
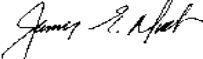


December, 2013 Trestleboard



Brethren:
The 632nd Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, December 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, PM
Worshipful Master


James E. Duck, PM
Secretary

Masonic Birthdays December, 2013

Harold H. Dayton	57	Charles W. Collins	55
Cortland W. Warrington	53	Robert L. Hunter	52
Charles P. Wolfe, Sr	50	James C. Jones	45
Daniel E. Wilson	42	Dale M. Fernsler	41
Bruce N. Baker	38	Rhoman R. Rhoades, III	38
Kenneth W. Lodge	37	Rex R. Doelze	36
C. Vernon Moore	36	William A. Calloway	31
Daryl G. Hendricks	21	Dale T. Irwin, PM	20
W. Bryan Irwin	20	Michael D. Villec	15
Richard P. Alexander	4	Mark A. Miller	2
Alberico P. DiSilvio	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



As you read this month's Trestleboard, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday. I'd ask that we all keep the brave men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces in our prayers, as well as those less fortunate, homeless, jobless and our Senior Citizens.

Our December Meeting will be a brief one, prior to our program on Internet Security. We will have a lite meal before our meeting and Families and friends are invited to attend both with the Lodge. The cost will be \$ 5.00 per person and reservations should be made with **Brother Fred Palmer** at (302) 981-6202. Deadline for reservations is Monday, December 2, 2013.

Thought for the Month

Once I knew only darkness and stillness... my life was without past or future... but a little word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness, and my heart leaped to the rapture of living. — Helen Keller

Past Activities



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

At a Special Meeting held on November 13th, **Brothers Logan Harvey** and **Michael Riley** received the Master Mason Degree. The Degree was conferred by **Past Master Dale T. Irwin**, with **Brother Raymond Gurnee** as the Senior Deacon. **Brother James E. Duck, PM**, presented the Lecture.

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

At our Grand Visitation on February 6, 2008 Grand Chaplain Leroy Jones spoke of "Worry". Since the events of 911 the use of certain medications to relieve stress has increased greatly. Worry, however, is nothing new said Brother Jones. Worry cannot be stopped. It is a gift from God. How we use it determines if it will be a positive or negative thing. The Grand Chaplain urged us to not let worry "freeze us", but let it work for us. Let our worries turn us back to the Great Architect.

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



From the Secretary

Dues Notices for the year ending December 31, 2014 are in the mail to all Ionic Lodge Members. Those Regular members will owe \$85.50; Those members who have reached 40 years of service will owe \$30.50. 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.

Dates to Remember

November 27th
November 28th
December 5th

1st Day of Hanukkah
Thanksgiving Day
Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
Internet Security Program
Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Officers' Practice, 7:00 PM
Officers' Practice, 7:00 PM
Christmas Day
Kwanzaa Begins
New Year's Day
Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
Grand Lodge Workshop
9:00 AM—Noon
Union Lodge # 7, Dover
Coffee & Donuts @ 8:00 AM

December 11th
December 18th
December 25th
December 26th
January 1st
January 2nd
January 18th

Of Special Note

For many years, **Brother C. C. Simmermon, Jr.**, Past Master, has chaired the committee that folded and mailed the monthly Trestleboard.

Following the mailing of the November, 2013 edition, Brother Chuck announced that he was going to retire and pass the baton on to another Brother to head up this very important committee.

We want to extend to Brother Chuck Simmermon the thanks of the Lodge and the many Worshipful Masters who have benefitted from his efforts.

Brother Dale M. Fernsler will be taking over the Stewardship of the Tboard Mailing Committee. Brother Dale has been a loyal member of this team for some years and we welcome him to his new role.

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