

April 2017 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 666th 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, April 6, 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.

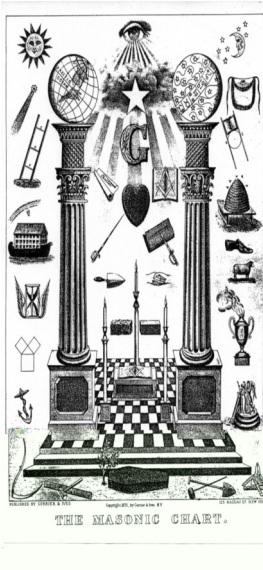
Eric L. Thompson Attest: **David Pudvan PM**
Worshipful Master Secretary

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



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

Well Brothers,
Spring is finally here. One definition of spring is: *originate or rise from.* As a mason that is exactly what we do. We originate as a man from the general human population of gods creations and petition a lodge. The lodge then sows us as a entered apprentice. We then sprout and grow as a fellow craft. Finally we rise and bloom as a master mason. As I plant this thought in your minds, my hope is at this time of year it acts as a fertilizer and sprouts thoughts of why you took the first steps in masonry as well as renews your zest for the craft. So brothers rise up and soak up the sun of life. Seize the day! Take these fleeting moments and cherish every ounce of the time we may have to make the world a better place.

Fraternally
Eric L. Thompson WM

Spring

The long cold winter is melting away
A single red bird was spotted today

Through the mist the sun is peeking
Squirrels about acorn-seeking

New life has come to the fields and woods
Kids venture out in sweatshirts with hoods

In just a few weeks the river will flow
Blossoms on trees will be starting to show

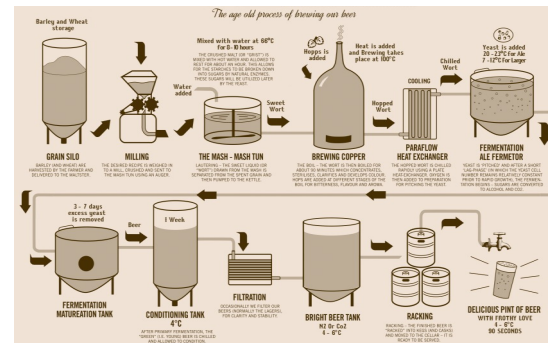
There's still a chill in the spring time air
Winter is gone but the memory is still there

Summer is waiting a few months beyond
To warm the air and the meadow and pond

A gopher peers out from the holes that he makes
Springtime is when the whole world awakes

4/6/17 Stated Communication

- Lodge will open at 5:30. we will conduct our business till 7:00pm We will then have the program for the night in the banquet room. The Program will be a presentation buy the brewers of **Twin Lakes Brewing Company.** For all you home brewers this is a great opportunity to ask those questions regarding the process of beer brewing. **Please RSVP Fred Palmer**
- Lodge opens at 5:30 pm**
- 7:00 pm Program starts**
- Refreshments :** sandwiches, pretzels & chips, as well as beer tasting. No charge Donation only
- Please invite your family and friends, This is an open event from 7pm on.**



Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

Benjamin Franklin



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

Fri. 3/31 Brotherhood Night

Thur. 4/6 Stated opens 5:30pm
Program: Twin Lakes Brewery

Sat. 4/8 Second Saturday Social

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

Sat. 5/20 Railroad Degree
Tickets are SOLD OUT.

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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