

## May 2017 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 667th 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, May 4,**

**2017, 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  
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



May the candles of our memories forever burn for our Brethren whom have passed to that celestial Lodge above.

### 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,

This month is a special one, It's the time of the year when we pay remembrance to our Brethren that have gone to that Celestial Lodge, That house not made with hands but that spiritual building that we spent building on our mortal plain.

When I first started thinking about our Memorial Service several months ago, I wanted to write something of value to validate our departed Brothers. So I set out to find some articles pertaining to the subject. I also read several passages from the Bible to get inspiration. But I can tell you most honestly where I found the best information. It came from listening to the Brothers and widows conversing at our several functions this year. Then I set out to write down what I learned on so many anecdotes. Well how does one condense such knowledge? This I assure you is not an easy task especially in such a short format. Upon silent reflection I've come to the conclusion, it can not be done, it's a thing that needs to be experienced. In my opinion the best memorial is the one that never ends. This can be achieved by the passing of stories and memories from person to person. By this action a memorial of our loved ones will last through eternity.

So my charge to you is: take the time to listen, share and participate in as many functions as you can in your life. Fellowship is a blessing.

To all the Brothers that have come before me, I honor you. To all the Brothers I've met, Thank you. To all future Brothers I pray you find the Brotherly love that this great fraternity holds.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons! May Brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us. So mote it be

## 5/4/17 Stated Communication

- **Lodge opens at 6:00 pm**
- **Dinner at 6:30 pm.** Menu will be an old fashion Masonic dinner. Meat loaf, green beans, mash potatoes, dinner roll and assorted beverages. **Cost \$12.00.**
- **No charge to Birthday Brothers , Widows & Kids**
- **Please RSVP by Sunday 4/30 (Fred Palmer. 302-981-6202)**
- **Program** for the evening will be our memorial service.
- This is an **open event.** Please invite your family and friends



In Our Hearts  
ROSE M. DE LEON

We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday  
And days before that, too.  
We think of you in silence.  
We often speak your name.  
Now all we have is memories  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping.  
We have you in our heart

## Upcoming Events

- Thur. 5/4** Stated Communication  
Lodge opens at 6:00 pm
- Fri. 5/12** Officer Practice
- Thur. 5/18** Officer Practice
- Sat. 5/20** Railroad Degree  
Tickets: Sold Out  
Lunch served at 11am  
Train departs at high-12
- Tues. 5/23** Officer Practice
- Thur. 6/1** Stated Communication  
**Officer Elections**

Check [www.ionic31.org](http://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](mailto:mildbill2@verizon.net)



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**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