

February 2017 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 664th 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, February 2, 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 at 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

Brothers,
We have officially turned the corner for our Masonic year. For the second half of the year we have some great things in store. This months stated we have a local author Ed Okonowicz coming in to give a lecture on the past presidents of the United States. At our March Stated we have Patty Talorico from the News Journal. In April our own Ionic 31 Brother , Dale T. Irwin The Grand Master of Delaware is having the NWMP Lodge No11 degree team from Canada to raise a brother at the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark. In May we will be having our Railroad degree, So if your able please try to attend as many as you can, The fun will be plentiful and the fellowship will be endless.

Something to ponder:

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A pile of stones does not make a building: no more does a conglomeration of individuals make a society. It is not even enough that the stones be evenly laid side by side and one on top of another. These must be cemented into a solid , substantial whole if they are to resist successfully the elements. Unity is the secret of strength and effectual service. This is equally true of human societies as of material structures. Individuals must be cemented into a solid entity if endurance and achievement are to be known. Masons are constantly reminded that harmony is the strength and support of all societies, more especially of theirs.

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“He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, Rebel, a thing to Flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in.”

Fraternally
Eric L. Thompson WM

2/2/17 Stated Communication

- There will be a dinner at 6:30 pm. We will be serving Roast Beef, Potatoes, Green Beans and Beverages. Cost \$15.00. Please RSVP Fred Palmer
- Lodge opens at 7:30 pm
- Program for the evening will be a presentation. **On Past Presidents By local author Ed Okonowicz**



Brothers: As some may know our current Treasurer is retiring after this Masonic year. Brother Giovanni has put in 12 years as our treasurer. We are looking for one to take over this roll for our next Masonic year. If anyone is interested please contact Eric Thompson WM. Thank you Bro. Giovanni for all you have done.

Notes: 1-We still have Brotherhood night tickets available Please see an officer for one.
2-If anyone is interested in the Railroad degree tickets or helping on the day of the event please see one of the officers

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Upcoming Events

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

Fri. 10th Officer Practice
Sat. 11th Saturday Social
Thur. 16th Degree if Candidate Proficient
Tues. 21st Degree if candidate Proficient

Fri. 3/31 Brotherhood Night

Sat. 4/22 NWMP Lodge No 11, 3rd degree
at the Bob Carpenter Center

Sat. 5/20 Railroad Degree, Tickets (\$40) are
available from any Ionic Officer.

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



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