

May 2014 Trestleboard



Brethren,
The 637th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will be held in the Newport Masonic Temple on Thursday, May 1st, 2014, at 5:30PM. 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,
Lodges in Delaware are supporting the Food Bank of Delaware. 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 have a collection box and we will get them to the food bank.
Thank you for your support!

Masonic Birthdays - March 2014

George H. Pyle.	62	Lester A. Israel	18
Harold W. Wink	51	Raymond L. Maniscalco	18
William D. Cochran	48	Michael R. Lawson Sr.	13
James R. Hall	47	John M. Maiorano	13
George H. Hartman Jr.	46	James L. Stimeling	10
George D. Johnson	45	David C. Manners	9
James J. Beird	43	Scott C. Horton	7
C. Allan Walls P.M.	43	Keoth Laverty	7
Lawrence M. Blackway	42	Raymond P. Paoletti	7
Paul J. Ferguson Jr.	39	Kurt W. Weis Jr.	7
Karl A. Schopfer	39	Roger D. Booth Jr.	6
Winfield T. Stewart	38	Terence L. Scott Jr.	6
John C. Rayias P.M.	23	John R. Swierk	6
Charles W. Welch III	21	Eric L. Thompson	6
Kenneth E. Fowler	20	Michael D. Lashbrook	4
Wilcox W. Held Jr.	20	Robert L. Wilson	4
Stephen R. Mills	20	Christopher E. Dent	2

Message from the East

Brethren,
Let's keep the energy going! Ionic has been doing great and I give you the members all of the credit. We had a good turnout for dinner in April and an excellent program by Dr. John Marinucci on personal safety and emergency preparedness for situations involving terroristic attacks.

We had nine Past Masters at our April meeting and these P.M.s have stepped forward to assist the Lodge and guide us by filling in with Ritual Instruction, filling chairs where needed, chairing investigation committees and numerous other task. Our P.M.s are the backbone of this Lodge and we appreciate their guidance and support. I have received several requests from members concerning where to send their dues payments. Brothers, please send you dues to **Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. Newport Masonic Temple, 112 East Market Street, Wilmington DE 19804.**

I know the subject of dues is very sensitive to many, but I do encourage anyone who has not paid their dues to please try and get them in. The Lodge needs to follow bidget and your dues will greatly help us to achieve our goals.

If anyone is experiencing difficulty with dues payments, please contact me at 302-547-2342 and we will work out some arrangement.

Fraternally, Dale T. Irwin, Master
So mote it be

Program for May

Our May program will feature our annual Memorial Service and Necrology. We will honor our departed Brothers and their families. The program is open to men and women and will be preceded by a dinner prepared by the OES. Our Masonic widows are invited to dinner and the program as guest of the Lodge. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. and the program will follow immediately after. The dinner will be Ham, roasted potatoes, coleslaw, and corn and will cost \$12 dollars, no cost to widows. Please make dinner reservations by April 27th with Fred Palmer at 302-981-6202 so we can give OES an accurate count.

Important Events

Grand Master's Bring -A-Friend Table Lodge - Saturday April 26th at Union Lodge #7 in Dover. Tickets are \$35 for the sponsoring brother, the guest are free. Starts promptly at 6:00 P.M. and dress is coat and tie. See the Lodge Secretary for tickets.

Union Lodge #5 Sporting Clays Shoot - Sunday May 4th @ 9:00 A.M. at Hopkins Game and Shooting Farm (near Kennedyville) Cost \$55 per person and includes Entry Fee, Cash awards, lunch, sodas

Solomon Lodge #36 Giant Plant Sale - Sunday May 4th @ 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Brookside Lion's Club 390 E. Chesnut Hill Rd. Newark DE 19713 US

7th Annual Scottish Rite Charity Golf Outing - Eagle Creek Golf Course on the Dover Air Force Base, 1700 East Lebanon Rd., Dover, DE 19901 . Registration opens at 9: 00 A.M. Shotgun Start at 11:00 A.M. Grab and Go Lunch, Reception Dinner 4:30 P.M.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 30th - Wed 7:00 P.M. - Master Mason Degree
- May 1st - Thurs 7:30 - Regular Communication
- May 7th - Wed. 7:00 - E.A Degree for (2) pending ballot
- May 14th - Wed. 7:00 - Officer Rehearsal
- May 21st - Wed. 7:00 - F.C. Degree pending candidate proficiency
- May 28th - 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 Padvan	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

*- Suspended

Affiliated Past Masters

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

Ionic web site

www.ionic31.org