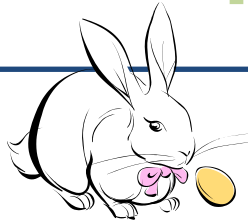




Temple Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M.



Chartered January 16, 1815
2016-2017
202nd 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 2016-2017

Worshipful Master
Jim Bennett
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Chad Robinson, PM
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Mike Brittingham - Junior Deacon
John Cannon – Senior Steward
Mike Nichols – Junior Steward
Roland Cohee, Jr. - Chaplain
John Nicolls – Tiler
Jack McDuff – Marshal

From the East – Jim Bennett, WM

In each article I have written this year I have tried to share the excitement I have experienced with the events that have taken place. This article is no different! We had a wonderful and colorful Grand Visitation. (Please see pictures within this trestle board). Grand Master Dale Irwin and his staff paid our lodge a fine visit and a good time was enjoyed by all. Our thoughts and prayers were with the Fulmer family upon receiving the news of the passing of PGM Herbert Fulmer. In true Masonic fashion we

managed through the meeting with good fellowship and shared a few laughs throughout the evening. The ladies had an enjoyable evening with their event at Park Place Restaurant and Lounge.

With the excitement of the Grand Visitation behind us I was concerned the Masonic year might be coming to an end without much fanfare. Brothers – that won't be the case. We have recently passed 4 brothers to the degree of Fellow Craft. It is very likely that before we go dark at the end of June these Brothers along with

several others will be raised to Degree of Master Mason. This is truly exciting for the candidates and for your officer team. The Master Mason degrees will be conferred in a number of different ways to include the officers of Temple Lodge No. 9, the Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9 and the Shield and Square degree team. Stay tuned!

Courage is the first of human qualities, because it is the quality which guarantees all the others.
– Bro. Winston Churchill

From the Secretary's Desk – Jeff Hague, PM

One obligation that all members of Temple Lodge have is to pay their dues, unless there has been a specific exemption given. This goes back to the initial charter of the Lodge. Your dues provide the income that enables the lodge to operate. In other words, it helps keep the lights on. The dues for the Lodge portion is \$35.00 per year. The extra amount, which is listed on your invoice, that was mailed last November, is referred to as Grand Lodge Assessment. This amount varies every year and is made up of several components. For the last couple of years this amount has been \$33.50. This makes a total of \$68.50.

At this point in time approximately 78 brothers have not paid this years' dues, and for several of the brothers, multiple years dues have not been paid. This places a severe burden on the lodge. Why? Because even for those brothers that have not paid, the lodge must still pay the Grand Lodge Assessment. That amount adds up pretty quickly and runs several thousand dollars each year. The last thing we want to do is suspend any brother for non-payment of dues. Once a Mason always a Mason. Your obligation is binding for life. As a Mason it is your responsibility to meet not only your daily life obligations, but those of the lodge. Brothers that do not meet their obligations, not only by not paying their fair share, impact the entire lodge.

If you have not received your yearly membership card, it means you have not paid your dues. If there is a valid reason that you are not able to pay, please let me know so we can take care of the situation. Don't let the amount build up to the point where it requires the Lodge to take action.

**Living Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9**

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
Jeff Hague, PGMar. – 1989/2007
William A. Dudley, Jr. – 1990
William T. Wadkins, 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
George Andreae – 2002
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan, III, PGT – 2010
Chad T. Robinson, PSGS – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, PJGS – 2013
H. Roland Cohee – 2014
Stephen Walter - 2015

**Affiliated Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9**

Thomas McMurray – 1977
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008
Roan Oak, Texas

