
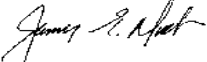


November, 2013 Trestleboard



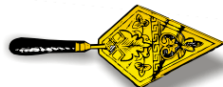
Brethren:
The 631st Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, November 7th 2013, at 7:30 PM.** The reading of the minutes, reception of petitions, Masonic Birthdays, committee reports and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge, will be transacted.


Robert W. Noble, PM
Worshipful Master


James E. Duck, PM
Secretary

Masonic Birthdays November, 2013

Robert H. McKinley	58	John A. Mills	57
Benjamin H. Deeble, Jr/PM	54	Philip H. Gardner	54
Fredd O. Mathewson	49	John G. Schultz	43
John Welsh	42	William M. Webster	41
C. C. Simmermon, Jr/PM	40	Harry Christopher	30
Lee S. Fogal	29	Lowell E. Trescott	28
G. Ronald Summers	26	Jay C. Bergstrom, PM	24
Robin A. Cannon	23	Dennis R. Henson	20
John F. Lento	20	Michael L. Stevens, Sr	20
David P. Strawbridge	19	Larry A. Towner	19
Thomas P. Simmonds	18	Edward W. Carson	17
Eugene W. Tuer	15	Robert C. Wood, PM	14
Alvin C. Fulton	11	Robert W. Noble, PM	11
Edwin D. Jochen	8	John E. Kline	7
George R. Burns	4	Mark E. Singles	4
Eric C. Condit	3	David B. Eichholz	3
Kevin T. Lubeck	2		



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



I would like start by saying thanks to everyone who participated at our indoor picnic on Thursday, October 3rd. It was great to see all of you gathering together for food and fellowship and not just for Masonic business. I have heard positive feedback from those who attended. **Brother Fred Palmer's** organization of the dishes was outstanding. Hopefully we will have a bigger turn-out next time. Remember.... More People, More Food, More fellowship.

Due to a scheduling conflict, we WILL NOT have a meal before our November Stated Meeting. But I will be looking forward to seeing you are our December meeting. Remember seats sell out fast so call early to make reservations.

Thought for the Month

Ten important, two letter words: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Up-Coming Activities

In November, **Brother David Price**, President of the Central Delaware Civil War Round Table will be present in Lodge in period dress for a program on the 1st Delaware Heavy Artillery, stationed at Ft. Delaware until the end of the war.

Brother Chris Emerson will present a program on Internet Security at our December Stated Meeting. He will discuss "phishing," "spam," "malware," "spyware," and many more issues that face us when we use the "Information Super highway." Brother Emerson consults with IT security for several large companies and has a great deal of knowledge and experience with Internet Security issues. The program will be presented while the Lodge is at recess, so the program is open to non-masons and families as well. We plan to start the program around 8:18 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) 239-7150 or by email at conrady7@aol.com.

Looking Back

On May 3, 2007, a Table Lodge was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree with 70 masons in attendance. The Guest Speaker for the evening was **PGM Richard E. Fletcher** of Vermont, the current Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association. Brother Fletcher's address on the founding and history of the M.S.A. was a continuation of the Lodge's Masonic Education efforts. The speaker concluded his presentation with a call for us to remember what it means to be Freemasons and the responsibilities that accompany the title.

Up-Coming Activities

Brother John W. McKenney, Jr., reports that the slots for the bell ringing are filling up fast.



We will be ringing the bell at the Walmart on Centerville Road on December 2nd and 3rd, and again on December 9th thru 14th. Pairs of volunteers will be working in 2 hour shifts, as we have done in the past. If you'd like to participate, let john know as soon as possible. You can reach him at (302) 998-0895 or email at: 1967armynamvet@comcast.net

Sprig Of Acacia

(Carl H. Claudy - Introduction to Freemasonry)

If the All-Seeing Eye is the most ancient and the 47th Problem of Euclid the grandest of the emblems of the Master Mason's Degree, the Sprig of Acacia holds the greatest comfort. Not even the Anchor and Ark as symbols of hope speak to Masons as does the simple sprig of evergreen "which once marked the temporary resting place of the illustrious dead."

Dates to Remember

November 3 rd	Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 AM. Fall Back One hour!
November 7 th	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM Ft. Delaware Presentation Grand Lodge Workshop 9:00—Noon, Coffee @ 8:00 Union Lodge #7, Dover
November 9 th	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM Entered Apprentice Degree (Pending Favorable Ballot)* Special Meeting, 7:00 PM Fellowcraft Degree (Pending Proficiency)*
November 13 th	Thanksgiving Day Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM Internet Security Presentation
November 20 th	
November 28 th December 5 th	

* Officers' Practice if no Degree



From the Secretary

Dues Notices for the year ending December 31, 2014 will be mailed to all Ionic Lodge Members during the month of November, 2013. As a reminder, your payment is due by December 31, 2013, since we pay our dues in advance. If you have not paid by then, you will be delinquent and not in good standing.

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