

## October 2015 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 650th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will be held in the **New Castle Masonic Temple**, located at 1406 Wilmington Road, New Castle, Delaware on **Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 5:30 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.

*Wilcox W. Held, Jr.* Attest: *David Pudvan PM*  
Worshipful Master Secretary

### Ionic Members with the Grand Lodge Award of Honor

William A. Calloway 1993  
W. Bryan Irwin 2007

### Ionic Distinguished Service Award

Charles P. Wolfe Sr 2007  
C. Simmermon Jr PM 2009  
Dale T. Irwin PM 2010  
Ben Deeble Jr PM 2011  
Fred Palmer 2012  
Charles L. Porter Jr 2013  
Kenneth Weaver Sr 2014

### Ionic Lodge Column Award

Ben Deeble Jr PM 2007  
W. Bryan Irwin 2007  
Robert C. Wood 2007  
John M. Maiorano 2008  
C. Simmermon Jr PM 2008  
Charles L. Porter Jr 2010  
Eric L. Thompson 2010  
Dale M. Fernsler 2014



### October 2015 Masonic Birthdays

Robert N. Morrison 62  
Jack L. Weer 59  
Melvin D. Gillam 56  
Drue J. Robbins 53  
George R. Berry 51  
Edward D. Tozour 49  
Herbert Palmer Jr 45  
Nelson T. Ross 41  
Thomas McDermet 40  
Thomas Ferguson 39  
Andrew Geiss Sr 36  
John R. Valente 36  
Perry "Bud" Porter 32  
Rayford Jenkins Jr 31  
Thomas P. Gordon 28  
Eric G. Bergstrom 27  
Carl E. Kurten Jr 22  
Robert A. Pudvan 20  
Donald L. Squibb 19  
Philip V. Allen 17  
Eric Loveless Jr 17  
Deacon M. Myers 10  
Taylor Watkins IV 9  
Fred Buttercup Palmer 6  
Timothy M. Reeder 5  
Kenneth Weaver Sr 5  
Michael J. Perillo 4  
Joseph K. Walus 4  
Joshua T. Loose 3  
Gary J. Rullo Jr 3  
Allen J. Hart 1

## Practice Without That Which You Have Learned Within

### Message From the East

Brethren, the above statement is a familiar one, but it only works if two things happen:

1. Programs must offer something worthwhile to the members.
2. The members, believing these programs are beneficial, decide to apply the lessons in their daily lives.

Masonry provides its members with a unique opportunity because it gives each of us the working tools to reshape our lives into better and squarer stones for the Builder's use. Think about that — we each possess the tools we need to become a better person. Masons are taught lessons thru various Symbols, Degrees, Lectures, and Charges. But our search for additional Light should not end there. Our meetings need to offer more than just a reading of the minutes and giving reports. So we will be offering short talks by different speakers on **Masonic Education** to provide new insights into the Craft, which each of us can use to enrich our lives and those around us. You do not have to attend Lodge to be a good Mason (where were you first made a Mason?), but if you decide to pass through the West Gate then we want the experience to be one that makes you a **BETTER Mason**.

### Masonic Funeral Service

Have you discussed with your family whether or not you want to have a Masonic funeral service? Please give some thought to it and let them know your wishes (consider writing it into your estate planning). Telling them now removes their guesswork during a stressful time.

## 10/01/15 Stated Communication

Our featured speaker this evening will be the well-respected author and story teller, **Ed Okonowicz**. Since Halloween will come later this month, Mr. Okonowicz was invited to present "**Tales Tombstones Tell**". We will also hear from Fred Palmer, Ionic #31 Orator, with a short program on Masonic education, as well as "Bill's Bits" from Bro. Bill Calloway. You are in for a real treat, so everyone please come out for a very enjoyable evening.

We will open Lodge at 5:30pm for the purpose of conducting as much lodge business as possible prior to dinner at 6:30pm. The program will immediately follow dinner, along with any remaining lodge business.

The cost for dinner will be \$12 per person (no cost to our Ionic Widows and any October Masonic birthday brethren). Families are highly encouraged to come. We do ask that you **RSVP with Fred Palmer at 302-981-6202 by Sunday, September 27th.**

### Looking Ahead

On Saturday, April 16th, 2016, we will conduct the first-ever **Ionic #31 Railroad Degree** on the Wilmington & Western Railroad. We will pre-sell tickets (limited seating), and ride the rails to the wooded picnic grove situated along the banks of Red Clay Creek to confer the MM Degree. Mark your calendar now for this outstanding event.

### Membership Information for Ionic Lodge #31 -

Membership	Petitions	Initiations &	Suspensions &	Deaths	Membership
7/01/2015	Pending	Admissions	Resignations		9/30/2015
252	3	2	0	1	253

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thu 10/01	<b>October Stated Communication</b> • Lodge opens @ 5:30pm • Dinner @ 6:30pm
Mon 10/05	<b>Grand Lodge Annual Comm.</b>
Thu 10/08	<b>Grand Lodge Installation</b>
Thu 10/15	<b>EA Degree(s) or Officer Practice</b> • Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30pm • Lodge opens @ 7pm
Fri 10/23	<b>MM Degree</b> • Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30pm • Lodge opens @ 7pm
Tue 10/27	<b>FC Degree(s) or Officer Practice</b> • Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30pm • Lodge opens @ 7pm
Thu 11/05	<b>November Stated Comm.</b> • Dinner @ 6:30pm • Lodge opens @ 7:30pm
Fri 11/06	<b>Garibaldi Lodge #542 — EA°</b> • Contact Giovanni Maiorano at <a href="mailto:mail_myworld@yahoo.com">mail_myworld@yahoo.com</a> by Oct. 30th for tickets.

Check [www.ionic31.org](http://www.ionic31.org) for the latest info.

**NOTE:** This year, newly raised Master Masons will receive a laser-etched "Officer-style" Ionic name badge. Current Ionic MM's can also purchase their own name badge at a cost of \$25 — contact the Secretary for info.

## Sick and Visitation

Please contact **Brother Bill Calloway**, Chairman of the Sick & Visitation Committee, to report on the illness or needs of any member of Ionic Lodge. Brother Bill can be reached at 302-999-0847 or via email at [mildbill2@verizon.net](mailto:mildbill2@verizon.net)

Called  
From  
Labor

We remember -  
**Bro. Larry Mullikin, Jr.**  
Departed on August 28, 2015