John Marinucci, DGM – 2011
Dover, Delaware



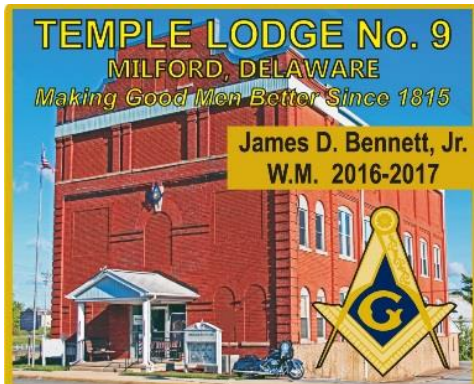
GRAND VISITATION 2016-2017

It was an evening with mixed emotion. Grand Master Dale Irwin arrived in very festive fashion - complete with green hair. Then, the unfortunate news of PGM Herbert Fulmer's passing arrived during our dinner. The officers of Temple Lodge No. 9 had only an hour before undraped the alter with the hopes it would stay undraped for an extended period of time. Little did we know we would be again draping the alter a short time later. After the sad news settled in we resumed the evening and good fellowship was had by all. Temple Lodge No. 9 thanks Grand Master Dale T. Irwin and his staff for a memorable visit.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the use of a National Traveling Gavel. The gavel (pictured above) has traveled to all of the states in the US except for nine. It was an honor to have use of such a unique gavel in our lodge.



Upcoming Open House at Temple Lodge No. 9



Temple Lodge No. 9 will have an open house on April 6, 2017. If you have anyone that has expressed an interest in Masonry this will be an excellent opportunity to gather some good, firsthand information. Please invite and accompany, if possible, anyone you feel would be a positive addition to our great Fraternity. There will be light refreshments on the 2nd floor beginning at 6:30 PM and running through 8:30 PM. It is casual attire, so don't worry about getting dressed up!

All-You-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's

Temple Lodge No. 9 is hosting an ALL YOU CAN EAT pancake breakfast on 4/1/17. The breakfast will take place at Applebee's in Milford from 8AM – 10AM. Tickets are available from any officer and at the door. Adults \$7 Children \$3 (12 and under)

Hmmm... Who's going to have the best April Fool's joke?



Happy Birthday Brothers!!!

March was an exciting month, not only with Grand Master's Visitation, but with birthday brothers too.

March saw 226 years of Masonry represented and lots of reasons to celebrate.

Don't forget to come out for your Masonic birthday and receive your gift!



Dates to Remember:

April 1, 2017

Pancake Breakfast
TICKET REQUIRED
Applebee's, Milford
8:00 AM

April 6, 2017

Lodge Open House
6:30 to 8:30 PM

April 13, 2017

Stated Communication
and Birthday Party
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

April 27, 2017

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

May 11, 2017

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

May 18, 2017

Ladies Night
TICKET REQUIRED
Harrington Raceway
5 PM

May 25, 2017

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

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

I don't usually stand up on my soap box to pontificate, but since I just received my certificate for 55 years as a Mason, I might be allowed to say something I have a thing about.

When each of us took our obligation as an EA we acquired the privilege to the title of brother, and as our officers take on their positions in Lodge they acquire the privilege of being referred to by their title i.e. Brother JD, Brother SW etc. It is our responsibility to see that we use those titles. I have quoted below a Past Master from Virginia who I believe sums up my thoughts on this subject. I'm certainly not trying to be "holier than thou", because I have done this very thing many times, but I promise to try and not do this again.

"BROTHER" IS A TITLE:

In the usages of Freemasonry, "Brother" is neither a sentimental nor familiar form of address, but is a title – as much so as Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Very Reverend, Right Worshipful, or Most Worshipful, and must always be used as such. A man does not attend a Lodge Communication in his capacity as a private individual. He is not just Joe, or Bill, or John, but is there in his capacity as a Mason. For this reason one should never in open Lodge refer to "Bill B.", but always to "Brother B." in the same literal sense as any other office in the Lodge or Grand Lodge. Always address a Grand Lodge Officer at any Communication by his correct title and he in turn must show the same courtesy to other Grand Lodge Officers present as well as to the Worshipful Master and to the Brethren of the Lodge. This rule of etiquette should be punctiliously observed, no matter what ties of family or friendship may exist."

Thanks to Worshipful Brother Delbert Rhodes for his thoughts.

**Congratulations
Brother Tom McMurray
upon receiving your
55 YEAR CERTIFICATE
at the recent
Grand Master's Visitation!**



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TO THE FAMILY OF THE BROTHER NAMED ON THIS DOCUMENT: Should he become ill or in need of assistance, please notify the Secretary or Worshipful Master. Their names and contact information are contained within.