

December 2015 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 652nd 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, December 3, 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

December 2015 Masonic Birthdays	
Harold H Dayton	59
Charles W Collins	57
Cort Warrington	55
Robert L Hunter	54
Charlie Wolfe Sr	52
James C Jones	47
Daniel E Wilson	44
Dale Fernsler	43
Bruce N Baker	40
R R Rhoades III	40
Kenneth Lodge	39
Rex R Doelze	38
Vernon Moore	38
Bill Calloway	33
Daryl Hendricks	23
Dale T Irwin DGM	22
W Bryan Irwin	22
Michael D Villec	17
Mark A Miller	4
Alberico DiSilvio	3

“FREEMASONRY IS RELEVANT AS MUCH AS THE ACTIONS OF FREEMASONS ARE MEANINGFUL.”
— [Stevan V. Nikolic](#)

Message From the East

To expand even more upon the above quotation, I will add that not only must the actions of Freemasons be meaningful, but they must be seen and felt by others in the community.

In December, Ionic members will volunteer their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. This is a great cause that helps those in need around us. However, it would also help the Craft if those volunteers wore a Masonic hat (or something similar) to let the public see Masons in action. [NOTE: Our Secretary has nice Masonic ballcaps for sale for only \$2.50] Although true Charity is anonymous, we need to do a better job in promoting Freemasonry to the world through our actions. Why would anyone join our fraternity if we fail to show them why we are relevant?

If we can raise the profile of Freemasonry in our communities, then it will stimulate the inquisitive minds of men with strong moral character who want to be part of something worthwhile. It has been said that the best-kept secret in Freemasonry is Masonry itself. So let's improve the perception of the Craft this holiday season, and beyond.

Call To Action — Cutting Costs

We need your email address to reduce our costs for mailing Trestleboards. Most lodge communications are also sent via email. Please contact the Worshipful Master at 28HopUp@gmail.com to receive your Trestleboard and lodge notices via email.

12/03/15 Stated Communication

- Lodge opens at 5:30pm — Dinner at 6:30pm — Program at 7:30pm
- Lodge will be operating on the EA°.
- This will be our **Holiday Party**, with carols led by our in-house Music Department. Families and Widows are encouraged to attend.
- Please bring a new, small, unwrapped toy for a girl or boy**, to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House at Nemours Hospital.
- “Bill’s Bits”** by Brother Bill Calloway will be presented.
- The **cost for dinner is \$12** per person (there's no cost for our Widows or December Masonic B-Day brethren).
- Please RSVP with Bro. Fred Palmer at 302-981-6202 by Sunday, November 29th to reserve your dinner seat. You must let us know you're coming for dinner so we know how much food to prepare.**



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 Pending	Initiations & Admissions	Suspensions & Resignations	Deaths	Membership
7/01/2015	1	5	1	2	11/30/2015
252					254

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thu 12/03 December Stated Comm

- Lodge opens at 5:30pm
- Dinner @ 6:30pm
- Holiday Program @ 7:30pm

Fri 12/11 EA Degree or Officer Practice

- Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30
- Lodge opens @ 7pm

Thu 12/17 FC Degree(s) or Officer Practice

- Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30
- Lodge opens @ 7pm

No degree work during the final two weeks of December. Have a safe & glorious holiday!

Thu 1/07/16 January Stated Communication

- Dinner @ 6:30pm
- Lodge opens @ 7:30pm
- Our guest speaker will be **R.W. Moises I. Gomez**, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of NJ, as well as a Past Master of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge #10 in Westfield, NJ. He will be presenting a program on 9/11 - Experience the Spirit of American Volunteerism. It will be a GREAT night for sure!

Check www.ionic31.org for the latest 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. Bro. Bill can be reached at 302-999-0847 or at mildbill@verizon.net

Called From Labor	We remember - Bro. George H. Pyle CFL on 10/22/2015
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