

January 2017 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 663rd 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, January 5, 2017, starting 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.

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 McKenney Jr. 2016

FOOD DRIVE

Brothers we will be collecting can goods of the lodge to support: The Food Pantry

at Hanover Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. There will be a receptacle at the lodge where you can deposit your donation.

If you are unable to drop off at the lodge and wish to donate please contact me and we can make arrangements for a pickup, you can also mail us a check and we will purchase items for your donation. Please indicate on the check this is to be used for the food pantry.

Thank You
WM Eric Thompson



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

Happy New Year my Brothers! Well 2016 is behind us and 2017 in all its unpredictable nature is at our door steps. I look forward to visiting with you in 2017, If you have not had the opportunity to make it to lodge I urge you to make all efforts in doing so. We plan on having speakers at our February and March Stated Communications. For those Brothers having trouble getting to Lodge due to transportation issues and would like to attend, please contact me or another officer.

To all Past Masters there will be a meeting at 7pm prior to the Stated in order to select the nominees for the next Grand Lodge Officers.

Did You Know:

Why is a wind blowing due East or West called a "Mason's Wind"? Legend says that during the construction of the Temple of King Solomon, the craftsmen relished a breeze that blew due East or West, as it could pass through the Temple cooling workers as they pursued their labors.

Did You Know:

The Senior and Junior Wardens have miniature pillars on their pedestals, representing Jachin and Boaz (I Kings 7:21) respectively. These emblems did not exist in 1723 Masonry. They first appeared circa 1760 in London Masonry. At that time, the Wardens carried them into the Lodge in the same manner as the Marshal carried his baton, under their left arms. None of the dozen exposés of Masonic ritual prior to Three Distinct Knocks, in 1760, mention the columns. The April 5, 1759, bylaws of Tandragee Lodge #79 in The Village Tandragee, County Armagh, Ireland (now Northern Ireland), stated, "That there is to be silence at the first clap of the Master's hammer, and likeways at the first stroke of each trenchen struck by the Sen'r and Jun'r Wardens." A Lodge in Chester, England, catalogued within its 1761 inventory, "Two truncheons for the Wardens". Some Irish and English Lodges still refer to these columns as truncheons

Fraternally, Eric L Thompson WM

1/5/17 Stated Communication

- There will be a dinner at 6:30 pm. We will be serving sausage sandwiches with onions and peppers. This will be a no charge dinner. Donation only. Please RSVP Fred Palmer
- **Lodge opens at 7:30 pm**
- Program for the evening will be a presentation on **The Knights Templar**



Thank you , To all that participated in ringing the Bell this year.

A special thanks to John McKenney for doing another great job of organizing this event

Upcoming Events

Thu 1/5 Stated Communication

- * Dinner @ 6:30 pm
- * Past Masters Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- * Lodge opens @ 7:30 pm

Fri. 1/13 Officer Practice / EA degree

Thur. 1/19 Fellow Craft

Tues. 1/24 Officer Practice

Sunday 1/1/2017 Happy New Year!

Thur. 2/2/2017 Stated Communication Program local author Ed Okonowicz.

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



Ionic #31 masonic lodge

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. -- Helen Keller