

February 2016 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 654th 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, February 4, 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

Message From the East

Forgive me if this sounds like bragging, but I am very proud of Ionic #31! We had nearly 100 people attend our January Stated Meeting to hear the presentation by **R.:W.: Moises Gomez**. He gave a GREAT talk about 9/11 and American Volunteerism. Thanks to everyone who attended! People had to park on Route 9. We ran out of white guest aprons, and we brought folding chairs inside the lodge room to accommodate everyone (a special thanks to those Masons who gave up their seats for our guests). It was a FANTASTIC night!

Last month I shared the Starfish story. It demonstrates that any action you take, no matter how small, can have a tremendous impact on others in need. In Masonry, we are told to be ever industrious beings, so let me toss some ideas/needs at you:

- The Grand Master has asked me to pose a question to the members — Are any of you willing to serve on a Grand Lodge Committee? Some of you may have a special talent that could be very useful to the Grand Lodge. If you do and want to help, then please contact me.
- Offer to go on an investigating committee.
- Commit a portion of our ritual to memory (a prayer, the Working Tools, etc) and deliver it during a degree.
- Take part in a committee. For example, we will have several "teams" involved with conducting the Railroad Degree, of which you could be a part.
- Get involved in finance, socials, fundraising, or planning. We are open to suggestions!

My goal this month is to light your desire to become a better man by being (more) active in Masonry. Let the world know you are a Mason on a Mission! It truly is a gift left unopened by far too many of our members.

2/04/16 Stated Communication

- This will be a **Joint Grand Lodge Visitation** between **Ionic #31** and the **Delaware Lodge of Research**. As such, it should be regarded as our most important meeting of the year. This is our chance to really shine as a lodge!
- We will open under Dispensation at 5:30 to conduct all business that is not included as part of the Grand Master's agenda.
- We will be working on the EA°.
- Dinner will be at 6:30pm at our Hall.
- Both Lodges will reopen at 7:30pm to receive the Grand Master and his Staff.
- This event will be open to our Ladies.
- After dinner, we will have a nice program in the banquet room for our guests while we conduct lodge business next door in the Blue Room.
- Since we will have quite a few guests this evening, the cost for dinner will be \$15 per person (no cost to Widows and February Masonic birthday brethren). We ask that you **RSVP with Fred Palmer at 302-981-6202 by Sunday, January 31st.** We need to hear from you so we know how much food to prepare that night.

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 ride the rails to the wooded picnic grove situated along the banks of Red Clay Creek to confer the MM Degree. **Tickets are \$40 per person**, which includes lunch at Greenbank Station starting at 11am (the train leaves at noon). Seating will be limited (remember to bring a folding chair), so contact any Ionic #31 Officer or Ed Wright PM at dewmetal1@comcast.net for tickets before the event sells out.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Thu 2/04 Grand Lodge Visitation**
- Open at 5:30pm
 - Dinner @ 6:30pm
 - Reception of Grand Lodge Staff @ 7:30pm
 - Presentation for Ladies/guests
- Fri 2/12 Degree or Officer Practice**
- Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30
 - Lodge opens @ 7pm
- Sat 2/13 Second Saturday Coffee Social**
- Runs 8-10am in New Castle for coffee & Masonic Fellowship.
- Thu 2/18 Degree or Officer Practice**
- Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30
 - Lodge opens @ 7pm.
- Tue 2/23 Degree or Officer Practice**
- Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30
 - Lodge opens @ 7pm
- Thu 3/03 Stated Communication**
- Bro. Oscar Alleyne will be our featured guest speaker.
- Fri 3/18 Brotherhood Night**
- Contact the WM for tickets.

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. Brother Bill can be reached at 302-999-0847 or via email at mildbill2@verizon.net

Called
From
Labor

We remember -

Bro. Lonnie D. Dillon
 CFL on 12/15/2015

Bro. W. Allan Tharp, Sr.
 CFL on 3/24/2014

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

February 2016 Masonic Birthdays

James F. Stokes	63
C.Spencer Hawkins	60
Newell C. Taylor	59
Samuel T. Bramble	51
Ronald P. Reeder	45
Daniel W. Hudson	43
Donald L. Jester	39
George L. Brown III	37
James C. Feist	37
John R. Miller	34
Craig Cannon PM	33
George A. Carey	32
Lloyd E. Evans	32
James Pratzner PM	29
John V. Collett	25
W David Pudvan PM	25
William D. Johnson	13
Charles Porter Jr	11
Sean P. Croker	10
Brett A. Leffet	9
Michael McDaniel	8
Michael G. Staley	8
Anthony Williams Sr	8
Elliot Rosario	6
Ronald C. Warne III	5
Adam D. Smith	3
Jack Rab Held	2
Charles Wolfe Jr	1
Jesse K. Wolfe	1

Officer-style name badges are still available to all Ionic #31 members for \$25 each. In addition, **Masonic baseball caps** with the S&C can be purchased for \$2.50 each (not a typo, but limited supply). Contact the Secretary to order yours.



Membership Information for Ionic Lodge #31 -

Membership 7/01/2015	Petitions Pending	Initiations & Admissions	Suspensions & Resignations	Deaths	Membership 1/31/2016
252	2	6	3	5	250