

## November 2016 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 661th 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, November 3, 2016, starting at 6:00 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 2015  
John W. McKenny Jr. 2016

### The Road

\*So many men before thy Altars kneel  
Unthinkingly, to promise brotherhood:  
So few remain, humbly to kiss thy rood  
With ears undeaftened to thy mute appeal  
So many find thy symbols less than real  
Their teachings mystic,—hard to understand  
So few there are, in all thy far flung band  
To hold thy banner high and draw thy steel,  
And yet—immortal and most mighty, thou!  
What hath thy lore of life, to let it live?  
What is the vital spark, hid in thy vow?  
Thy millions learned, as thy dear paths they trod,  
The secret of the strength thou hast to give  
I am a way of common men to God

### 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

Brethren, This month is our visit from the **M.:W.: Dale T. Irwin and the Grand Lodge officers.** So please come out and support our Ionic 31 brother, our Grand Master! I would also like to recognize the WM of the year for district 2 **P.M. Wilcox W. Held Jr.**

**Did You Know:** \*\*Daniel Carter "Uncle Dan" Beard (June 21, 1850 – June 11, 1941) was an American illustrator, author, youth leader, and social reformer. Brother Beard was made a Mason in Mariner's Lodge No. 67, New York City, NY, and later affiliated with Cornucopia Lodge 563, Flushing, NY. In the late 1800's he founded a male youth program called the "Society of the Sons of Daniel Boone." By 1905, the program had become "The Boy Pioneers." The man who would create the first "Boy Scouts," and be known as its founder, was Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Great Britain. Lord Baden-Powell, who was not a Mason, read of Beard's program and, based on his own military experience, developed what is known as the "Boy Scouts." In 1910, the Boy Scout program came to America when Bro. Beard merged his organization into the "Boy Scouts of America" and became its first National Commissioner. Bro. Beard, known affectionately as "Uncle Dan" by millions of Boy Scouts, worked tirelessly to create the Scouting Program that we know today. He developed the elements of the Scout badge and the Scout uniform, and wrote and illustrated various early publications of the Boy Scouts of America. Bro. Beard exemplified the Masonic ideals throughout the Scouting program. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is an honor due to the countless Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry and act as role models to the young men who are part of one of our nation's most outstanding youth organizations. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America, but proclaims the integrity of the Freemason who is honored by receiving the award.

## 11/3/16 Stated Communication

- We will **open lodge at 6:00pm** 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 Pork Loin, Potatoes, Green Beans and dessert \$20.00 per person. This includes coffee, wine and other assorted beverages.**
- No charge for dinner to our Widows and November "Masonic Birthday" brethren.
- This meeting is our **Grand Lodge Visitation**
- Please RSVP with Fred Palmer to confirm the number in your party **by Oct. 31st Contact Fred at 302-981-6202**
- **There will be entertainment for the ladies during the reception of the Grand Master and his Officers.** Don't forget the Kiddies! they eat for free



## Upcoming Events

### Thu 11/3 Stated Communication

\*Lodge opens @ 6:00pm  
\*Dinner @ 6:30 pm  
\*Receive the M.: W.: Dale T. Irwin

### Fri. 11/11 Veterans Day

### Thur. 11/17 Officer Practice

### Tues. 11/22 Pending Degree

### Thur. 11/24 Happy Thanksgiving

### Thur. Dec. 1st Stated Communication

\*Remember This is our Christmas Party  
Bring the whole family out and enjoy food, music, friendship.

**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](mailto:mildbill2@verizon.net)



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**\*\*More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them. — Harold J. Smith**

\* [Carl H. Claudy](#) \*\* Scottish Rite Magazine

