

February 2015 Trestleboard



Brethren,
The 644rd Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will be held in the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday February 5, 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

Brothers,
We are trying to get 100% of our dues into our secretary. As I am sure everyone knows, cost are rising and our income resources are declining. We need everyone to please get their dues up to date. Our net worth has been in the decline we must address this issue.

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!
Jim Pratzner, WM

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,
There are several days of interest in February.

Starting with Feb. 2nd—Groundhog Day. The small town of Punxsutawney Pa. hosts this annual event. There was even a movie about Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray. Let's hope he will predict an early spring this year.

February 3rd- The Day the Music Died. Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash in 1959.

February 12th— President Abraham Lincoln's birthday. On this day we commemorate the birth of our 16th president who presided over the great American Civil War. Love him or hate him, he was one of the most revered presidents of all time.

February 14th—Valentine's Day. This is a day to honor love and friendship. Let us remember this historic tradition and remember to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection in Masonry.

February 16th—Presidents' Day. Originally established in 1885 as President George Washington's birthday on Feb. 22nd. In 1971 an effort to create another 3 day weekend and is now a day to commemorate all US presidents.

February 19th—Start of the Chinese New Year 4813 year of the sheep.

Program for February

Brethren,
Our program will feature Bother Edward G. Roth III. Brother Ed is a retired banker, a former Mayor of Glenolden, Pa. and a Past Potentate of Nur Shrine. In addition, he is currently the treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for Children. The Shriners have called their hospital system "**The World's Greatest Philanthropy**".

You can be sure this will be an interesting presentation as he traces the history of the hospitals and the advances in medicine they have achieved. With specific emphasis on the Philadelphia hospital.

Financial Discussion

Following the presentation we will have a discussion of our finances and plans for the future. This is a very important topic as we look forward to preserving Ionic Lodge into the next decade. We need everyone's input and we ask that you come with an open mind to provide your positive input.

WE ARE GOING DIGITAL

My brothers, please make every effort to contact our secretary and make certain we have your email address. Many times we add degrees and events that have not come to our attention only once a month. The only way we can keep you up to date is by email.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Feb. 5th - Weds. 7:30 PM Ionic Stated Communication
Feb. 10th— Grand Visitation Brandywine Lodge #33
Feb. 10th—Jackson Lodge #19 FC degree
Feb 11th—Officer Practice or Degree
Feb. 24th—Jackson Lodge #19 MM degree
No degrees scheduled for Feb. but we are expecting 2 in March.

Sick and Visitation

Please contact **Brother Ben Deebble, 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. Suksena	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. Erwin	1999
Mark S. Warrington	2000	Dale T. Erwin	2002
W. F. Huxtable Jr	2003	C. C. Simmermon, Jr	2004
James E. Duck*	2005	James E. Duck*	2006
Benjamin H. Deebble 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. Kayias	1998	- Brandywine No. 33
William D. Johnson	2009	- Penns Grove - Excelsior No. 54, NJ

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