

June 2016 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 658th 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, June 2, 2016, 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. Feld, 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

June 2016 Masonic Birthdays

Robert D. Spencer 61
Ronald D. Haass 51
Curtis A. Livernore 50
Leslie E. Singleton 49
Edward Abrams Jr 45
Thomas B. Wright 43
James F. Paterson 39
Thomas Bullock Sr 37
Wm Huxtable Jr PM 33
Edward T. Darrah 32
D. (Ed) Wright PM 23
Kevin M. Winter 22
Mark Warrington PM 21
Richard Yoncoskie 21
Mark A. Cuomo 19
John McKenney Jr 11
Daniel Saienni Sr 11
Lawrence M. Julian 9
Vincent J. Cochran 7
Ronald Nichols Sr 7
Harry Skinner III 5
Jonathan Skinner 5
Robert Betton 2
Timothy M. Dean 2
William C. Horton 2
Joshua L. Ragnis 2
Patrick T. Malloy 1

**We Support
The New Castle
Little League**

Message From The East

Brothers, it has been my honor to serve the Lodge as Worshipful Master. It has been a wonderful year, having moved the lodge to New Castle this past summer. The other two lodges in New Castle have welcomed us to the building, and we have forged strong bonds with their Officers and members. Our renewed energy as a lodge will continue for a very long time in the capable hands of my successors.

I would like to thank all of the members and Officers who have stepped up and volunteered their time, money, and efforts to make Ionic #31 a success. Without your help, our lodge can slip away from us. It takes the commitment from a few to maintain a lodge for all. That is the sad reality of things — our lodge is run by a small number of men who step up and come to the meetings and events. There is a clique of men in Masonry whose efforts impact the atmosphere of the Lodge. This clique is comprised of those men who show up! Anyone who comes to our meetings is made to feel part of it. I truly believe that everyone "Feels the (Brotherly) Love" when they visit Ionic #31. For those of you who are able to attend, I thank you for your participation because it is my honor to sit in lodge with you!

At our Memorial Service in May, we talked about the Masons whom we have lost and how they live on in our hearts. But more importantly, their examples remind and inspire us to live our lives as better and squarer stones for that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Each of us is obligated to be a better man. That way you can look back upon a well-spent life and know that you have set a positive example for those left behind. I ask that you take the opportunity to enrich the lives of others via whatever means you can. **To live on in the hearts of men is to never ever die** — it is not just a comforting thought, but a call to action!



6/02/16 Stated Communication

- Instead of serving dinner beforehand, we will have dessert after the meeting, consisting of the traditional strawberries and ice cream.
- This will be our Election of Officers. If you do not want to be nominated for anything, then you'd better show up to decline the position (I'm kidding, of course!).
- Open @ 7:30pm.
- We plan to wind up all unfinished business at this final Stated Communication of the Masonic year.
- A short year-end summary and other presentations will be done.
- Given the nature of the meeting, our Ladies and Widows can take the night from Masonry.

The "2nd Saturday" Cars & Coffee Social

Held on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the New Castle Masonic Hall (over the summer too!). 'Hope you can join us at the next one on June 11th, from 8-10 am.

Lodge Dues

There are 103 members who have not paid their 2016 dues. Of those, 27 owe more than \$300 and are being summoned to appear at our June Stated Communication to explain why they have not paid, or face suspension for NPD. The Lodge does have a sympathetic ear, but we need to hear from you. Please remit your dues, my Brothers.

Membership Information for Ionic Lodge #31 -

Membership 7/01/2015	Petitions Pending	Initiations & Admissions	Suspensions & Resignations	Deaths	Membership 5/31/2016
252	4	9	3	6	252

Dates to Remember

- Thu 6/02 June Stated Communication**
- Open @ 7:30pm.
 - Dist 2 Traveling Gavel available
 - Dessert afterwards.
- Sat 6/04 Ladies At The Table**
- All three New Castle Lodges are hosting (Tickets are \$25ea)
 - Dinner @ 6pm
 - Contact the WM for tickets
- Fri 6/10 APM Degree**
- For our incoming WM. Only Delaware PMs may attend
 - Open at 7:30pm.
- Sat 6/11 Second Sat Social & Car Show**
- 8-10am in New Castle
 - Open to all!
- Thu 6/16 EA Degree(s)**
- (pending favorable ballot)
 - Dinner @ 6:30pm.
 - Degree @ 7pm
- Tue 6/21 Possible Degree Night**
- Dependant on candidate(s)
- Wed 6/29 Installation of Officers**
- Starts @ 7pm.

Check www.ionic31.org for the latest info.



District #2 Traveling Gavel

Avail for capture on
June 2nd at 7:30pm.

Sick and Visitation

Please contact **Bro. Bill Calloway** to report on the illness or needs of any member of Ionic Lodge at 302-999-0847 or via email at: mildbill2@verizon.net

