

March 2017 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 665th 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, Delaware on **Thursday,**

March 2, 2017, 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 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

What a wonderful gathering we had last month, it was a true pleasure enjoying a meal with visiting friends and Brothers as well as their ladies and our widows. The program by Ed Okonowicz was quite informative.

This Month we Have Patricia Talorico from The News Journal who will be speaking about her column on Wine and Food.

The Month of April we Plan on having the Brew Master of Twin Lake Brewery . This will be a night of learning and tasting!

Please pass the word on these events, They are open to all, So if you have an opportunity to attend bring a few friends.

Did you Know:

Fraternity

Brother is one of the oldest and finest words in the language. In the ancient Greek it had the form of phrater, in Latin it became frater, it always denoted brother, or brothers or something which had to do with brotherly relationships. When correctly applied to an association or society the word therefore becomes its own definition: a fraternity is any society in which the members act toward each other in a brotherly way, are brother-like, comprise a brotherhood. This brotherliness is not incidental to such a society, but is itself the society's purpose, or one of its purposes.

In the early periods of the builders craft, local masons had an organization of their own called a gild-spelled g-i-l-d. The Freemasons were not tied down to a local organization but were free to travel about, each one for himself, and from country to country: therefore their own organization had more of the nature of a fraternity than it did a gild. In one form or another, to one extent or another, Freemasonry has been a fraternity from its beginning.*

Fraternally
Eric L. Thompson WM

*Freemasons Handbook

3/2/17 Stated Communication

- There will be a dinner at 6:30 pm. We will be serving A Irish American favorite Corned Beef Cabbage and Potatoes. The cost will be \$12.00 per person. Widows and Birthday Brothers No Charge. Kids eat for free .Please RSVP Fred Palmer
- **Lodge opens at 5:30 pm**
- Program for the evening will be **Patricia Talorico**. Patty is the Food and Wine Writer at the DelawareOnline.

Masonic Recipe

Take 2 heaping cups of Patience
One heartfelt Love
2 handfuls of Generosity
Dash of Laughter
One headful of Understanding
Sprinkle generosity with Kindness
Add plenty of Faith and mix well
Spread over a period of a lifetime
And serve everybody you meet.

Brotherhood Night

Friday March 31, 2017

We have a few tickets, If anyone is interested or knows of someone who might like to attend, please contact an officer . This event is always a great time!

Notes: To all that have not remitted their dues; Please do so As Soon As Possible

If anyone has questions concerning dues, please contact The Secretary Dave Pudvan PM

Upcoming Events

- Thu 3/2 Stated Communication Program: Patricia Talorico, writer for the News Journal**
- Fri 3/10 EA Degree**
- Sat 3/11 2nd Saturday Social**
- Thu 3/16 Degree if Candidate Proficient**
- Tue 3/21 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 Some tickets are still available**

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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