

October 2016 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 660th 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, October 6, 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 W. McKenny Jr. 2016

??Guess ?? The Masters Hat

This year we will be having a 50/50 contest on guess the masters hat. At every stated communication you will write down on a slip of paper and submit \$1.00 for your guess on what hat I will open the lodge with. If you're the winner you get 50% of the pot, the other half goes to our building fund.



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

It was great to welcome everyone back from their summer break. There was delicious BBQ and the melodic sounds from Six ways to Sunday.

This month we're fortunate to have a speaker from the State of Delaware Justice of the Peace Court 10. The **Honorable Deborah Ann McNesby**, who was also a Jobs Daughter a few years ago.

This is an open to the **Public event**, so please pass the word amongst your friends, family's and brothers.

Did You Know: *In April of 1939, the Blue Hen Chicken was officially adopted as Delaware's State Bird. The connection of the Blue Hen to Delaware originates from the Revolutionary War. Men who served under Captain Jonathan Caldwell of Kent County, Delaware were fond of fighting game chickens as a pastime between battles with the British. Caldwell's chickens were tinged in blue and noted for their ferocity, a quality which Delaware troops were pleased to adopt as a reputation. Today, the more socially acceptable and well known Fighting Blue Hens are those of the University of Delaware's athletic programs.

Did You Know: **When Benjamin Franklin died in 1790, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania refused to permit him a Masonic funeral. Franklin was a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania and Past Master of Loge des Neuf Soeurs (Nine Sisters Lodge) in Paris, France. At the time of his death, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had changed its affiliation from the Grand Lodge of England (the Moderns) to their rival, the Antient Grand Lodge of England. Franklin's prior affiliations were considered clandestine by the Antients. The acidulous schism between the two Grand Lodges was healed with the unification in 1813. On April 19, 1906, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania convened at Franklin's grave in the cemetery of Philadelphia's Christ Church and performed a belated memorial service for their most celebrated member

10/6/16 Stated Communication

- 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 Dinner.**
- **We will be serving Lasagna, Salad, Dessert , \$12.00 cost**
- No charge for dinner to our Widows and October "Masonic Birthday" brethren.
- Our guest Speaker will be The **Honorable Deborah Ann McNesby**
- Please RSVP with Fred Palmer to confirm the number in your party **Contact Fred at 302-981-6202**
- **This event is open to the Public.** This is a good opportunity to invite your friends and family. Don't forget the Kiddies! they eat for free



District #2 Traveling gavel: Last year we 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 !

**President Taft sent two small blocks of oak to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The wood came from the USS Constitution, Old Iron Sides. At Taft's suggestion, a gavel was made "from that part of the deck once red with heroes' blood". Taft was a member of Kilwinning Lodge #356 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Delaware Historical Society **Scottish Rite Magazine

Upcoming Events

Thu 10/6 Stated Communication

*Lodge opens @ 5:30pm

*Dinner @ 6:30pm

*Speaker @ 7:15 pm

Mon 10/10 - 211th G.L. Communication

9am to 3 pm @ Atlantic Sands Hotel
Rehoboth Beach Delaware

Thu 10/13 G.L. Installation

7 pm to 10 pm @ Clayton Fire Co.
(212 Railroad Ave. Clayton DE 19938)

Fri 10/14 - Grand Masters Reception

6:30 pm to 10pm @ St Johns Masonic Temple / New Castle DE

Thu 10/20 Officer checkout for the MM Degree

Tues 10/25 MM Degree,

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

