

## February, 2014 Trestleboard



Brethren:  
The 634<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2014, 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*  
Robert W. Noble, PM  
Worshipful Master

*James E. Duck*  
James E. Duck, PM  
Secretary

### Masonic Birthdays February, 2014

|                       |    |                         |    |
|-----------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| James F. Stokes       | 61 | C. Spencer Hawkins      | 58 |
| David C. Trimble      | 58 | Newell C. Taylor        | 57 |
| Samuel T. Bramble     | 49 | Ronald P. Reeder        | 43 |
| Daniel W. Hudson      | 41 | Donald L. Jester        | 37 |
| James C. Feist        | 35 | George L. Brown, III    | 35 |
| John R. Miller        | 32 | Craig M. Cannon, PM     | 31 |
| George A. Carey       | 30 | Lloyd E. Evans          | 30 |
| James T. Pratzner, PM | 27 | John V. Collett         | 23 |
| W. David Pudvan, PM   | 23 | William D. Johnson      | 11 |
| Raymond A. Gurnee     | 10 | Charles L. Porter, Jr   | 9  |
| Sean P. Croker        | 8  | Brett A. Leffet         | 7  |
| Michael G. Staley     | 6  | Anthony R. Williams, Sr | 6  |
| Michael W. McDaniel   | 6  | Elliot Rosario          | 4  |
| Ronald C. Warne, III  | 3  | Adam D. Smith           | 1  |

**Special Note:** The Bottle Cap was patented on February 2, 1892; The Vietnam War ended on February 3, 1973; The Boy Scouts were founded on February 8, 1910; February 11th is "Don't Cry over Spilt Milk Day."

#### 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 February Communication, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers will make their annual visitation to our Lodge. We will open and conduct some important business at 5:30 PM, retire for dinner at 6:30 PM and receive the Grand Master at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be conducted on the EA Degree, so all Masons are welcome to attend. The cost for dinner will be \$20 per person and reservations should be made with **Brother Fred Palmer** by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fred can be reached at (302) 981-6202. Dinner will consist of tossed salad, penne pasta in vodka sauce, chicken parmesan, green beans Palmer and dessert.

### Thought for the Month

*Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they're open.*

### Past Activities

Our January Stated Meeting was sparsely attended due to the impending winter snow storm. The meeting was short, the fellowship good and everyone got home safely.

### Up-Coming Activities

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Ionic Lodge will host a Valentines Day Dinner for our Ladies. We all know that we couldn't do our Masonic duties without the support, advice, encouragement and understanding of our ladies. This is an opportunity for the Lodge to say a small thank you for all they do.

The Dinner is being served at 6:00 PM and will be the same menu as the Grand Master's Visitation Dinner, except the cost will be \$10 per person. Ionic Lodge widows will be the guests of the Lodge.

All Ionic Lodge members are asked to make reservations with **Brother Fred Palmer** by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

### Up-Coming Activities—continued

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Brotherhood night will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the NUR Shrine Center, 198 South DuPont Highway, New Castle. Social Hour will be from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM, catered by Jimmie's Catering of Bridgeville, DE.

The cost of the event is \$40 per person. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Secretary or Worshipful Master by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Original Jackson Lodge Ladies at the Table event will take place at Jackson Lodge No. 19, in Delaware City on Saturday, February 8, 2014. The ticket cost is \$ 30 per person. Dress is coat & tie for men and suitable attire for the ladies. Tickets are available from PGM John E. Bednash. You can reach him at besoc1@comcast.net or (302) 358-1613.

The Semi-Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in Newport on Saturday, March 22, 2014. The opening will commence at 9:00 AM and the session will be completed by 1:00 PM.

The Delaware Colonials will confer the Master Mason Degree in Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34 on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.



## Dates to Remember

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| February 2nd             | Groundhog Day  |
| February 6 <sup>th</sup> | Super Bowl XLVIII<br>Stated Meeting, 5:30 PM<br>Dinner @ 6:30                                    |
| February 12th            | Grand Master's Visitation<br>Special Meeting, 7:00 PM<br>EA Degree<br>(Pending Favorable Ballot) |
| February 14th            | Valentine's Day  |
| February 17th            | Presidents' Day  |
| February 19th            | Valentines Dinner, 6:00 PM   |
| February 26th            | Special Meeting, 7:00 PM<br>MM Degree<br>(Pending Proficiency)                                   |

\* Officers' Practice, if no Degree

### From the Secretary

Dues Notices for the year ending December 31, 2014 went in the mail to all Ionic Lodge Members in November. Thanks to all those who have already responded with their payment. As of January 18, 2014, there are still 104 members of Ionic Lodge who have not yet paid their dues. That's roughly 43% of the Lodge membership that is not in good standing. Please take the time to remit your dues as soon as possible. If you cannot remit them due to any financial situation, please contact the Worshipful Master or 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 |