

## March 2014 Trestleboard

Brethren,



The 635<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will be held in the Newport Masonic Temple on Thursday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 7:30PM.**

The reading of the minutes, reception of petitions, Masonic Birthdays, committee reports and all other business, as may lawfully be brought before the Lodge, will be transacted.

Dale T. Irwin P.M. Attest: Phillip E. Parke Sr.  
Worshipful Master Secretary

Brothers,

All of the Lodges in Delaware are supporting the Food Bank of Delaware. One out of every five children go to bed hungry in this State. We are collecting can goods and dry food goods as the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Bring something to the Lodge each time you come. We will have a collection box/container to deposit your can goods in and we will get them to the food bank.  
**Thank you for your support!**

### Masonic Birthdays - March 2014

Bruce R. Ashworth	49	David N. Jackowitz	7
John W. Day	12	Emil H. Lawrence P.M.	46
William F. Esterling	9	David C. Matthews Jr.	20
Charles J. Goddard	36	Larry L. Smith Sr.	46
Dale M. Hall	39	Robert G. Sproul III	32
Stephen E. Hentkowski	5	William J. Stout	50
J. Frank Hickam	39	Kevin C. Thomas	7
Lee T. Irwin	15	Robert J. Welsh	5
Jeffrey W. Irwin	38	Frans N. Woodruff	40
Michael E. Jones	16	Clyde W. Yost	50

\*\*\*\*\*

## Special Announcement and Message from the East

Brethren, there have been several major changes in Ionic Lodge stemming from three suspensions and one expulsion.

**As of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014:**

**W.M. Robert W. Noble, P.M.** has been suspended indefinitely for Un-Masonic Conduct.

**Secretary James E. Duck, P.M.** has been suspended indefinitely for Un-Masonic Conduct.

**Senior Deacon, Brother Raymond A. Gurnee** has been expelled from Masonry for Un-Masonic Conduct and failing to answer a Grand Lodge Summons.

**S.W. Jay Bergstrom, P.M.** has been suspended until March 7<sup>th</sup> for Un-Masonic Conduct with conditions set for re-instatement.

**Interim Officers have been appointed by Most Worshipful Grand Master H. Richard Hoffman for the remainder of this Masonic year.**

**W.M. Dale T. Irwin, P.M. J.G.W.**

**S. W. W.W. (Bill) Held Jr.**

**Secretary Philip E. Parke Sr.**

**Senior Deacon W. Bryan Irwin**

We are in the process of restructuring the Lodge and getting us in a position to move forward.

*So mote it be*

\*\*\*\*\*

## Program for March

Our March program will center on the recent changes at Ionic Lodge and what these changes mean to each of us. There will be opportunities to ask questions and we will do our very best to provide answers. We will have the return of Bill's Bits and there will be some light refreshment after our meeting.

**Brothers, Ionic Lodge is in Real Distress and it is time for each of us to Hasten to her Relief! I request every Member of Ionic Lodge who is in reasonable distance to make your best effort and Come to Lodge on March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### Important Events

**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014** The Committee on Education & Work workshop at Union Lodge No. 7 Masonic Temple. Coffee & doughnuts at 8:00 AM. Donations are appreciated. Meeting will commence at 9:00 A.M, and end at Noon. **Open to Officers and Master Masons, Officers are encouraged to attend!** The Jobs Daughter's Bethel will provide lunch for a nominal fee.

### **35th Annual Brotherhood Night**

**Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 5:30pm** at Nur Temple. Tickets are still available @ \$40.00 ea. Good Fellowship, food and fun. Cash Bar call Dale Irwin at 302-547-2342

**Grand Lady's Beef -n- Beer, Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>** at Delaware City Fire Hall - Tickets \$35.00 ea. Call Dale T, Irwin 302-547-2342

**Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 9:00am - 1:00pm** at Newport Masonic Hall Communication will commence at 9:00 AM and be

completed by 1:00 PM. Lunch will be provided by the Jobs Daughters' International Bethel at a nominal cost per person All Grand Lodge officers are expected to attend this meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Wed 6:00 P.M. - Past Masters Mtg  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, Wed 7:00 P.M. - Officer Rehearsal  
March 6<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 7:30 - Regular Communication  
March 12<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 7:00 - E.A. or Officer Rehearsal  
March 19<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 7:00 F.C. degree pending proficiency  
March 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 7:00 - Officer Rehearsal

\*\*\*\*\*

### Sick and Visitation

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.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **Ionic 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 # 33  
William D. Johnson 2009 - Penns Grove - Excelsior #54, NJ

### **Ionic web site**

[www.ionic31.org](http://www.ionic31.org)