
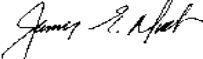


March, 2013 Trestleboard



Brethren:
The 625th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, March 7th 2013, 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 March, 2013

William J. Stout	49	Clyde W. Yost	49
Bruce R. Ashworth	48	Earl V. Nichols, Sr	46
Larry L. Smith, Sr	45	Emil H. Lawrence, PM	45
George H. Hartman, Jr	44	Frank N. Woodruff	39
Dale M. Hall	38	J. Frank Hickam	38
Jeffrey W. Irwin	37	Charles J. Goddard	35
Robert G. Sproul, III	31	David C. Matthews, Jr	19
Michael E. Jones	15	Lee T. Irwin	14
John W. Day	11	William F. Esterling, Jr	8
Kevin C. Thomas	6	David N. Jacowitz	6
Stephen E. Hentkowski	4	Robert J. Welsh	4

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



Thanks to all who came out and attended Lodge for our Grand Master's Visitation on February 7th. Special thanks to the girls from Bethel 9 for serving the meal and to **Brother Fred Palmer** for the great job he did in preparing the meal.

I'd like to welcome our two newest members: **Brother Phil Parke**, a dual member from Jackson Lodge No. 19 and our newest Entered Apprentice, **Brother Adam Smith**.

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.

Special Notice to all Ionic Lodge Grand Lodge Members: the 45th Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 in Newport. Light refreshments at 8:30 AM; the gavel falls at 9:00 AM.

Thought for the Month

"There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry is the cornerstone of America."

Dave Thomas
Founder of Wendy's International

Statewide Lodge Open House

The Grand Master has announced that all Symbolic Lodges, DeMolay Chapters, Jobs Daughter's Bethels and Eastern Star Chapters will participate in this event to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2013, from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. During this event the community will be invited to enter all Masonic building in Delaware to see and learn more about Freemasonry.

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

The October Stated Meeting in 1976 featured the popular "Little Ladies Night." The Worshipful Master, **Brother Karl Steinbrunner**, ordered the meeting conducted in short form so that the brethren could join their ladies in the banquet hall. There, all enjoyed the sounds of **Brother Al Smith** and his Roaring 20's Band. It wasn't long before feet were tapping and soon the hall was filled with dancing couples.

Statewide 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.

The Number Three

The first three steps represent the three principal officers of a lodge, and—though not stated in the ritual—must always refer to Deity, of which *three*, the triangle, is the most ancient symbol.

Their principal implication here is to assure the Fellowcraft just starting his ascent that he does not climb alone. The Worshipful Master & Wardens are themselves symbolic of the lodge as a whole, and thus (as a lodge is a symbol of the world) of the Masonic world—the Fraternity. The Fellowcraft is surrounded by the Craft. The brethren are present to help him climb. In his quest of his wages in the Middle Chamber, the Fellowcraft is to receive the support and assistance of all in the Mystic Circle.

If we examine a little of the powers and duties of the Worshipful Master and his Wardens, we may see how they rule and govern the lodge and so by what means they may aid the Fellowcraft in his ascent

Dates to Remember

March 7 th	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM Jobs Daughters Program
March 9 th	Jobs Daughters Pageant NUR Shrine, 7:00 PM (\$9)
March 13 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM Entered Apprentice Degree (Pending Favorable Ballot)
March 15 th	34th Annual Brotherhood Night, NUR Shrine Social Hour, 5:30 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM (\$35)
March 20 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM Fellowcraft Degree (Pending Proficiency)
March 23 rd	Grand Lodge Semi-Annual 9:00 AM, Newport
March 27 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM Master Mason Degree (Pending Proficiency)
April 4 th	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
April 6 th	Statewide Open House 1-5 PM
April 19 th	Statewide Brother Bring a Friend Table Lodge 6:30 PM, Dover (\$35)

From the Secretary

Many thanks to all the Brethren who have paid their 2013 Lodge Dues. We have now received payments from over 55% of the membership.

The first quarter of the year will soon be gone. Please take a moment to examine your dues card. 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.

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