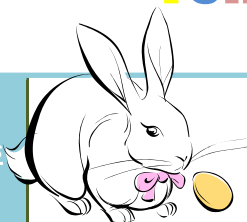




Temple Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M.



Chartered January 16, 1815
2011-2012
197th 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)

Lodge Officers 2011-2012

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Roland Cohee – Senior
Deacon
Stephen Walter – Junior
Deacon

Jim Bennett – Senior Steward
Phil Webb – Junior Steward
Harold Rothermel - Chaplain
Harold Brode – Tiler
Dayn Carter – Marshal
Michael B. Saba, PM – Aide to
the Master and Lodge
Instructor

From the East – Chad Robinson, WM

Wow – it is hard to believe that April is already here. Spring has sprung and the weather has been gorgeous. April means that this Masonic year is drawing quickly to a close – it is so hard to believe.

March was a great month for Temple Lodge No. 9 and Freemasonry. We had a very successful Past Master's Night, Pancake Breakfast and Highfield Church Service. You can read about all of these events in this

Trestlebaord.

During the month, the officers completed their proficiencies for advancement. This means I am quickly becoming a "has been," and the guys behind me are stepping up. Despite this, we are not done yet and still have many exciting events upcoming.

I sincerely hope that all of you will come out to our April communications and events. I also particularly

hope that you will join us for Ladies Night with your lady. It will be a fun night and I personally am really looking forward to it. Please see the back of this Trestleboard for more information.

As I have said many times, I am LOVING this job. I am having a great time and hope you are enjoying it too. May the Grand Architect of the Universe, bless you today and always. So mote it be!!

Scholarships Available for Students

Temple Lodge No. 9 is proud to announce the open application period for our two scholarships:

The Henry C. Coleman Scholarship is open to any child or grandchild of a member of Temple Lodge No. 9. The amount is \$750.00.

The Temple Lodge No. 9 Open Scholarship is open to any Milford or Lake Forest High School senior in true financial need that possesses a 2.5 or higher GPA. The amount is \$1000.00

The application and further requirements are listed online, by visiting the lodge website at

<http://temple9.org/scholarship-application/>. You may complete the application online and submit further information by U.S. mail as indicated on the website. You may also obtain applications by calling the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Martin F. Hogan, III, PM, GT at (302) 335-4300. The deadline for both scholarships is April 15, 2012.

Also, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware is pleased to announce the open application period for the Gunning Bedford Scholarship. For more information, please visit the Grand Secretary's

page of the Grand Lodge of Delaware website at <http://www.masonsindelaware.org/secretary/secretary.html>, and click on the links for the Gunning Bedford Scholarship on the right hand side. The application deadline for the Gunning Bedford Scholarship is May 1, 2012. It must be received in the Grand Secretary's office before that date.



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
Gilbert H. Emory – 1983
Steven L. Rogers – 1984
Robert D. Clendaniel – 1985
Harry C. Brown – 1986
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
Maurice C. Barnes – 1996
David F. Coady – 1997
Clarence R. Jackson – 1998
Donald C. Adams – 1999
Joshua J. Willey – 2000
J. Edward Hudson – 2001
George Andreae – 2002
Samuel C. Johnson – 2004
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Gerald K. Layne – 2006
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan, III, GT - 2010



Bug and Bud Festival, Hospital Fair and Golf Tourney

There are three big events coming up that should be marked on your calendar. These are events that Temple Lodge No. 9 will participate in, so we hope you will come out and help the lodge at these important events.

The first is the 9th Annual Bug and Bud Festival, which will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Riverwalk in Downtown Milford. This is a really fun spring event and is always a good time with lots of food vendors and things to see. The lodge is planning on having a table at this event. We are in hopes to have some giveaway items on Freemasonry, as well as maybe balloons and face painting for the kids. There is no fee for the space, as the lodge will have one member serve as a festival volunteer. In this way, we are representing our organization and also

helping our community.

