

## December, 2012 Trestleboard



Brethren:

The 622<sup>nd</sup> Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 7:30 PM.** The reading of the minutes, reception of petitions, Masonic Birthdays, committee reports and all other business, as may be lawfully brought before the Lodge, will be transacted.

*Robert W. Noble*

Robert W. Noble, PM  
Worshipful Master

*James E. Duck*

James E. Duck, PM  
Secretary

### Masonic Birthdays December, 2012

Harold H. Dayton	56	Charles W. Collins	54
Cortland W. Warrington	52	Robert L. Hunter	51
Charles P. Wolfe, Sr.	49	James C. Jones	44
Alexander B. Trench	43	Daniel E. Wilson	41
Dale M. Fernsler	40	Bruce N. Baker	37
Rhoman R. Rhoades, III	37	Kenneth W. Lodge	36
Rex R. Doelze	35	C. Vernon Moore	35
William A. Calloway	30	Daryl G. Hendricks	20
Dale T. Irwin, PM	19	W. Bryan Irwin	19
Ralph E. Allen	15	Michael D. Villec	14
Richard P. Alexander	3	Mark A. Miller	1



#### Ionic Lodge Grand Lodge Award of Honor

William A. Calloway (1993)      W. Bryan Irwin (2007)

#### Ionic Lodge Distinguished Service Award

Charles P. Wolfe, Sr — 2007  
James E. Duck, PM — 2008  
Charles C. Simmermon, Jr., PM — 2009  
Dale T. Irwin, PM — 2010

#### Ionic Lodge Column Award

Benjamin H. Deeble, Jr, PM	2007	W. Bryan Irwin	2007
James E. Duck, PM	2007	Robert C. Wood	2007
William Precht	2008	John M. Maiorano	2008
C. C. Simmermon, Jr, PM	2008	Charles L. Porter, Jr	2010
Eric L. Thompson	2010		

### From The East



Hurricane *Sandy* left a horrible scene in her wake. I trust that everyone, their homes and properties are safe and sound. Looking at our neighboring states of New Jersey and New York, really puts everything into perspective.

In the aftermath of the disaster, we have seen Americans from all over the country come together as a group to help and support one another, which reminds us why we are masons and how important our Masonic Principals are.

The meal prior to our last Stated Meeting was another success. Thanks to all who made reservations in advance.

The meal before the December Stated Meeting will be Chicken Taco soup; a real crowd pleaser. Please contact **Bro. Fred Palmer** to make your reservation, since we don't want to run short on the food.

The Grand Master's Visitation to Ionic Lodge will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013. There will be a catered dinner prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM. Please contact the Secretary to make your reservations. Please note: No reservation, No meal.

### Thought for the Month

"Digging a hole is the only job you can start at the top."

### Red Kettle Campaign

**Brother John McKenney**, Coordinator of Ionic Lodge's 2012 Red Kettle Campaign, reports that all the slots have been filled for this year's campaign. Thanks in advance to all those who signed up to give of their time during this busy season. If you'd like to be on a list of "Stand By" participants, please contact John @ (302) 998-0895.



### Sick & Visitation Committee



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) 475-3900 or by email at conrady7@aol.com.

### Looking Back

**Bro. George Harris, Jr.** was WM during 1970-71. The highlight of that year was a presentation by **Brother Richie Ashburn**, center fielder for the Philadelphia Phillies. DeMolays from Newport Chapter joined the Lodge members to hear Bro. Ashburn talk about his team's disappointments & hopes for the future. Brother Ashburn later retired & joined the broadcasting booth for the Phillies, where he enjoyed a long & distinguished career as an announcer for his former team. In 1995 Bro. Ashburn was inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame. An Ionic Trestleboard, autographed by Brother Ashburn, resides in our display case.

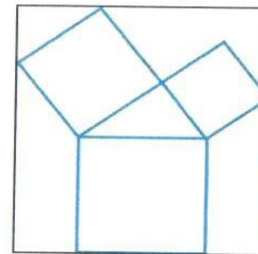


### The 47th Problem of Euclid

At the close of his first book Euclid states the 47th problem, and its correlative 48th, as follows:

(47th) In every right angle triangle the square on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides. ( $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ )

(48th) If the square described on one of the sides of a triangle is equal to the square described on the other side, then the angle contained by these two sides is a right angle.



This sounds more complicated than it is.

### Dates to Remember

December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Delaware Day, 1787
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pearl Harbor Day, 1941
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Chanukah
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	EA Degree
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	(Pending Favorable Ballot)
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Degree or Officers' Practice
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	(Pending Proficiency)
	1st Day of Winter
	Christmas Day
	<b>2013</b>
	New Year's Day, 2013
	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
	Stated Meeting, 5:30 PM
	Dinner @ 6:30 PM
	GM Visitation

### Living Ionic Lodge Past Masters

G. W. Grandel, Jr.	1966	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

### Affiliated Past Masters

John C. Rayias	1998	Brandywine No. 33, Delaware
William D. Johnson	2009	Penns Grove-Excelsior No. 54, NJ

### The 47th Problem of Euclid—cont.

Of all people, Masons should know what a square is: a right angle, the fourth of a circle, an angle of ninety degrees. For the benefit of those who have forgotten their school days, the "hypotenuse" is the line which makes a right angle into a triangle by connecting the ends of the two lines which form it.

### Christmas Luncheon With Santa

December 9<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 2:00 PM  
Ages 11 and up: \$ 5.00; Ages 7 thru 10: \$2.00  
Under Age 6: FREE  
Contact **Bro. Chuck Porter** for Reservations