

April 2015 Trestleboard



Brethren,

The 646th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will be held in the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday April 2, 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

Fellowcraft Degree in Pa.

April 8, 2015
Shiloh Lodge #558
Main & Church St
Souderton, Pa 18964

The Delaware Colonials will confer the Fellowcraft degree at this Lodge for Jesse Wolfe. Ionic Lodge will actually open Lodge and turn it over to the Colonials. This will be a very special night and promises to be a night to remember. Lodge opens at 7:00 PM with the degree starting at 7:30 PM. Let's have a big turn out for this very special night.

Masonic Birthdays - April 2015

Wayne T Blansfield 38	Edward J Brady 28
Rodger D Brenegan 47	Wayne Brittingham 55
Robert Hanson Sr 59	Logan M Harvey 2
Bora J Kilicoglu 16	Timothy D Kitchens 5
Michael D Lake 11	James H Lemon 52
William R Mangler 18	Wm. McCracken Jr 34
Philip N Nelson 60	Michael J Riley 2
James L Robinson 48	Olin W Slaughter 28
Nathan F Snow 8	William D Stephey Jr 6
John Sukeena PM 39	W.Allen Tharp 44

Ladies-at-the-Table

Friday April 24, 2015
6:00 PM

Newport Masonic Hall
\$25.00 for the gentleman
\$10.00 for the Ladies
Officers' Dress—Tuxedo
Men—Coat & Tie

Ladies—We Don't Know What to Tell You

FOR the FIRST TIME at Ionic Lodge we are hosting a Ladies-at-the-Table night. The format is similar to a Table Lodge but designed specifically for our ladies and widows. We will have the fruit of the vine, cannons and great food. We know you will have a great time at this event and I have been told by others who have attended these before that they love it! So get your tickets NOW.

The average Mason spends a great deal of time away from his wife and family for Masonic functions and dinners. On many occasions the Mason's wife is left at home while he attends Masonic meetings. We realize that our Masonic Ladies play a very important role in the Masonic way of life. We have always known that our families need something for them, more especially the Mason's Lady. One such event is the "Ladies At The Table." Please understand, this is a public event. It is not ritual of any type, nor is it intended to be, but it does come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. "Ladies At The Table" is a method for a Lodge to Honor and show respect to the Mason's Widow, Lady, Daughter, Mother, Sister and to other Women who have also helped build this great nation of ours! **Tickets are available to everyone and we expect a big turn-out. Please call any officer, Chuck Porter (610-742-7688) or Fred Palmer (302-981-6202) for your tickets before its too late.**

Program for April

Brethren,

We will not have any speaker for our April meeting because we will devote our time and efforts into discussing our current situation and the possibility to move to a new location. Both the New Castle Masonic Hall Co (St. John Lodge #2) and Jackson Lodge #19 in Delaware City have invited us to join them. Both have advantages and disadvantages and both offer reduced costs.

Please join us for this discussion and we will call for a vote of the all members present whether to move or not.

We Are Growing

Brothers,

At our March communication we elected 4 new members into Ionic Lodge #31. One new member is coming from a Pennsylvania Lodge while the other three will be just starting their Masonic journey. In addition, we read 3 more petitions whom we will vote on at our April communication. So, come on out and join your friends and brothers. There's a lot going on and we need your participation.

Ladies-at-the-Table, cont'd

Ladies At The Table is a special dinner of five courses and seven toasts. The primary function of this dinner is to honor Lodge Widows, and they are the guests of the Lodge. This provides us an opportunity to continue a caring relationship with our widows and let them know the Lodge has not forgotten her or our Brother who is no longer here.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 1st—Weds. 7:00 PM Officer Check-Out for Senior Warden
April 2nd —Thurs. 7:30 PM Ionic stated communication
April 5th — Sunday—Easter
April 8th—Weds.- 7:00 PM FC Degree At Shiloh Lodge #558 in Souderton, Pa.
April 15th—7:00 PM Entered Apprentice Degree
April 18th—Sat.—1-4 PM Grand Lodge Statewide Open House
April 24th— Friday- 6:00 PM Ionic 1st Ladies-at-the-Table
April 25th —Sat. Brandywine Lodge #33—Trip to Washington
April 29th—Weds.- 7:00 PM Fellowcraft 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 corady7@aol.com.

Ionic Past Masters

Emul H. Lawrence	1979	J.A. Sukeena	1980
Robert Bryant	1981	C.A. Wallis	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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