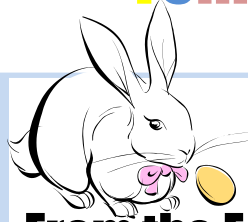


April 2019



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



Chartered January 16, 1815
2018-2019
204th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Steve Kerr, WM

Spring has finally Sprung!!! I am very excited to congratulating Brother J.W and S.D and their families with new additions their families. April is going to be another great month for our lodge.

We have the great opportunity to be able to raise one of Brother at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. This is going to be event where Delaware Masonry and the Colonial Degree Team will be able to put on a great Degree and show how Delaware and Temple Lodge No. 9 is great. I hope you will be able to come out and support us and the raising of your Brother. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019.

The bus will leave from the Delaware Department of Transportation (800 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901) at 9:00 AM. The next stop will be the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, we will serve a lite lunch and the gavel will drop for the degree conferral at 1:00 PM. Upon completion of the degree (approximately 3:30 PM) we will make our way back to DeIDOT, stopping at Harris Crabhouse and Seafood Restaurant (433 Kent Narrow Way N, Grasonville, MD 21638) at approximately 5:00 PM for dinner. The cost of dinner is not included in your ticket.

The cost of the ticket is \$45 and includes bus transportation and lunch at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (dinner at Harris Crabhouse and Seafood Restaurant is on your own). You can order tickets on the lodge website or see myself, Brother Senior Warden or PM Chad Robinson.

“It is most true, that Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be true, and to seek to find and learn the Truth, are the great objects of every good Mason.”

Albert Pike



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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Chris Fitzgerald – Tiler
Jack McDuff – Marshal

Living Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9

Jehu M. Davis, Jr. – 1966
John L. Watkins – 1973
Franklin S. Wilkins – 1974
Louis S. O'Day – 1978
Frank H. Beebe – 1981
Ronald Jester - 1982
Gilbert H. Emory – 1983
Steven L. Rogers – 1984
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, PSGD – 1994
David F. Coady – 1997
Clarence R. Jackson – 1998
Joshua J. Willey – 2000
George Andreae, PSGD – 2002
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan, III, PGT – 2010
Chad Robinson, PGMar. – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, PGSB – 2013
H. Roland Cohee, PGT – 2014
Stephen Walter, GSB – 2015
Jim Bennett, JGS – 2016
Brandon Smith - 2017

Affiliated Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9

Thomas McMurray – 1977
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008
Roan Oak, Texas

John Marinucci, PGM – 2011
Dover, Delaware

Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
Glen Burnie, Maryland



Delaware DeMolay – Dad Dave Penney

Good day Brothers, this article is going to cover a few different topics. First and foremost DeMolay is now 100 years old, the events so far this year being done by DeMolay International have focused on this item and at our Centennial Grand Sessions in June we will be culminating quite a few of the programs leading up to this. For those of you that are interested in contributing to DeMolay in one way or another you have the opportunity to purchase a brick in the name or memory of someone, just go to www.DeMolay.org and follow the prompts if you are interested or just let me know I have some of the order forms. If you are interested in collecting memorabilia then go to the DeMolay store on the same website and you will find the link to the store.

The General Torbert Chapter has been put into the inactive category due to the point that our membership dropped below the required numbers and we were also short on advisors. But the Dad Layne Squires Manor is up and running. The Squires is for young men between the ages of 10-12 and they basically do the same things as DeMolay. It just gives them a heads up on what DeMolay is all about. Hopefully the members will join DeMolay when they turn 12. So if you know of a young man that meets the criteria for the Squires just let me know. If we can get the Squires going and growing like I hope to then we will have members for the General Torbert Chapter to re-activate the chapter.

On April 6th, 2019 the Delaware State Association of DeMolay Chapters will again be traveling to the Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is a yearly program that we do and this year we have some seats left on the bus. So if you would like to attend the Wreath Laying and also go to the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History afterwards please let me know the cost is \$30.00 per person and that includes lunch consisting of subs, chips and soda. We will be leaving from Union Lodge No.7 in Dover and will make a stop for breakfast on the way over and also a stop on the way home for a snack.

For those of you that have not heard the news yet I will fill you in. As you all know how passionate I am about DeMolay I have agreed to become the Executive Officer of DeMolay for the Jurisdiction of Delaware. I have quite a few ideas on how to get Delaware DeMolay growing again and I will in contact with the other chapters to get some of these ideas into motion. But as always I could use some help, so if anyone out there would like to get involved in DeMolay please let me know and I will be glad to find you something to do to make this fantastic organization grow. In closing I would like to leave you with this segment of one of our rituals, "For God, For Country, For DeMolay".

Scottish Rite of Delaware

The Valley Of Lower Delaware will be holding their Spring reunion March 30th in Lewes, Delaware at Jefferson Lodge. They will be confirming four degrees-the 5th (Perfect Master) and 8th (Intendant of the Building) degrees with live presentation, with the 6th degree (Master of Brazen Serpent) by video and for new candidates we will have 4th degree (Master Traveler) by video available. The doors will open at 08:00 AM. This will be completed by 01:00 PM and lunch will be provided. All officers are expected to attend with dress for officers, 33rd and MSA-tux required with hat and jewels as appropriate and all others-coat and tie. Interested, please contact me at johnmcduff@comcast.net or 302-632-5802.

