

October 2014 Trestleboard



Brethren,
 The 640th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will be held in the Newport Masonic Temple on Thursday, October 2, 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.

James T. Pratzner, PM Attest: Christopher Dent
 Worshipful Master Secretary

Brothers,
 Please get your dues in. If anyone has any difficulty, please contact me and we will do our best to help out.

Thank you for your support!

Masonic Birthdays - Sept/Oct 2014

Wiltold A Brick 60	Robert J Stamp 58
Howard R Othoson 58	Charles L Murphy 54
Donald Parks 50	Clifford Walker, Sr 47
Lonnie D Dillon 46	Clarence Drummond 43
Dayne R Smith 41	Lawrence Mullikin, Jr 29
Joseph A Bruno 25	Francis E Kates, Jr 22
Philip Allen 16	Eric Bergstrom 16
George Berry 50	Thomas Ferguson 38
Andrew Geiss Sr 35	Melvin Gillam 55
Thomas Gordon 27	Donald Heath 53
Dennis Henson 21	Carl Kurten Jr 21
Eric Loveless 16	Thomas McDermet 39
Robert Morrison 18	Deacon Myers 9
Fred Palmer 5	Michael Perillo 3
Perry Porter 31	Robert Pudvan 19
Timothy Reeder 4	Drue Robbins 52

We Are Going Digital

Please make sure our secretary has your email address! If you do not have one let us know ASAP. We are switching to an all digital Trestleboard in the very near future.

Message from the East

Brethren,

As I write this issue of the Trestleboard, it is Sept. 11th, the anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 when the World Trade Center buildings collapsed, the Pentagon was attacked and Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville, Pa. taking so many lives. 13 years later we are still involved with that conflict. As we approach our Oct. Stated Communication, we are once again reminded of the sate of violence that is currently existing throughout the world. Evil exists and we see it every day in the news.

As this violence continues, we are reminded of the tenants of our profession. Freemasonry teaches us to treat each other with friendship, morality and brotherly love. Let's be mindful of this and help spread brotherly love to all we meet. We, as Masons, may be just what we need to help restore faith in our country.

So let us remember and honor those who made the supreme sacrifice so that others may live. Let us honor the memory of those acts of heroism that we so cherish. Let us never forget.

Masonic Birthdays—cont'd

Gary Rullo 2	Donald Squibb 18
Edward Tozour 18	John Valente 35
Joseph Walus 3	Taylor Watkins 8
Kenneth Weaver 4	Jack Weer 56
Kenneth Wehde 26	



Delaware Masonry History

At a Grand Communication of a majority of the Lodges of Ancient York Masons established in the State of Delaware, held by appointment, at the Town Hall in the Borough of Wilmington, on Friday, the 6th day of June Anno Lucis 5806, Anno Domini 1806.

The first Lodge #31 was established in Laurel, De and its representative to this communication was Past Master Jesse Green.

Gunning Bedord, Jr. was elected as the first Grand Master of Delaware. Jesse Green was elected the first Deputy Grand Master.

Thus was the Grand Lodge of Delaware duly constituted on June 6th and 7th, 1806 by 13 brethren representing Lodges No. 14, No. 33. and No. 96 of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and No. 31 of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Program for October

Oct. 5-11th, 2014 is Fire Prevention Week. Many major corporations and most every organization will have some sort of fire prevention program. In 2011 US fire departments responded to 370,000 home fires causing 13,910 injuries and 2,520 deaths. You can see this is a very serious matter.

So for October, we have **PM Fred Roland**, structural engineer and fire investigator. He has investigated hundreds of fires throughout the region and is recognized as a leading authority on the subject. You can expect some really interesting stories and ideas on preventing fires in your home. You don't want to miss this one.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Oct 2nd - Thurs 7:30 PM- Stated Communication

Oct 6th—Grand Lodge Annual Communication-Atlantic Sands Hotel, Rehoboth, De

Oct 6th- Grand Lodge Banquet

Oct 8th—Officer Practice or Degree

Oct. 9th- Grand Master Installation, Millsboro, De

Oct. 15—Officer Practice or Degree

Oct 22—Officer Practice or Degree

Oct. 29—Officer Practice or Degree

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

*- Suspended

Affiliated Past Masters

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

Ionic web site

www.ionic31.org