

September 2016 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 659th Stated Communication of Ionic Lodge No. 31 A.F. & A.M. will be held in the **New Castle "St. John's" Masonic Temple**, located at 1406 Wilmington Road, New Castle, DE on **Thursday, September 1, 2016, starting 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.

Eric L. Thompson 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
Dale M. Fernsler 2014
John McKenney Jr. 2015

September 2016 Masonic Birthdays

Witold A. Brick	63
Robert J. Stamp	61
Charles Murphy Jr	57
Donald Parks	53
Clifford Walker Sr	50
C. Drummond Jr	46
Dayne R. Smith	44
Joseph Bruno Jr	28
Francis E. Kates Jr	25
James D. Taylor Sr	25
Greg A. Lochten	20
Louis M. Dyer Sr	19
Franklin D. Lloyd	14
Michael R. Walls	13
Phillip J. Vavala	1

Questions & Answers !

Q: What's the best way to get the latest Lodge updates on events

A: Let us know your email address and you will always be up to speed on current and upcoming Lodge activities!

Message From the East

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer, September 1, 2016 is a date I've been looking forward to for a long time. The opportunity to be Worshipful Master of Ionic 31 is a very special honor that I'm excited about. This coming Masonic year, we have planned many special events. A little something for everyone, and when I mean everyone. This is not directed to only Brothers. Our intention this year is to include family and friends. Our programs are geared to information and fun for all. Our speakers and event nights are open to the public. This will be a great opportunity to invite that friend that's always wondered what happens behind that square and compass on that building. We will be rolling out our list of events via Our Web Site, Facebook and email. **So please update your email address with us ASAP.**

Did you Know: is one of the things we will be doing also this year. It is basically little stories and information you might not have known and find interesting. Enjoy!

Did You Know : *Bristol Lodge (Massachusetts) which was established in 1797, had the following as one of its early regulations: No liquor shall be brought into the lodge except by order of the Master. Fighting is forbidden during the opening or within thirty minutes of the closing of the lodge.

Did You Know: *The "Gatling Gun", the first practical repeating gun, which changed warfare tactics throughout the world, was invented in 1862 by Brother Richard J. Gatling, member of Center Lodge No 23, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I look forward to seeing and visiting with all of you and your families this coming Masonic year.

- Eric L. Thompson WM

*Scottish Rite Freemasonry (Facebook)

9/01/16 Stated Communication

Our first meeting of the year

- **"Business Casual" attire** (collared shirt and dress pants — no jackets, no ties, no shorts, and no jeans).
- We will **open lodge at 5:30pm** in order to conduct as much business as possible prior to dinner.
- **Labor will be conducted on the EA Degree** so that ALL Freemasons may attend.
- We will call off at **6:30pm for an "End-Of-Summer" BBQ Dinner.**
- No charge for dinner to our Widows and September "Masonic Birthday" brethren.
- **Entertainment** Bro. Jim Scalia's band, 6 Ways to Sunday, will perform by the outside pavilion
- **"potluck-optional"**, meaning you will pay less if you bring a dish to share. The Lodge will be providing the burgers, dogs, and rolls. The cost will be **\$12 per person without a dish, or \$5 per person if you bring a dish.** Please RSVP with Fred Palmer to confirm the number in your party and what food/dish (if any) you are bringing. **Contact Fred at 302-981-6202 by Sunday, August 28th.**
- Guests are welcome! This is a good opportunity to invite your friends and family is always welcome also. Don't forget the Kiddies! they eat for free



District #2 Traveling gavel: Last year we won and excelled at this competition. Let's continue our reign of excellence, and visit our Brothers in their home lodges.

LETS GET OUT THERE AND CAPTURE THAT GAVEL !

Please be patient with the random weekly dates. We are working on this with the Hall Co. and other 2 lodges.

- Thu 9/01 - Stated Communication**
- Lodge opens @ 5:30pm
 - BBQ @ 6:30pm/outside if weather permits, bring a folding chair. Band kicks off around 7pm
- Fr. 9/09 - EA Degree/Officer Practice**
- Thu 9/15- Fellow Craft/Officer Practice**
- Tue 9/20 - Officer Practice/Lodge visit**
- Thur. 10/13 - Grand Lodge Installation**
- Fri 10/14 - Reception for Dale Irwin GM**

Check www.ionic31.org for the latest info.

NOTE: This year, newly raised Master Masons will receive a laser-etched "Officer-style" Ionic name badge. As a fundraiser, current Ionic MM's will be able to purchase their own name badge at a cost of \$25 — please contact the Secretary for 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



*Work hard for what you want because it won't come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If someone puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive. * Leah Labelle



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