

## March 2016 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 655th 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, March 3, 2016, 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

### March 2016 Masonic Birthdays

William J. Stout	52
Clyde W. Yost	52
Bruce R. Ashworth	51
Larry L. Smith Sr	48
George Hartman Jr	47
Frank N. Woodruff	42
Dale M. Hall	41
J. Frank Hickam	41
Jeffrey W. Irwin	40
Charles J. Goddard	38
Robert G. Sproul III	34
David Matthews Jr	22
George T. Johnson	18
Michael E. Jones	18
Lee T. Irwin	17
John W. Day	14
Wm F. Esterling Jr	11
David N. Jacowitz	9
Kevin C. Thomas	9
Stephen Hentkowski	7
Robert J. Welsh	7
Phillip E. Parke Sr	5
Daniel J. Bargelski	1
William T. Comer	1
Patrick J. Rankin	1

Don't forget about our **Second Saturday Socials** every month from 8-10am

## Message From the East

We will be having a first-reading in March of a proposed By-Laws change to create a Building Fund. Donations are already being received, and we need to protect this money for future use.

Secondly, notices were posted about reducing our mailing costs. We plan to stop *bulk-mailing* Trestleboards to our Members, Widows, and Masonic Friends. This will occur once we zero-out the money in our bulk postal account. **If you still wish to receive a printed Trestleboard by US Mail, you must contact me at 302-547-1815 or 28HopUp@gmail.com.** We will gladly mail copies for those folks who ask. Trestleboards will be available online at [www.ionic31.org](http://www.ionic31.org), and we will continue to send the Trestleboards via email. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the list to receive your Trestleboard via email. This will save the lodge over \$1,000.00 per year by reducing our printing and mailing costs.

Finally, in March the lodge will vote on spending \$250 for an outfield banner with the New Castle Little League featuring our lodge name, S&C, and website. We have the approval of the MWGM, but the Brethren must approve this expense.

**Today was the absolute worst day ever  
And don't try to convince me that  
There's something good in every day  
Because, when you take a closer look,  
This world is an evil place.  
Even if  
Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.  
And it's not true that  
It's all in the mind and heart  
Because  
True happiness can be obtained  
Only if one's surroundings are good  
It's not true that good exists  
I'm sure you can agree that  
The reality  
Creates  
My attitude  
It's all beyond my control  
And you'll never in a million years hear me say that  
Today was a good day.**

NOW READ FROM BOTTOM TO TOP

## 3/03/16 Stated Communication

- Open @ 5:30pm; switching to the EA°.
- Dinner @ 6:30pm.
- Lodge re-opens @ 7:30pm.
- **Bro. Oscar Alleyne, DrPH**, is a noted Masonic scholar, and we are thrilled to have him travel to Delaware to be our featured speaker. For those who are unfamiliar with Bro. Alleyne, he is a Past Master of Wappingers Lodge #671 (New York) and he performs the one-man 19th Degree for the Scottish Rite. His topic this night will be: **Fides, Vita, Rex: An Esoteric Look at Freemasonry.**
- Brother Bill Calloway will also be presenting "**Bill's Bits**".
- Although we love having the Ladies join us, they deserve a break and can take this night off from Masonry.
- We will be getting the food from the same caterer as the last two months. The cost for dinner will be \$15 per person (no cost to March Masonic birthday brethren). We ask that you **RSVP with Fred Palmer at 302-981-6202 by Sunday, February 28th.**
- The District #2 Traveling Gavel will be available for capture this night, with the count to be taken after dinner in lodge.

## Ionic #31 Railroad Degree

On Saturday, April 16th, 2016, we will conduct the first-ever **Ionic #31 Railroad Degree** by riding the Wilmington & Western Railroad. Tickets are \$40 each and they are going fast, so do not wait to buy your tickets. Please contact our chairman Ed Wright PM at [dewmetal1@comcast.net](mailto:dewmetal1@comcast.net) to buy your ticket(s).

## Membership Information for Ionic Lodge #31 -

Membership 7/01/2015	Petitions Pending	Initiations & Admissions	Suspensions & Resignations	Deaths	Membership 2/29/2016
252	2	6	3	5	250

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Thu 3/03 March Stated Communication**
- Open @ 5:30pm
  - Dinner @ 6:30pm
  - Lodge re-opens @ 7:30pm
- Fri 3/11 EA Degree or Officer Practice**
- Dinner w/ degree @ 6:30
  - Lodge opens @ 7pm
- Sat 3/12 Second Saturday Social & Car Show**
- 8-10am in New Castle
  - Open to all
  - Cars and bikes welcome!
- Thu 3/17 St. Patrick's Day [no meeting]**
- Tue 3/22 Officer Checkout — EA°**
- Check-out at 7pm
  - Open to all MM members.
  - Jackets & ties for all.
- Sat 4/02 GL Semi-Annual Communication**
- Being held at 818 Market St.
- Thu 4/07 April Stated Communication**
- Casual Night
  - Beer & Pizza social.
- Sat 4/09 Second Saturday Social & Car Show**
- 8-10am in New Castle
  - Open to all!
- Sat 4/16 Railroad Degree**
- Lunch @ 11am
  - The train leaves Greenbank Station @ 12 noon.

Check [www.ionic31.org](http://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](mailto:mildbill2@verizon.net)



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