
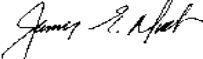


## January, 2014 Trestleboard



Brethren:  
The 633<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 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014, 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, 2014

Kover M. Hudson, Jr	49	Carl W. Morris, PM	43
Gerald A. Gerhart	31	Robert D. Ehart	18
Wilfred J. Stewart	16	Richard A. Woyden	8
Logan D. Lecates	6		

### SPECIAL NOTICE

All Grand Lodge Members of Ionic Lodge (Past Masters, Master and Wardens) are reminded of a meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The Purpose of this meeting is to select the order of nominees for Grand Lodge Offices. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

#### 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



With the holidays just around the corner, as we send and receive holiday greetings, please keep in your prayers all the men and woman in our armed forces who stand watch to try to keep peace on earth for all mankind. I'd also like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous holiday season.

We will have a lite meal before our meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost will be \$ 5.00 per person and reservations should be made with **Brother Fred Palmer** at (302) 981-6202. Deadline for reservations is Monday, December 31, 2013.

Our participation in the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign is now complete and I'd like to thank all those who took time from their schedules to help out in this worthwhile endeavor. Special thanks to **Brother John W. McKenney, Jr.** for organizing our troops and managing our efforts.

### Thought for the Month

*It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light. — Aristotle Onassis*

### Past Activities

At our December 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, **Brother Chris Emerson** presented a program on Internet Security. Chris' presentation was informative and timely and everyone who attended came away with helpful information. Brother Chris prepared a special hand out of "Do's and Don'ts" for those attending to take home.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Worshipful Master, Secretary and **Past Master Benjamin H. Deeble, Jr.**, traveled to Washington, DC to attend the Stated Meeting of Osiris-Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 (The Secretary's Mother Lodge). The meeting included their annual election and Installation of Officers.

## 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) 239-7150 or by email at conrady7@aol.com.

### Up-Coming Activities

The Grand Master and the Grand lodge Officers will visit Ionic Lodge at our Stated Meeting on February 6, 2014. Final details will be announced at the January Stated Meeting and be posted in the February Trestleboard. Please mark this important date on your calendars now.

### From the Secretary

Dues Notices for the year ending December 31, 2014 went in the mail to all Ionic Lodge Members in November. Thanks to all those who have already responded with their payment. As a reminder: Those Regular members owe \$85.50; Those members who have reached 40 years of service owe \$30.50. Remember, to remain in Good Standing, your payment is due by December 31, 2013. Your current Dues Card expires on December 31, 2013.

### The Number Five (Carl Claudy)

Five has always been a sacred and mystical number; Pythagoras made of it a symbol of life, since it rejected unity by the addition of the first even and the first odd number. It was therefore symbolic of happiness and misery, birth and death, order and disorder—in other words, life as it was lived. Egypt knew five minor planets, five elements, five elementary powers. The Greeks had four elements and added ether, the unknown, making a cosmos of five.

Five is peculiarly the number of the Fellowcraft Degree; it represents the central group of the three which form the stairs; it refers to the five orders of architecture; five are required to hold

## Dates to Remember

January 1<sup>st</sup>  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January 8<sup>th</sup>

New Year's Day  
Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM  
Special Meeting, 7:00 PM\*  
EA Degree  
(Pending favorable ballot)  
Special Meeting, 7:00 PM\*  
Degree  
(Pending Proficiency)  
Grand Lodge Workshop  
9:00 AM—Noon  
Union Lodge # 7, Dover  
Coffee & Donuts @ 8:00 AM  
Stated Meeting, 5:30 PM  
Grand Master's Visitation

January 15<sup>th</sup>

January 18<sup>th</sup>

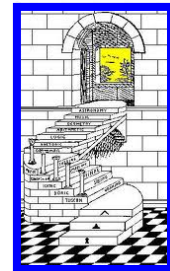
February 6<sup>th</sup>

\* Officers' Practice, if no Degree

### The Number Five—continued

a Fellowcrafts Lodge; there are five human senses; geometry is the fifth science, and so on.

In the Winding Stairs the number five represents first the five orders of architecture.



### Living Ionic Lodge Past Masters

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	Robert W. Noble	2012

### Affiliated Past Masters

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