

JUNE 2017 Trestleboard



Brethren, the 668th 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, June 1, 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.

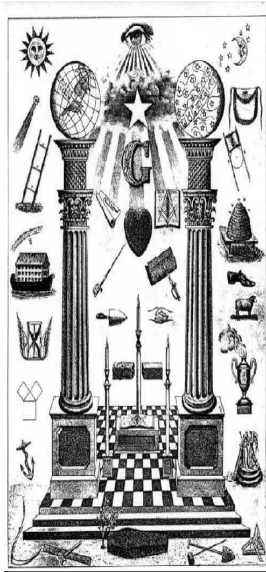
Eric L. Thompson Attest: **David Pudvan PM**
Worshipful Master Secretary

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
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, we have come to that oh so important time of year. The time to elect your officers for the coming year.

Its hard to believe its been almost a year. I was told when you get to the East, your year will be over in a blink. How true it is, there are things you plan for and things you wish to achieve. Well in whole most things were accomplished and there are a few things I wished I've done, The things we have done together I'm proud of, the things not accomplished, well that my brothers is something Masonry has taught me, No person is perfect and it gives me something to work on.

This past Masonic year was a year of Family & Fraternity for sure.

A Snap Shot Of Our Year

September: BBQ to kick off the year with family & friends and live music

October: We had the Honorable Debbie Woodward from JR Court as a speaker. As well as a Grand reception for M.:W.: Dale T. Irwin

November: Grand Lodge visitation

December: Our Christmas Party; always a great time food and carols!

January: we had the St. Johns 1 Eminent Commander speak,

February: Ed Okonwicz local author spoke on our past presidents

March: Patricia Toloricio from the news journal

April: The Twin Lakes Brewing Company

May: Our Memorial service / 2nd MM RR Degree

Eight out of the our nine stated communications this year were open to the public , family and friends.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Master of Ionic 31. I would also like to thank all the officers, brothers and their ladies who help throughout this masonic year. We are nothing as one, but as a whole we are family that can accomplish anything.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, this has been an experience that will forever live with me.

Fraternally

Your Brother, Eric L. Thompson WM

6/1/17 Stated Communication

- Lodge opens at 7:30 pm
- This meeting is our annual elections
- Following the meeting we will gather in the banquet room and enjoy strawberries and ice cream.

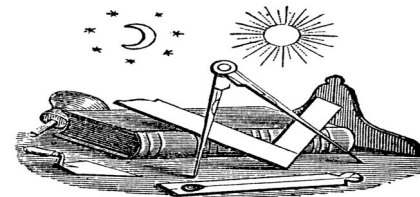
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A Mason's hand is a hand that helps,
That lifts the fallen one,
That comes, in need, with a kindly deed
To him whose strength is gone.

A Mason's heart is a heart that loves
The best that is good and true
He stands the friend, his best to lend,
Under his banner blue.

A Mason's eye is an eye that smiles
And his a cheering voice;
He spreads the light, dispels the night
And makes the world rejoice.

Over the earth in stranger lands,
Where distant peoples dwell,
The eye, the grip, the life, the lip,
Of love unchanging tell



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

- Thur. 6/1** **Stated Communication**
Lodge opens at 7:30 pm
- Fri. 6/9** **APM Degree** for Bryan Irwin this event open to Past Masters only
- Thur. 6/15** **Degree** TBD
- Fri. 6/16** **Scottish Rite Night** @ Blue Rocks
Contact John Bednash PGM
- Sat. 6/17** **Grand Lodge Day!**
This event is for the family and friends at Killens Pond. 12pm-6pm
- Tues. 6/27** **Officer Installation.**
This is an open installation, so please invite the friends & family

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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