

## November 2015 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 65th 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, November 5, 2015, at 7:30 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

### November 2015 Masonic Birthdays

Robert H. McKinley 60  
John A. Mills 59  
Ben Deeble Jr PM 56  
Philip H. Gardner 56  
John G. Schultz 45  
John Welsh 44  
William M. Webster 43  
C. Simmermon Jr PM 42  
Harry Christopher 32  
Lee S. Fogal 31  
Lowell E. Trescott 30  
G. Ronald Summers 28  
Jay Bergstrom PM 26  
Robin A. Cannon 25  
Dennis R. Henson 22  
John F. Lento 22  
Michael Stevens Sr 22  
David Strawbridge 21  
Larry A. Towner 21  
Thomas P. Simmonds 20  
Edward W. Carson 19  
Eugene W. Tuer 17  
Robert Wood PM 16  
A. Corby Fulton 13  
Robert Noble PM 13  
Edwin D. Jochen 10  
John E. Kline 9  
George R. Burns Jr 6  
Eric C. Condit 5  
David B. Eichholz 5  
Kevin T. Lubeck 4

## Message From the East

We celebrate our 65th Birthday this month. Although it would be easy to reflect upon the past, I want to talk about the future of our lodge instead.

Now that Ionic #31 has settled into our new location, it gives me great pleasure to report how nicely the three lodges in New Castle are working together. It really feels like a comfortable fit here. However, when we voted to move last year, a large number of members were interested in creating a **"Building Fund"** for Ionic #31. NOW is the time to get started! It may take 20-30 years for us to accumulate enough money to buy/build/renovate our own Masonic temple. This is a long-range goal, and the Lodge will benefit by planning now for our future.

The money raised will be set aside in a special account and will not be commingled with our general funds to pay bills. This money will earn interest, and be accounted for on the monthly Treasurer's report. A future change to the By-Laws will establish rules to protect this investment.

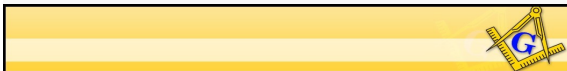
2016 dues notices will be sent soon (FYI, the members voted to increase dues by \$50 to \$105/year, plus GL assessment). We will include a line for you to make a contribution to our Building Fund. Your participation in this effort is voluntary. Please contribute as liberally as your means will permit. **Our future starts now, Gentlemen!**

## Call To Action — Cutting Costs

If you are getting your Trestleboard by US Mail, then we need your email address. Emailing Trestleboards will save the lodge on printing and postage costs. We also send notifications and last-minute changes via email. Please contact the WM at [28HopUp@gmail.com](mailto:28HopUp@gmail.com) to receive your Trestleboard and notices via email.

## 11/05/15 Stated Communication

- Dinner at 6:30pm, and Lodge opens at 7:30pm (switching over to the EA°).
- In November, Ionic #31 will be celebrating our **65th Birthday** with a special program (yes, we will have birthday cake after dinner!).
- There will be a reading of historical information from the early days of our lodge.
- **Joe McAleese**, High Priest and Prophet, will be giving a presentation on the NUR Shrine to educate folks on what the Shrine is all about.
- Who likes the Shrine's **mini-choppers** and **mini-Corvettes**? We will have some there for folks to see/hear.
- **"Bill's Bits"** by Brother Bill Calloway will be presented.
- Although we love having the Ladies join us, they deserve a break and can take this night off from Masonry.
- The cost for dinner will be \$12 per person (no cost to November Masonic birthday brethren). We ask that you **RSVP with Fred Palmer at 302-981-6202 by Sunday, November 1st.**



## Ionic #31 Railroad Degree

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		10/31/2015
252	3	4	0	1	255

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Thu 11/05 November Stated Communication and Grand Lodge Member Meeting**
- GL Member Mtg at 6pm
  - Dinner @ 6:30pm
  - Lodge opens @ 7:30pm
- Fri 11/06 Garibaldi Lodge #542 — EA°**
- Contact Giovanni Maiorano at [mail\\_myworld@yahoo.com](mailto:mail_myworld@yahoo.com) by Oct. 26th for tickets.
- Sat 11/07 Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up**
- Details to be emailed
- Fri 11/13 EA Degree(s) or Officer Practice**
- Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30
  - Lodge opens @ 7pm
- Thu 11/19 Officer Checkout — MM°**
- Check-out at 7pm
  - Open to all MM members.
  - Jackets & ties for all.

**No degree work during the week of Thanksgiving**

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

## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We will again be volunteering to ring the bell at the Wal-Mart by Prices Corner this year. Please contact John McKenney Jr. at 302-998-0895 to pick your time slot(s) for this worthy cause.

## 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)

