Visit and PGM and former President Harry S Truman paid the Lodge a visit to discuss his time in the Oval Office.

Attention Grand Lodge Members



On Wednesday, November 7th, All Ionic Lodge Grand Lodge Members will meet to consider nominations for Grand Lodge Officers. The meeting will be in the Lodge Room at the Newport Masonic Temple and will begin at 6:30 PM. THIS IS YOUR OFFICAL NOTICE. Govern yourselves accordingly.

Past Activities

On October 4th, the Lodge Brethren and families were treated to a barbeque prior to the meeting and the ladies and family members enjoyed a "Premier Jewelry" party while the Lodge met upstairs. During the Lodge meeting, *Brother William D. Stephey, Jr.*, presented a brief synopsis of his recently published article in the Masonic Working Tools Magazine.

On October 10th, The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on *Joshua T. Loose* and *Gary J. Rullo, Jr.* The Degree was conferred by *Bro. Robert C. Wood, PM* and the lecture was delivered by *Bro. W. W. "Bill" Held, Jr.* Congratulations to our Newest Brothers!

Dates to Remember

November 1 st	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
November 2 nd	Flag Placement, 8:00 AM
November 4 th	Veterans Cemetery, Bear, DE Standard Time Returns Turn Clocks Back 1 hour @ 2:00 AM
November 6 th	Election Day
November 7 th	Grand Lodge Members Mtg. 6:30 PM @ Newport
November 11 th	Veterans Day
November 14 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM Fellowcraft Degree (Pending Proficiency)
November 22 nd	Thanksgiving Day
November 28 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM Master Mason Degree (Pending Proficiency)

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
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	Robert W. Noble	2011

Affiliated Past Masters

John C. Rayias	1998	Brandywine No. 33, Delaware
William D. Johnson	2009	Penns Grove-Excelsior No. 54, NJ

GM's Volunteering Program

The incoming Grand Master has selected as his first program, the placement of flags on the graves at both Veterans' Cemeteries in Delaware. Districts 1 and 2 are responsible for the Veterans Cemetery in Bear on November 2nd, starting at 8:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be available for every volunteer. Let's make sure that Ionic Lodge is well represented at this important activity.

Christmas Luncheon With Santa

December 9th – Noon to 2:00 PM
Ages 11 and up: \$ 5.00; Ages 7 thru 10: \$2.00
Under Age 6: FREE
Contact *Bro. Chuck Porter* for Reservations