
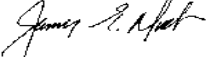


February, 2013 Trestleboard



Brethren:
The 624th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, February 7th 2013, 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, PM
Worshipful Master


James E. Duck, PM
Secretary

Masonic Birthdays February, 2013

James F. Stokes	60	C. Spencer Hawkins	57
David C. Trimble	57	Newell C. Taylor	56
Samuel T. Bramble	48	Ronald P. Reeder	42
Daniel W. Hudson	40	Donald L. Jester	36
George L. Brown, III	34	James C. Feist	34
John R. Miller	31	Craig M. Cannon, PM	30
George A. Carey	29	Lloyd E. Evans	29
James T. Pratzner, PM	26	John V. Collett	22
W. David Pudvan, PM	22	William D. Johnson, PM	10
Raymond A. Gurnee	9	Charles L. Porter, Jr.	8
Sean P. Croker	7	Brett A. Leffet	6
Anthony R. Williams, Sr.	5	Michael G. Staley	5
Michael W. McDaniel	5	Elliot Rosario	3
Ronald C. Warne, III	2		

Called From Labor
Horace C. Heller
November 29, 2012

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



At our January 3rd meeting, **Brother Shawn D'Ignazio** and members of the *Pennsylvania Lodge of Research*, presented a program about our Masonic Ties. In spite of a computer glitch, it was an awesome presentation. Thanks to Brother Shawn and all the visitors for a great night of fellowship.

Our Grand Master's Visit is scheduled for February 7th. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM prepared by our Stewards Committee. Dinner will consist of Chicken Parmesan, baked ziti, green beans, coleslaw, rolls and assorted deserts. The cost of the meal will be \$15 per person. Make your reservations with **Brother Fred M. Palmer**. An accurate count is essential in order for Fred to have enough food, so **all reservations MUST BE MADE by February 1st.**

Remember: No Reservation, No Meal.

The Adult leaders from Bethel 9 will be at our March 7th Meeting to present a program on Jobs Daughters.

I have tickets for the annual Brotherhood night to be held on Friday, March 15, 2013. Social hour at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM. Ticket cost is \$ 35.00 each.

The Delaware Colonials will be conferring the Master Mason Degree at Jackson Lodge No. 19, Delaware City on January 22nd and again in Brandywine Lodge No. 33 on January 29th.

Thought for the Month

"Masonry is a way of life that involves much more than the ceremonies of the degrees. Knowing a password or secret handshake is not what makes a man a Mason. The essence of Masonry is not something that can be written down. — Roger Firestone"

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

Brother **Henry F. Seeds** was Worshipful Master during the Masonic year 1955-1956. In October, 1955, \$121.94 was placed in an "organ fund." In February, 1956, the Lodge was able to make a \$480.81 payment to Gewhr Piano Company for the purchase of a Hammond Organ. **Brother Al Pettit** of Armstrong Lodge No. 26, christened the organ with a delightful concert in March, 1956. By May of that year, the final payment for the organ was made. Today, that organ continues to provide an extra dimension to our degree work, thanks to our Organist, **Brother Jim Hall**.

State Wide Brother Bring a Friend Night

The Grand Master has scheduled a Brother Bring a Friend night for Friday, April 19, 2013. It will be held at Union Lodge No. 7 in Dover and will begin with dinner at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$35 each for the Brother and a friend. There is limited seating, so if you're interested, you need to act fast. Tickets are available from the Worshipful Master.

Ladies at the Table

Jackson Lodge No. 19 will be holding it's annual "Ladies at the Table" program on Saturday, February 9th in the banquet hall at the Delaware City Masonic Temple. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM. The cost per ticked is \$25 and can be purchased by contacting **Brother John Bednash, PGM** at (302) 358-1613 or by email at besoco1@comcast.net.

Dates to Remember

February 7 th	Stated Meeting, 5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:30 PM GM Visitation
February 13 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM EA Degree (Pending Favorable Ballot)
February 14 th	Valentine's Day
February 18 th	Presidents Day
February 20 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM FC Degree (Pending Proficiency)
February 22 nd	Geo. Washington's 281 st Birthday
February 27 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM MM Degree (Pending Proficiency)
March 7 th	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM

From the Secretary

Many thanks to all the Brethren who have paid their 2013 Lodge Dues. We have received payments from approximately 40% of the membership.

We are now into the second month of the new year, and if your dues card doesn't have "2013" in the upper right-hand corner, you are not in good standing. Please remit your dues as soon as possible.

As always, the payment of Lodge dues is not intended to cause a hardship. If you need assistance, please contact the Secretary or Worshipful Master so we can help.

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