

Meet Your New Grand Master M.:W.: Ronald W. Conaway

*Professional Results in Daily Effort
Dedication – Determination –
Devotion*

Ronald William Conaway was born in Milford, Delaware on September 14, 1940. He is the son of Brother Marshall T. Conaway and Hilda F. Conaway who were married for over fifty years. He has two sisters, Edna F. Shufelt of Bridgeville, Delaware and Ruth Ann Coulbourn of Seaford, Delaware. Two brothers, Richard T. Conaway and Larry M. Conaway are both deceased.

Ronald grew up on a small farm outside of Bridgeville, Delaware. After completing four years in the U.S.M.C. he graduated from James H. Groves High School in 1972. He joined the E.I. DuPont Company in Seaford and was employed there for 32 years, retiring in 1996. After retiring, Ronald worked for an outside contractor at the same DuPont site for four more years to help train new maintenance people in the Engineering Department.

While working for the DuPont Company, Ronald met and married Ruth Dukes Conaway. They recently celebrated 38 years of marriage. Together they raised three children, Angela Michelle, Timothy Lee and Eleanor M. (Suzette). Angela has two children, Michael Short who works with his father in construction and attends Delaware Technical and Community College on a part time basis and a daughter Michelle Short who attends the University of Delaware. Timothy is married to Julie Ray of Seaford and they have one daughter, Alexa Conaway, who attends Worchester Preparatory School in Berlin, Maryland. Suzette married Kevin Marine of Laurel and

they have one daughter, Brittany Marine who is in the 11th grade at Smyrna High School.

Ronald was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on December 12, 1973 in Hope Lodge No. 4. He served the lodge as Worshipful Master in 1998-1999 and again in 2001-2002. Ron was elected to the Grand Staff as Junior Grand Warden in 2002.

Ron's other Masonic affiliations include: Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Wilmington, Delaware Lodge of Research, NUR Shrine, Hope Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons, Saint Andrews Commandery No. 2, candidate for the Delaware College, member of the Delaware Colonials, member of the Tall Cedars, Past Vice President and President of the Kent and Sussex Scottish Rite Club, member of the Lower Delaware Shrine Club, member of the Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club and member of the Past Masters Club and Degree Team.

Brother Conaway is a member of Bethel United Methodist Church. He has had a variety of interests during his lifetime from football in high school to Cub Master as his son was growing up. He also enjoyed hunting on the family farm and surf fishing with his father. Ron now enjoys hunting on his own farm and fishing with his grandson.

Grand Master Conaway's theme is "Pride" which alludes to "Professional Results in Daily Effort" circumscribed by Dedication, Determination and Devotion.

Grand Master Conaway hopes that the message portrayed to the public during this bicentennial year of the Grand Lodge of Delaware will encourage others to follow the Masonic Motto, To Be One – Ask One.

Grand Master's Schedule

March 7, 2006	Lafayette Lodge No. 14
March 8, 2006	St. John's Lodge No. 2
March 14, 2006	Brandywine Lodge No. 33
March 17, 2006	Brotherhood Night
March 21, 2006	Jackson Lodge No. 19
March 25, 2006	38th Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Communication
April 10, 2006	St. John's Lodge No. 115 (Philadelphia)
April 29, 2006	Delaware Lodge of Research
June 3, 2006	54th Annual Grand Lodge Day (Highfield)
October 4, 2006	201st Annual Grand Lodge Communication

Ionic Lodge No. 31 Celebrates 55 years

(Remarks by Brother James E. Duck, Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. & A.M. on Friday, November 4, 2005, at a Special Meeting of Ionic Lodge at the Newport Masonic Temple, Newport, DE, on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of Ionic Lodge.)

"For many of us, I'm sure, it seems as if it were only yesterday that we crossed the threshold of the Lodge and began the journey to becoming a Mason. Only yesterday we knelt at this Altar, or one like it, and took our Masonic Vows.

Not all of us received our degrees in Ionic Lodge. In fact, many of us, myself included, received our degrees in other cities, other jurisdictions, maybe even other countries. But, while the words may have been slightly different, the ideals are all the same. We have been taught about the Great Lights, the lesser lights; Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; the four cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice; about Faith, Hope and Charity. And you know, that's the real beauty of Freemasonry. We truly are a universal Brotherhood, under the Fatherhood of God.

When we crossed the threshold of the lodge, our feet were placed on a path that has led us all here to this place; to this time. Along the way, we have lost many good brothers, all of whom we were privileged to know. These fine Masons labored tirelessly in the quarries of Freemasonry, always working to leave this craft better than they found it. What we learned from them has made us better Masons. We are indeed blessed.

It is then to their Honor and in remembrance of all those Brothers who have gone before us that we meet here to celebrate the fifty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the thirty-first Masonic Lodge in the State of Delaware. I ask that you please join me on the west side of the Altar, as we rededicate ourselves to those Masonic Principals that we, in imitation of our departed Brothers, hold most dear."



Union Lodge No. 5

By Earl Emerson

Greetings from Union Lodge No. 5 in Middletown. The officers and members of Union Lodge No. 5 hope that you all have had a nice holiday season.

On November 28th, Bethel No. 4 Job's Daughters hosted a visit by the Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters International and Miss Job's Daughter International at their regular meeting and a good time was had by all. Over 60 people were present for this reception.

Travis Biederman, Master Councilor of Duncan Beard Chapter, DeMolay, is busy helping their members become more proficient in their work.

Annual Grand Ladies Dinner

By Linda Russell

Our annual dinner began in 2002 when 16 Grand Ladies, hosted by Linda Russell, met for dinner at the Arsenal on the Green in New Castle. Carol Carey hosted the event in 2003 at Roma's Restaurant in Dover and the Masonic Home of Delaware was the venue for the Grand Ladies' Dinner in 2004.

This past year the fourth Annual Past Grand Master's Ladies Dinner was held in September at the Wayside Inn in Smyrna. Those in attendance were Janice Schueler, Louise Savage, Sally Marianelli, Nancy Jefferson, Vi Warterside, Phyllis Waecker, Joan Davis, Emma Watkins, Linda Russell, Carol Carey, Jean Mower and Pam Thomas. It was a grand evening of friendship and fun.



Troy A. Nuss Joins the DFM Staff

We are pleased to welcome Troy Nuss to the Staff of The Delaware Freemason as Assistant Editor. The energy and creativity Troy has demonstrated as Secretary of Washington Lodge No. 1 in particular, and the Delaware Masonic Jurisdiction in general, will be a strong asset to this publication.

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