



Brethren:
The 629th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, September 5th 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
Robert W. Noble, PM
Worshipful Master

James E. Duck
James E. Duck, PM
Secretary

**Masonic Birthdays
September, 2013**

Witold A. Brick	59	Howard R. Othoson	57
Robert J. Stamp	57	Charles L. Murphy, Jr	53
Donald Parks	49	Clifford C. Walker, Sr	46
Lonnie D. Dillon	45	Clarence W. Drummond, Jr	42
Dayne R. Smith	40	Lawrence W. Mullikin, Jr	28
Joseph A. Bruno, Jr	24	Francis E. Kates, Jr	21
James D. Taylor, Sr	21	Greg A. Lochten	16
Louis M. Dyer, Sr	15	Franklin D. Lloyd	10
Michael R. Walls	9	Christopher R. Emerson	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



As summer nears it's end and the cooler weather is just around the corner, it is time to clean off our Masonic Working tools and make a way to quarries of Masonry for another year. I would like to first thank the brethren for their faith and support in me as Master of the Lodge. We are a team; and like any team, we must all work together and contribute to the collective success.

We will continue to have our light meal before our Stated Meetings. Please make you reservations with **Brother Fred Palmer**, our own **Iron Chef**. He can be reached at (302) 981-6302. Please make your reservation for the September meeting on or before Sunday, September 1st.

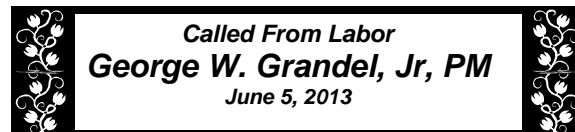
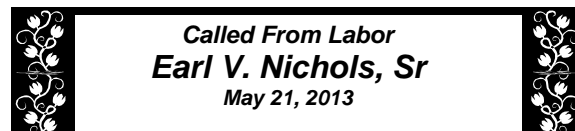
Thought for the Month

"You cannot change the direction of the wind — but, you can adjust your sails."

Past Activities

The Election of Officers was held at our June 6th Stated Communication and the Officers were installed at a Special Meeting on June 26th.

At a Special Communication on June 19th, the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred upon **Brothers Logan M. Harvey** and **Michael J. Riley**. The Degree was conferred by **Brother James E. Duck, PM** and the Stair Lecture was presented by **Brother Robert W. Noble, PM**.



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

At our stated meeting in October, 2004 the Worshipful Master set the lodge at ease, after which the meeting totally went to the dogs! With our guests invited upstairs, 45 Masons and 10 guests witnessed a demonstration of the skill with which the Wilmington Police Department utilizes its highly trained K-9 officers in the line of duty. The dynamic program gave us all an increased respect for the services this unit of law enforcement provides the public.

Up-Coming Activities

At our September Meeting, **Brother William D. Stephey, Jr**, will present an article from the Masonic Working Tools Magazine.

The October Meeting will be proceeded by a cookout. The Lodge will provide the Hot dogs & Hamburgers. A sign-up sheet for deserts & covered dishes will be completed the September Meeting. Families are invited to attend as well. Contact **Brother Fred Palmer** with the number in your party.



In November, **Brother David Price**, President of the Central Delaware Civil War Round Table will be present in Lodge to share his wisdom about Ft. Delaware.



Dates to Remember

September 2 nd September 5 th	Labor Day Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM Light Meal @ 6:30 PM
September 18 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM FC Degree* (Pending Proficiency)
September 25 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM MM Degree* (Pending Proficiency)
October 3 rd	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM Family Cookout @ 6:30 PM
October 7 th	Grand Lodge 208 th Annual 9:00 AM, Sands Hotel Rehoboth Beach, DE
October 9 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM EA Degree* (Pending Favorable Ballot)
October 10 th	Grand Lodge Installation Nur Shrine
October 16 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM FC Degree* (Pending Proficiency)
October 23 rd	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM MM Degree* (Pending Proficiency)

* Officers' Practice if no Degree

Ionic Lodge History Updated

The History of Ionic Lodge No. 31, as compiled by **Past Masters Edward H. Livermore & Leonard S. Strycharz**, has been updated thru June, 2013. It is published as a pdf document on our WEB site at www.ionic31.org. If you'd like a copy on disk or a printed copy, please advise the Secretary.

Living Ionic Lodge Past Masters

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	Robert W. Noble	2012

Affiliated Past Masters

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