January 2015 Trestleboard

Brethren,
The 643rd Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will be held in the Newport Masonic Temple on **Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM.** 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

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Craft Masonry's calendar commences with the creation of the world and uses the term Anno Lucius (A.L.) - "In the year of Light." To arrive at this date they add 4000 to the common time, as the Earth was believed in conventional theology to have began in 4000 BC . Therefore the year 2014 becomes 6014.

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Masonic Birthdays—January 2015

Gerald A Gerhart 32	Kover M Hudson 50
Logan D Lecates 7	Carl W Morris PM 44
Willford J Stewart 17	Richard A Woyden 9

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Masonic Birthdays - February 2015

Samuel T Bramble 50	George L Brown 36
Craig M Cannon PM 32	George A Carey 31
John V Collett 24	Sean P Crocker 9
Lloyd E Evans 31	James C Feist 36
C Spencer Hawkins 59	Jack E Held 1
Daniel H Hudson 42	Donald L Jester 38
Brett A Leffett 8	Michael J McDaniel 7
John R Miller 33	Charles L Porter 10
James Pratzner PM 28	W David Pudvan PM 24
Ronald P Reeder 44	Elliott Rosario 5
Michael G Stanley 7	James F Stokes 62
Newell C Taylor 59	David C Trimble 59
Ronald C Warne III 4	Anthony R Williams 7

Message From the East

Brethren,
As we contemplate the past year we are reminded of our successes and our failures both as individuals and as Masons. As you know I came to be your Master amidst controversy with our then current officers. It was a difficult and trying time for us. I hope we have put that in the past so we can now concentrate on our future. Although we are still facing some challenges, I am looking forward to sharing friendship and fellowship with you.
We now have a great cadre of young officers who are all capable of assuming the mantle of leadership for several years to come. I hope you can be as proud of them as I am. **They are here to serve you.** Please come out and support Lodge. You won't be disappointed.
Our degree work is terrific and you can be proud to bring your friend and family into the joys of Masonry. I think it's fair to say that Ionic Lodge #31 is among the best degree teams in the state!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, BROTHERS

Ionic Lodge Grand Visitation

Brethren,
For the first time, the Grand Master, MW Dean F. Disharoon, will be making **joint** visits to those Lodges who are located in the same building.
Our Grand Lodge Visitation is being held on Monday night January 19, 2015.
This is the usual stated communication date for Unity Lodge #32. The Grand Master has chosen this date from several that were offered.
This night will be considered our stated communication for January 2015.
All 4 Lodges in Newport will be participating. Details are still being worked out but you can expect a great meeting. Please come and join us and show everyone that we can support this visitation
The reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report will be the **only** business conducted at this meeting. We will conduct our regular business at our February meeting.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Jan. 7th - Weds. 7:00 PM—Past Masters & Officers GL Nominations Meeting
Jan. 14th- Master Mason Degree
Jan. 19th —Monday 7:30 PM Stated Communication & Grand Lodge Visit
Jan 21st—Weds. 7:00 PM Officer Practice or Degree
Jan. 27th—Tues. 7:00 PM—Grand Lodge Officer Elections for Dist. II
Jan. 28th Weds 7:00 PM—Officer Practice or Degree

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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.

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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