

April 2023



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

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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Chartered January 16, 1815
2022-2023

208th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Christopher W. Fitzgerald, WM

Greetings Brethren,

Spring has sprung, April is here, and Temple Lodge No. 9 is busy.

March was great for the Lodge. At our first Stated Communication, JW Keith Guise, performed a wonderful job “under the hat” as he conferred three Entered Apprentice Degrees, welcoming Brothers Roswell, Weipert, and Shockley to Temple No. 9 and to our great fraternity.

At our Second Stated Communication of the March, SW Stephen Walter, PM provided us with an excellent lesson on the Point within the Circle which was delivered very well and was assisted by SD Curtis Perry. A special thank you goes out to WB Chad Robinson, WB John Cannon, WB Matt Thompson, Brother Sean Barnes, Brother Mark Bertone and Brother Justin Konessy for their leadership and commitment to Temple Lodge No.9, by selflessly jumping into various officer posts this month thus ensuring a seamless lodge evening, thank you, Brothers.

WB Matthew W. Thompson, Temple Lodge No. 9’s own, was elected to begin his ascension to the Grand East as he was elected to the position of Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing Masonic year. The election took place at this year’s Semi-annual Grand Lodge Communication held March 25th 2023 at the Nur Shrine Center. Congratulations RWB Elect Thompson, I am very happy for you and am excited to see what Masonry in Delaware has in store for us in the future.

April 13th is our first Stated Communication in April and will be open to Brothers of each of the three degrees. The Work for the evening has not yet been determined; however, it promises to be entertaining and enlightening.

April 15th is Temple Lodge No. 9’s Country Ladies Night! The event will be at 671 Williamsville Road, Houston, DE. Social hour starts at 5:00 & Dinner at 6:00. The menu is filet mignon or salmon (please choose one). There will be a country band and you are invited to wear your best country western attire. Tickets for the ladies are Free



From the East (cont.)

& Men's are \$70, sorry fellas. For tickets call or text WB Matt Thompson 302.228.1921 or online @ temple9.org/ladies-night.

April 27th is our second Stated Communication this month and we have, as Work for the evening, a presentation on the Tall Cedars of Lebanon by officers of the Supreme Forest.

April 27th has also been chosen as the date for the United Grand Table Lodge. Contact WB Stephen Walter for more details.

I have called a Special Communication for the purpose of raising FC Wayne Irons to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason to be held Saturday, April 29th at 2:00. If you are available, join me as we welcome this fine brother & fellow as a full and true member of our gentle craft.

In closing, there are more fun and interesting happenings in months to come from your Mason Lodge. Such as, our Scholarship Golf Outing on May 17th, which always proves to be a big time and the Texas Master Mason Degree for FC Jacob Mills, to be conferred by the Oklahoma Indian Degree Team, on Saturday, May 20th in Garland, TX at 10:00 AM. Contact WB Chad Robinson for more information. How wonderful it would be, to fill the sidelines of a Texas Lodge with Delaware Masons, as we support one of our own.

Meet you on the Level, my Brothers,

Master Mason Degree in Texas – Chad Robinson, PGMar.

On behalf of Worshipful Master Christopher W. Fitzgerald, I am pleased to let you know that our Brother Jacob Andrew Mills will receive his Master Mason degree on Saturday, May 20, 2023. It will be conferred by the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team at the Hella Shrine Center in Garland, Texas.

Brother Mills was one of the masonic volunteers during the visit of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team to Delaware last year. He shared the whole weekend with them as one of their drivers and they told him, at that time, when it was time for his Master Mason Degree they wanted to confer it. Needless to say, this is a huge honor.

Brother Mills and I will be traveling to Texas for his degree and hope many of you will want to join us.

Dates to Remember:

April 13, 2023

Stated Communication
Dinner 6:00 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

April 15, 2023

Ladies Night
671 Williamsville Road
Houston, DE
5:00 PM

April 27, 2023

Stated Communication
Tall Cedars Presentation
Dinner 6:00 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

April 29, 2023

Special Communication
MM Degree
2:00 PM

May 17, 2023

Scholarship Golf Outing
Jonathan's Landing
10:30 AM

May 20, 2023

Master Mason Degree
for Jacob Mills
Hella Shrine, Garland, TX
10:00 AM
See WB Chad for Tickets

We're on the Web!

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Master Mason Degree (cont.)

If you are interested, please let me know by return email or text me at 302-270-4391 and I can share travel details.

What Came We Here To Do?

By: J. M. Jenkins

Foot to foot, no matter where,
Though far beyond my destined road,
If Brother needs a Brother's care,
On foot I'll go and share his load.
Knee to knee, no selfish prayer
Shall ever from my lips ascend,
For all who act upon the square,
At least, henceforth, my knee shall bend.
Breast to breast, and this I swear,
A Brother's secrets here shall sleep,
If told to me upon the square,
Save those I am not bound to keep.
Hand to back, Oh type of love!
Fit emblem to adorn the skies,
Be this our task below, above
To help poor falling mortals rise.
Cheek to cheek, or mouth to ear,
We all like sheep have gone astray,
May we good counsel give and bear,
'Til each shall find the better way.

Living Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

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, PJGD – 2010
Chad Robinson, PGMar. – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, PGSB – 2013
Roland Cohee, Sr. PGT – 2014
Stephen Walter, PGSB – 2015
Jim Bennett, PJGS – 2016
Brandon Smith – 2017
Steve Kerr – 2018
Matt Thompson, PSGD – 2019
John Cannon – 2020
Michael Nichols - 2021

Affiliated Past Masters

James Cooke – 2008
John Marinucci, PGM – 2011
Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
James G. Sutton – 1994
Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., PGM – 2015
William C. Thompson, PJGD – 2018
Charles Randy Wood - 2000

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