The second event is the 55th Annual Milford Memorial Hospital Fair. This event has been ably led by Brothers Jerry Swain and Michael Saba, PM for the last few years. The lodge has volunteered our services in the last few years to assist with set-up and working the concession areas of the event. This year, the Fair will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 10 AM to 4 PM at Milford Middle School. It is not entirely certain where the lodge will be working quite yet, but it is a sure bet that we will need help. Please consider volunteering some time to help the lodge at this important event, even if it is just an hour or two. It will be fun for us and service to our community.

The last event is one that seems a little ways off, but will be here before we

know it. The Annual Lodge Golf Tourney will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at Shawnee Country Club. Registration begins at 10:30 AM, lunch at 11:30 AM and start at 1:00 PM. The fee per golfer is \$65. There are tee signs for sale, as well. The tee signs are available for \$75 and please consider buying one from yourself or your business. You can also recruit businesses to buy tee signs. All of the profits go to fund the Lodge Open Scholarships, which are available to students from Lake Forest and Milford High Schools to help fund their college expenses. If you have any questions contact Brother Jerry Swain at (302) 424-1516. This is an important event for the lodge and I hope everyone will consider playing (if you are able), volunteering and buying a tee sign. If we all do that – it will be an amazing day!!

A Blessed Highfield Church Service

On Sunday, March 25, 2012, members of Temple Lodge No. 9 traveled to Highfield: Masonic Home of Delaware to perform the weekly church service there. It was a very fun experience for all the members in attendance, and the residents of the Home seemed very appreciative of the attendance of Temple Lodge No. 9 members.

It has been some time since Temple Lodge No. 9 has met the obligation, so

everyone was very pleased with the efforts.

The traveling group consisted of WM Robinson, SD Roland Cohee and his wife, JD Stephen Walter and his wife and children, Chaplain Harold Rothermel, Tiler Harold Brode, Brother Roy Lafontaine and his wife, and Brother Roland Cohee, Jr. and his wife. It was a wonderful day. Mrs. Clara Lafontaine played the piano for the

service and Brothers Rothermel, Brode and Cohee, Jr. read scripture. The sermon was delivered by WM Robinson.

Thanks to all those who traveled and participated in the service!! Hopefully, Temple Lodge No. 9 will continue to meet this obligation for many years in the future and share in this special service with the residents of Highfield!



A Table Lodge in Honor of the Past Master's

The Past Master's are the backbone of any active and well governed Masonic lodge and Temple Lodge No. 9 is no different. This year, Temple Lodge No. 9 chose to honor the Past Master's by hosting a Table Lodge in their honor. The event was held on Thursday, March 22 on the second floor.

As with our Grand Master's Visitation, Brother Stephen Walter, JD prepared a wonderful six course meal to go along with the traditional table lodge toasts. The meal consisted of a fruit cup, salad, potato and leek soup and a wonderful main course of chicken piccata, a California blend and au gratin potatoes.

We had a number of Past Master's in attendance including - Martin F. Hogan, III, PM, GT;

Michael B. Saba, PM; Jeffrey Hague, PM, PGMar.; Samuel C. Johnson, PM; Maurice C. Barnes, PM; Marlin A. Gillespie, PM; Bruce K. Ney, PM; William A. Dudley, Jr., PM; Robert D. Clendaniel, PM; Steven L. Rogers, PM; Leroy A. Timblin, PM; Jehu M. Davis, Jr., PM.

Also joining in our festive board were a number of brothers from Union Lodge No. 7, as well as a visitor Jefferson Lodge No. 15 and a visitor from a lodge in Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Richard W. Aydelotte, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was seated at the head table for the event and delivered the keynote address for the evening. Most Worshipful Aydelotte talked about the terrible day that he had, as he had to put his dog to

sleep earlier in the day, but how he was lifted up to spend the evening with his Masonic brothers. He proceeded to talk about what we all bring to the table, and how if we all bring what we have to the table, whether in lodge or otherwise, we can have quiet the "feast." Following his remarks, the brothers gave him a standing ovation.