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

I found some interesting items which I would like to pass along to you, courtesy of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota.

The following information came from the Freemasons' Guide and Compendium regarding the Greater and Lesser Lights from England.

In the eighteenth century the 'Moderns' at first regarded their three big candles carried in high candlesticks as the three great lights, the purpose of which was "not only to show the due course of the sun which rises in the east, has its meridian in the south and declension in the west. but also to light men to, at and from their labor" and also to represent "The Sun, Moon and the Master of the Lodge."

The 'Antients' took a less obvious view of the matter; to them the three great lights were the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square and Compasses, while the three lesser lights were the candles of the Master and his Wardens. To the 'Moderns' the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Square and Compasses were known as the 'furniture' of the lodge; they are still often known in that way. Probably by the end of the century many of the 'Modern' lodges had come to look at the matter differently, and we find the Lodge of Reconciliation, after the union, adopting the 'Antient' practice as to the great lights, and agreeing that the three lesser lights are situated in the east, south, and west, and are meant to represent the sun, moon, and Master of the lodge.

In the old lodges the candles were arranged to form a triangle on the Floor of the lodge, a position which they still occupy in a few of the older Lodges, but mostly nowadays (an arrangement dating back to the early nineteenth century) the candles are at the side of the Master and the two Wardens, where the three tall candlesticks seem to do duty for the three tall pillars present in the old lodges.

In some old French lodges there was a custom of using nine candles in the Third Degree only, in three clusters of three each, retaining the triangular arrangement. Apart from this, it is not thought that there was ever a custom of arranging the candles in different ways to indicate the degree in which the lodge was working.

In existing old lodges there must be great diversity with regard to the positions of the candles and with regard to the customs associated with them. For example, in the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, founded in 1751, the candle in the east is lit before the Master enters the lodge. The lodge having been opened, the Wardens approach the Master's light with their candles, light them, return and place them in position, and resume their chairs.

From the Senior Steward – Brother Dan Trader

For as long as anyone can remember, Masons have long bore the moniker "Traveling Man". Perhaps at one time, it was to travel the world, receive a Master's wages, etc. but now a days, it's just a friendly trip up the road to a Sister Lodge or, maybe, even a neighboring state. While I haven't crossed the state line as of yet, I have made it a priority to do some traveling as of late and I couldn't be happier having done so!

At first, I traveled in the hopes of learning a little something here or there as well as to get out of my comfort zone. It's easy enough, and often enjoyable, to pack a car load of Brothers from your own Blue lodge and hit the road. While you're most likely to be received with open arms and the pleasantries of fraternal greetings, chances are, you'll still end up huddled together in the back section of the North in the same small click that you traveled with. The danger here is that you don't always absorb the Lodge's character or the Brothers in it. It's quite the opposite when you travel solo! Of course you're still greeted as any Brother would be but now you're more likely to fraternize with the Brethren of that Lodge and take in the Lodge for its own uniqueness (no matter how similar, they're all different!)

Whether you choose to go it alone or with your Blue Lodge Bro's, remember to mix and mingle, observe and absorb, support and applaud. The little nuances such as the way our Brothers from Hiram No 21 bow on the Sign of Fidelity to WM before the 3 G.L.s are arranged and after they have been disarranged in lieu of D.G.s and P. S.s as a pledge of respect or the impromptu explanation I heard from our PGM Pletz at Eureka-Dupont No 23-29 describing the difference between "Escorting" and "Conducting" as well as how each should be done, come together and, at least for me, build a bigger, brighter Masonic career and experience.

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Dates to Remember:

April 11, 2019

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

April 18, 2019

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

April 20, 2019

George Washington National
Masonic Memorial
Degree Trip

April 25, 2019

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

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From the Senior Steward – Cont.

Now, having said all that, the greatest gift of Light I have received was something I could have never expected... the joy that a traveler can carry to a Lodge. I suppose an unexpected traveling man showing up can catch a Lodge off guard but all I've ever experienced is true appreciation. To think a Brother has traveled an hour, maybe two not for the purpose of a special communication, not for a Grand Visitation, or not to chase a gavel, but to sit in Lodge with his Brothers for the sheer purpose of sharing fraternity can motivate! It can also serve as a reminder that our Brotherhood is far larger than any 4 blue walls can contain! I guess the moral of this story is to remember "Masonry unites men from every country, sect, & opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance" which could be easily translated into towns, counties, and districts. So get out of your comfort zone, do some traveling, and spread the light of our Fraternity!

#travelingman



Updated Information Request

Brethren, as the lodge endeavors to communicate better with our members, it is essential we have good information. Please share any updates with the WM or Secretary. Particularly, please let us know if you have an e-mail address you would like us to use to send lodge communications.

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