



## January, 2013 Trestleboard



Brethren:  
The 623<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A. M. will be held at the Newport Masonic Temple on **Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013, 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, PM  
Worshipful Master

  
James E. Duck, PM  
Secretary

### Masonic Birthdays January, 2013

Kover M. Hudson	48	Carl W. Morris, PM	42
Nelson T. Ross	39	Gerald A. Gerhart	30
Thomas P. Simmonds	18	Robert D. Ehart	17
Wilfred J. Stewart	15	Robert C. Wood, PM	14
Richard A. Woyden	7	Logan D. LeCates	5
Mark E. Singles	4	Alexander R. Selimov	3



**Called From Labor**  
**Kenneth L. Dambach**  
November 2, 2012

#### 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



I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for remembering the less fortunate among us and let's all have a happy and healthier 2013.

At our December Stated Communication, **Brother William D. Stephey, Jr.**, presented his latest article about "Light into the World." This article was published in the *Masonic Working Tools Magazine*.

Our Speaker for January will be **Brother Shawn D'Ignazio** of George Bartram Paul Sand Lodge No. 298, Springfield, PA. **Brother D'Ignazio's** talk will be about Masonic Education and our ancient ties.

A light meal will be available, prior to the meeting, at 6:30 PM. Please make your reservations with **Brother Fred Palmer**.

I have tickets for the annual Brotherhood night to be held on Friday, March 15, 2013. Social hour at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM. Ticket cost is \$ 35.00 each.

Our Grand Master's Visit is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM prepared by our Stewards Committee. Make your reservations with Brother Palmer. **Remember: No Reservation, No Meal.**

### Thought for the Month

"Never try to make anyone like yourself; You and God know that one of you is enough."

### Grand Lodge Members to Meet

**All Ionic Lodge Grand Lodge members are hereby notified that there will be a meeting on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM to determine the order of our preference for next year's Grand Lodge Officers and the Award of Honor. This is your official notice.**

### 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 conrad7@aol.com.

### Looking Back

During the Masonic Year of 1993-1994, Worshipful Master **David C. Matthews, Sr.**, enrolled Ionic Lodge in the Delaware "Adopt-a-Highway" program. The Lodge's responsibility was to police the section of Route 4 between Newport and Stanton. This program, which continues to this day, enables the Lodge to participate in a community service project that raises our profile in New Castle County. In recent years, the young men and women of the Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters have participated with us in the semi-annual clean-up.

### The Cable Tow

(From Introduction to Freemasonry, by Carl H. Claudy, PGM)

In old rituals this was originally "cable rope." Our cable tow probably comes from the German "Kabel tau."

The cable tow is symbolic of that life cord by which the infant receives life from his mother. Symbolically the cable tow is the cord by which the Masonic infant is attached to his Mother Lodge. When a baby is born, the physical cord is severed; but never the knife was ground which can cut the spiritual cord which ties a man to his mother. In the Entered Apprentice Degree the physical restraint of the cable tow is removed as soon as the spiritual bond of the obligation is assumed; but never the means has been made by which to cut the obligation which binds a man to his Mother Lodge and the gentle Craft. Expulsion does not release from the obligation; unaffiliation does not dissolve the tie; demitting and joining another lodge cannot make of the new lodge the Mother Lodge.

### Dates to Remember

January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day, 2013
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM EA Degree (Pending Favorable Ballot) Special Meeting, 7:00 PM FC Degree (Pending Proficiency)
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM MM Degree (Pending Proficiency)
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Special Meeting, 7:00 PM MM Degree (Pending Proficiency)
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Meeting, 5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:30 PM GM Visitation
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Presidents Day
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Geo. Washington's 281 <sup>st</sup> Birthday

### Ionic Lodge Past Masters

E. H. Livermore	1950	William H. Edwards	1951
Clifford L. Barlow	1952	Charles O. Bratton	1953
Alfred F. Jefferis	1954	Henry F. Seeds	1955
Raymond L. Blades	1956	Theodore H. Work	1957
John C. Crowley	1958	Charles S. Rhoads	1959
C. D. Bratton	1960	Samuel L. Hodgekiss	1961
Lawrence Hodgekiss	1962	William Morris	1963
Horace D. Taylor	1964	Clifford Berry	1965
G. W. Grandel, Jr.	1966	Harry M. Miller, Jr.	1967
Albert G. Muchell	1968	Bruce D. Phillips	1969
George H. Harris	1970	Warren K. Kessler	1971
Raymond B. Bowers	1972	Robert H. Davis	1973
John W. Collett	1974	James W. Emerson, Sr.	1975
Karl Steinbrunner	1976	J. Donald Davis	1977
Chester G. Hamm	1978	Emil H. Lawrence	1979
J. A. Sukeena	1980	Robert Bryant	1981
Gilbert S. Leigh	1982	C. A. Walls	1983
L. J. Colegrove	1984	L. S. Strycharz	1985
Carl W. Morris	1986	W. Dale Reardon	1987
Karl Steinbrunner	1988	Carl E. Kurten	1989
Richard Smith	1990	Craig M. Cannon	1991
James T. Pratzner	1992	D. C. Matthews, Sr.	1993
C. C. Simmermon, Jr.	1994	Jay C. Bergstrom	1995
W. David Pudvan	1996	J. Sherman White	1997
D. Edward Wright	1998	Dale T. Irwin	1999
Mark S. Warrington	2000	J. Sherman White	2001
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