The evening concluded with the passing of the District 3 Traveling Gavel. It had been captured by Temple Lodge No. 9 the evening before from Jefferson Lodge No. 15, but was quickly taken by Union Lodge No. 7. They had enough brothers in attendance to capture, and Worshipful Brothers Hiott and Gillette took charge of it and said they would return it to WM Marinucci. Temple Lodge No. 9 will return to retrieve it soon!!



Congratulations to Brothers Walter, Bennett and Carter on receiving their Scottish Rite Degrees.



The Past Master's Night Table Lodge was great!! Everyone had a good time, many hands made for light work and the evening ended with the transfer of the District 3 Traveling Gavel!!

Continuing the Journey – Brothers Go Scottish Rite

By: JD Stephen Walter

March 2012 was a busy month for Masonry in the state of Delaware and especially for the brothers of Temple Lodge No. 9. There are so many events that our Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge have for us to choose from, but if you ever find yourself wanting more, you can look to the Scottish Rite. Brothers Dayn Carter, Jim Bennett, and I accompanied the Scottish Rite Valley of Lower Delaware to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to take part

in seeing the Eighth Degree put on at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Friday, March 16th. Representing the Lower Valley of Delaware were Brother Arthur Sutton (Treasurer), Brother Phil Webb, and Illustrious Keith Gramling. Our hosts provided us a festive board, and good fellowship before the meeting. After a few hours of sleep that night, we jumped back in the car and traveled to Nur Shrine in New Castle on Saturday, March 17th for the 16th & 18th degrees.

Coming up in the month of April, we (Dayn, Jim, and I) will be traveling to Wilmington to receive the 21st, 31st, and 32nd degrees. If you ever find yourself wanting to learn more about our ancient fraternity, do not hesitate to ask.



Dates to Remember:

April 12

Stated Communication
Third Degree Conferral
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

April 16

Special Communication
First Degree Conferral
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

April 18

Worshipful Master's of District 3
Confer Third Degree
Gethsemane Lodge No. 28,
Reliance
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

April 21

Temple 9 and Union 7 Trip to
George Washington National
Masonic Memorial

April 26

Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

April 28

Milford Bug and Bud Festival
Riverwalk and Downtown Milford
9 AM to 4 PM

May 3

Temple Lodge No. 9 Ladies Night
Harrington Raceway

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Important Grand Lodge Events

There are many events happening across our Grand Lodge of which you might be interested:

Youth Table Lodge, April 14. 6:30 PM, Jackson Lodge No. 19, Delaware City,

Gold Collar Night, April 19, 5:00 PM, Armstrong Lodge No. 26, Newport, Tickets - \$20.00

Statewide Brother Bring a Friend Night, April 27, 6:00 PM, Dover Sheraton, Tickets - \$35.00 for brother and the friend is free

Grand Lodge Day at the Masonic Home, June 9, 10 AM to 3 PM, Highfield – NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Please see the WM or

Secretary for tickets to any of these events. Also, please keep in mind that the Grand Master's Flag is still for sale. Please let the WM know if you are interested!



Tickets on Sale for Ladies Night

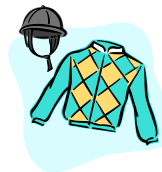
Please mark on your calendars the special date of Thursday, May 3, 2012 for our Annual Ladies Night.

This year we will be planning on having our Ladies Night festivities at Harrington Raceway and Casino in the Clubhouse.

The meal will consist of a buffet.

The plan for the evening is a buffet dinner and festivities. Temple Lodge No. 9 and the Grand Lodge of Delaware will be sponsoring a horse race later in the evening and presenting a blanket.

More details and tickets will be available in the coming days. Please come to lodge and watch your e-mail for more details.



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.

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 via e-mail. Your e-mail address will save the lodge much needed funds and be environmentally friendly at the same time.

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