

September 2014 Trestleboard



Brethren,
The 641th Stated Communication of
Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will
be held in the Newport Masonic
Temple on Thursday, **November 6,**
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

Hall Company "Buy-a-Chair" Project

The Newport Hall Company has announced a fund raising project. They are offering an opportunity for you to "buy" a chair in the Lodge room. They will place a plate with your name on the chair for all to see. The price is \$100.00. Our Sr. Stewart, Ken Weaver, has graciously made a donation for his chair. Let's all join in his example. See the Secretary for details.

Masonic Birthdays - November 2014

Jay Bergstrom, PM 25	George R. Burns 5
Robin A Cannon 24	Edward R Carson 18
Harry Christopher 31	Eric C. Conduit 4
Benjamin Deeble, PM 55	David Eicholz 4
Lee S Fogal 30	Alvan C. Fulton 12
Philip H Gardner 55	Dennis R Henson 21
Edwin D Jochen 9	John F Lento 20
Kevin T Lubeck 3	Robert H McKinley 59
John G Schultz 44	Michael L Stevens 21
David Strawbridge 20	G Ronald Summers 27
Larry A Towner 20	Lowell E Trescott 29
Eugene W Tuer 16	William Webster 42
John Welsh 43	Robert Wood, PM 15

Message from the East

Brethren,

Thanksgiving Day, is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It became an official Federal holiday in 1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26.

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and it was attended by 90 native Americans (as accounted by attendee (Edward Winslow) and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a draught.

Notice to Ionic Grand Lodge Representatives

On Tues night Nov. 11 at 7:00 pm at the Newport Hall we will have a meeting to make nominations for the next Grand Lodge Officers. You **ARE** needed, Please be there.

Traveling Gavel

On Tues. Oct. 14th 16 officers and members of Ionic Lodge visited Christiana Lodge #35 and captured the Traveling Gavel for the first time in our district. Thanks to all those members who attended. This was a great night for our lodge. It will be on display at our next communication.

Grand Lodge

Brethren,

We now have a new Grand Master of Masons in Delaware Most Worshipful Dean F. Disharoon. Please join me in wishing him the very best in the upcoming Masonic year.

In addition, please welcome **own Right Worshipful Dale T. Irwin** as our **new Senior Grand Warden**. Not only is this an honor for him but an honor for Ionic Lodge as well.



M.W. Dean F. Disharoon

Program for November

In keeping with my theme of remembering the American Civil War our speaker will be **Dave Price**. Brother Dave is considered one of the foremost authorities on the history of Delaware during the civil war period. So can expect a great presentation.

Christmas Bell Ringing

Brother John McKenney is heading up the Red Kettle Campaign. He has dates & times available right now. Please call him at 302-998-0895 or email at 1967armynamkvet@comcast.net. Lets all get behind this effort.

Call or email ASAP

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Nov. 6th—Thurs 7:30 PM Stated Communication
- Nov. 11th—Grand Lodge Officer Nominations meeting
- Nov. 12th—Officer Practice or Degree
- Nov. 19th -Officer Practice or Degree
- Nov. 26th- No Practice or Degree this week
- Nov. 27th—Happy Thanksgiving

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

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www.ionic31.org