



Temple Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M.

**Chartered January 16, 1815
2015-2016
201st Year of Fellowship**

Stated Communications

*Second and Fourth
Thursday of Each Month
7:30 PM*

*Fellowship with Dinner
6:30 PM*

*Meetings are not held in
July and August or on
Thanksgiving or
Christmas (when those
holidays fall on a
Thursday)*

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2014-2015

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Steward
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Kyle Rash – Tiler*

From the East – Stephen Walter, WM

My Brothers,

I hope this trestle board finds and your family well. Remember that the Lodge is here for YOU. Should you need anything, we are a phone call away. We each took an oath and obligation to each other and we are bound by the most sacred ties; don't ever forget.

I have laid out a format for this year that I think you will appreciate. The first meeting of each month (second Thursday) will be casual attire as we will only be doing lodge business and having presentations from appendant bodies. The second meeting of each month (fourth Thursday) will be business as usual and degree work, Fellowcraft and Entered Apprentice Degrees. All Master Mason degrees will be special communications to emphasize that the night belongs to our candidate. I hope this encourages more brothers to be able to attend.

With the changing of the leaves comes new charitable work and activities for our lodge to partake in. Our work is laid out, and all we have to do is tackle it. I am seeking your participation.

We will also be building a float to have in the Annual Milford Fall Parade being held on October 21th,



2015. The theme is "Back To The Future". Look to the south for more information.

Our Junior warden will be putting together a Halloween party for the brothers and their families, place and time still to be determined. Again, more information to come from the South.

Finally, on October the 22nd, we will have our second Stated Communication for the month and confer the Entered Apprentice Degree. I hope you will all be in attendance to congratulate our newest entered brothers.

Attention Grand Lodge Members, Wardens & Past Masters, there will be a Grand Lodge Member meeting on the third floor of our masonic hall on October 22nd at 6pm. For more dates of interest, check out the upcoming events column in this communication, or the calendars hanging in the lodge.

Finally, do you have someone in your life who you think would make a great Mason? Don't wait! Start a conversation with them today. Don't let opportunities slip away! Think about where you would be without this fantastic fraternity, and do them a favor by talking to them about it. We have plenty of activities that we can bring family and friends to, so stop putting it off and talk to them today. There is no time like the present.

Living Past Masters

Richard N. Downing – 1964
Jehu M. Davis, Jr. – 1966
Leroy A. Timblin – 1970/1975
John L. Watkins – 1973
Franklin S. Wilkins – 1974
Louis S. O'Day – 1978
John E. Holland – 1980
Frank H. Beebe – 1981
Ronald Jester - 1982
Gilbert H. Emory – 1983
Steven L. Rogers – 1984
Robert D. Clendaniel – 1985
J.D. Dennis, Jr. – 1988
Jeffrey W. Hague, PGMar. – 1989/2007
William A. Dudley, Jr. – 1990
William T. Wadkins, Jr., PGM – 1992
Bruce K. Ney – 1993
Marlin A. Gillespie – 1994
David F. Coady – 1997
Clarence R. Jackson – 1998
Donald C. Adams – 1999
Joshua J. Willey – 2000
J. Edward Hudson – 2001
George Andreae – 2002
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan, III, PGT – 2010
Chad T. Robinson, SGS – 2011
Danny Doran - 2012
Will Currey - 2013

From the Senior Warden – Jim Bennett

The Masonic year is off and running! The crab feast was very successful with everyone leaving full of great food and fellowship. Mark your calendars for next year's crab feast to be held on 9/11/16. The crab feast committee is planning something special in commemoration of this historic day. Stay tuned!

It's been a few years since I have enjoyed the view from the west and as look around at the lodge room I see a couple of things worth noting.

First - it seems there a few more brothers in lodge these days. Hopefully we can build on this and fill a few more seats at each meeting. WM Walter has a big year planned so try and make it out and join us for a meeting. Also worth noting the Stewards have prepared wonderful meals to date and I, for one, look forward to their next dinner.

The Stewards will lead me into the second thing worth noting – the officer line. The lodge looks to be in excellent hands over the next handful of years. The Secretary and Treasurer are there for the lodge with their experience and guidance. The Wardens are making plans for their years in the east. The Deacons are hard at work with proficiency and their duties.

The Stewards have a great deal of enthusiasm for their roles and for the craft. We have a new Tiler this year and he knows how to handle a sword! As noted before WM Walter has a great year planned so let's get together and enjoy the fellowship within the greatest fraternity in the world! I know it is early but if anyone has an interest in joining the officer line please let me know. If you want to become part of one of the many committees please contact any officer.

127 Causey Avenue is just a building. You make it Temple No 9!

Jim Bennett, SW

"I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States." -Theodore Rosevelt

Mentor's Corner

Most of us know that many of the most influential people in the formation of the United States were Masons, but I wanted to make you aware of one of the most prominent, Gunning Bedford Jr., our first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware (1806, 1807 & 1808).

Brother Bedford was raised to the subline degree of Master Mason, September 11, 1782, in Lodge # 17 Christiana Ferry. The next year he was elected as a member of the Continental Congress from Delaware and served three years.

Early in 1787, Brother Bedford, along with four other men were selected as delegates from Delaware to frame the first Constitution of the United States.

The general feeling of most of the larger states was that both branches of the Congress should be based on population. An early decision was that the first branch (House Of Representatives) would be apportioned by population. Using his skill as an orator, Brother Bedford frequently argued that each state must have equal representation in the Senate and debated both Alexander Hamilton and James Madison about this point.

Finally, in June of 1787, he made a bold move and accused the more populous states of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts of using their numbers, wealth and ambition for power in every vote they cast. He exclaimed "Gentlemen, I do not trust you, If you posses the power, the use of it cannot be checked. You dare not dissolve the confederation; if you do the small states will find some foreign ally of more honor and good faith who will take them by the hand and do them justice."

Needless to say, these words created great turmoil among the delegates, but cooler heads prevailed and Brother Benjamin Franklin headed a compromise committee and, in July, a vote was taken and the two houses were formed, the House of Representative created by State population and the Senate by equal representation (two per State).

History has clearly proven that the efforts of Brother Gunning Bedford Jr. and his excellent foresight gave us a government which represents the people of all State,s regardless of their size.

Reference: History of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & of A.M. Delaware, Charles E. Green

Tom McMurray, PM

Don't Forget to Send Us Your E-mail Address

Please don't forget if you have an e-mail address, please share it with the lodge.

We have gotten many e-mail addresses, but still only half the membership.

Your e-mail address will allow us to send you quick time updates for events, Masonic funerals and other functions.

We promise we will not SPAM your inbox, but provide you with information about lodge happenings. As you know, the Trestleboard is already going out via e-mail. Your e-mail address will save the lodge much needed funds and be environmentally friendly at the same time.



General Torbert Chapter DeMolay

Dates to Remember:

**October 22nd Stated
Communication.**

**November 12th State
Communication**

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Visit us at:
www.temple9.org

It has been some time since I have had any good news to report about your chapter of DeMolay. Since the last time I wrote an article for the Trestle Board we have not been very busy with activities except for practicing for our Ritual Competition which was held in Gettysburg, PA. I am very proud to say that we did very well, although we did not come home with any ribbons we did have one of our own get recognized for placing 3rd in the Chaplains competition. Our Master Councilor Matthew Gayle did place third and was recognized for his accomplishments. We made a challenge to the Henlopen Chapter from Lewes, DE sponsored by Jefferson Lodge that whichever teamed finished higher in the 9 O'clock Interpolation competition would provide a pizza party for the other and unfortunately we lost by just 2.5 points so we paid off our debt this past Wednesday. It was all in good fun and brotherhood. In the competition we had 4 members that competed in 6 different categories. Our Ritual

Competition is a once a year activity usually done in September and it moves around from state to state in Region II, next year it is supposed to be in New Jersey. Some things we have coming up are working a snack booth for the University of Delaware Football games, when we do this usually all of the chapters in Delaware send some young men to help and this also builds Brotherhood amongst all of the members. We also have our Brotherhood Weekend which will be held at Cape Henlopen State Park in October and hopefully we will be able to send 4 of our members to this. I know you all get tired of me mentioning this all the time but we really do need your help, we are down to 4 active members and really need to get more in to the chapter so that we have the ability to do more as a chapter. It is really hard to do our chapter duties with only 4 members, imagine trying to do Lodge work with only 4 seats filled, does not work very well. If you know of a young man between the ages of 12-21 please tell them about DeMolay or contact me and I will be glad to tell

them. If you need to contact me, my phone number is 302-284-8631 and my email is Deldemolay@aol.com. All for now.

Deldemolay@aol.com or at 302-284-8631.
Fraternally,
Dad Dave Penney

Mission Statement

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

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