



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



Chartered January 16, 1815
2016-2017
201st Year of Fellowship

From the East – Jim Bennett, WM

Here we go!

The Masonic year is about to begin and I am truly excited to start the year off and running. A big part of my excitement lies with the pride I feel with our officer line. My chair is pretty comfortable with having the experience of our Secretary and Treasurer seated next to me and a very dedicated officer line in front of me. Temple Lodge No. 9 will be looking good for years to come as these officers are very dedicated to the lodge and fraternity. I am at ease in the fact that I have many Past Masters and a few past Grand Masters to call upon for advice and guidance. We want to leave the lodge better than we found it at the end of the year.

We have a few details to work out but plans are pretty well set for our traditional events with a few new events thrown in the mix as well. More information to follow as the dates are finalized. For our first meeting in September we will confer the "Rusty Nail Degree". For those that haven't observed the "Rusty Nail" degree it is a short 15 to 20 minute degree that recalls lessons learned from your earliest times as

a Mason. It serves a wonderful refresher. The first meeting will also host our first Masonic Birthday Party of the year. More details are mentioned in another area of this issue. Dress is business casual (polo shirts) for our first meeting. There have been many inquiries regarding casual dress. Let me state that I am more concerned with having you in lodge enjoying the craft than I am with how you are dressed. I trust you to respect the fraternity and attend meetings in respectable attire. With the exception of Grand Visitation and other nights that are deserving of a coat and tie we want to see you in lodge with or without a coat and tie!

Another exciting event will be the 9th annual crab feast on September 11th. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

The secretary's sheet is showing a lot of work to be done. I assure you the officers have been practicing hard to impress you with our work. There will likely be several MM degrees' to confer. Temple Lodge No. 9 is growing and I see very energetic and eager brothers joining our great fraternity.

I look forward to sitting in lodge with you soon.

Remember:

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."

Bro. John Wayne

DINNER MENU

September 8

Baked Ziti, Salad and Garlic Bread
Dessert

September 22

Taco Night

All the trimmings for perfect tacos, including roasted corn and refried beans.

Churros for Dessert

As in years past, don't forget the meal cards. You can buy the Gold Card, entitling you to meals for the entire year for \$75. There is also a Blue Card available, which entitles you to 5 meals and you get the 6th one free. These cards help ensure we can continue to offer great meals to you and save you money over the course of the year.

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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Bob Yerkes
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Matt Thompson – Senior
Deacon

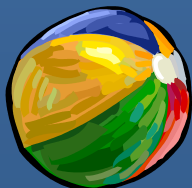
Mike Brittingham – Junior
Deacon

John Cannon – Senior
Steward

Mike Nichols – Junior Steward
Roland Cohee, Jr. - Chaplain
John Niccolls – Tiler
Jack McDuff – Marshal

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, GT – 2010
Chad T. Robinson – 2011
A. Daniel Doran - 2012
Will Currey – 2013
H. Roland Cohee – 2014
Stephen Walter - 2015



From the Senior Warden – Brandon Smith

Brothers, I would just like to thank everyone for allowing me to sit in the west for this upcoming year! It has been a privilege to serve as an officer for this lodge the past 5 years and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. I am looking forward to everything WM Jim Bennett has in store for this year. I would also like to congratulate WM Bennett on assuming the chair in the East and also for an excellent installation of officers. Last year was a great year; we conferred a lot of degrees and had some fun events, and I

look for this year to be another amazing year for Temple Lodge No. 9!

I know WM Bennett has a lot of exciting events in store for us this upcoming year. This year's annual golf outing was a success; I would like to thank all of the brothers who took the time to set it up, and also all of those who actively participated!

I hope everyone has a great and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Masonic Trivia You Might Not Know

In 1872 the commissioner of Patents held that the Masonic emblem could not be used in a trademark or trade name for commercial purposes.

At one time, Golden Lodge #5, Stanstead, Canada occupied a lodge room, which straddled the boundary between Canada and the United States. There were entrances on both sides of the border.

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

The wages which our ancient brethren received for their labors in the building of King Solomon's Temple are paid no more. In the lodge we use them as symbols, save in the dedication, constitution and consecration of a new lodge and in the laying of cornerstones, when once again the fruit of the land, the brew of the grape and the essence of the olive are poured to launch a new unit of brotherhood into the fellowship of lodges; or to begin a new structure dedicated to the public use. Corn, wine and oil have been associated together from the earliest times. In Deuteronomy the nation of fierce countenance which is to destroy the people shall not leave them corn, wine or oil. In II Chronicles we read the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil. Nehemiah tells of

a great chamber where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine and the oil - and later then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn, the new wine and the oil into the treasures. There are other references in the Great Light to these particular forms of taxes, money and tithes for religious purposes; wealth and refreshment. In ancient days the grapes in the vineyard and olives in the grove and the grain of the field were not only wealth but the measure of trade; so many skins of wine, so many cruses of oil, so many bushels of corn were to them as are dollars and cents today. Thus our ancient brethren received wages in corn, wine and oil as a practical matter; they were paid for their labors in the coin of

the realm. If a new Fellowcraft Mason stands, waits, watches and wonders he will not be able to ascend into the Middle Chamber where our ancient brethren received their wages. If he works for the joy of working, does his part in his lodge work, takes his place among the laborers of Freemasonry, he will receive corn, wine and oil in measures pressed down and running over, and know a Fraternal Joy as substantial in fact as it is ethereal in quality; as real in his heart as it is intangible to the profane of the world. For all of us then corn, then wine and then oil are symbols of sacrifice, of the fruits of labor, of wages earned. For all of us, SO MOTE IT BE!
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Successful Fundraising for Adopt a Family

Thanks to your generous donations to the hat in the west Temple Lodge No. 9 was proud to provide a \$250 donation to the Adopt a Family foundation.

The money will purchase necessary school supplies for numerous children for the school year. Good job brothers! WM Jim Bennett accompanied with SD Matt Thompson and Brother Jack McDuff, Lodge Marshall presented the check to Elizabeth Senato. She assured us the donation would help the student's school year get started in a positive way!

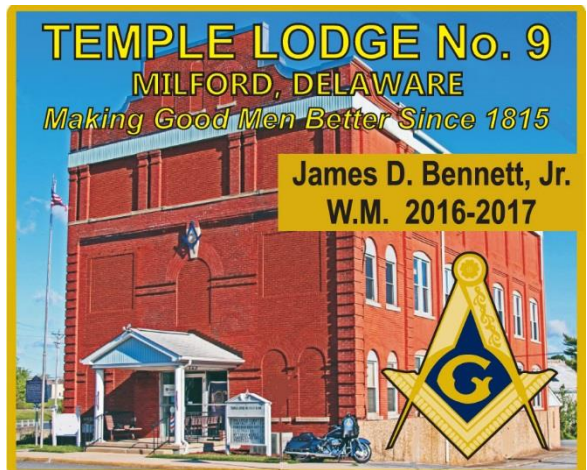


Come Celebrate YOUR Masonic Birthday

Temple Lodge No. 9 will have 10 birthday parties this year. We will celebrate your Masonic birthday during the first meeting of the month that you were initiated. Look for your birthday card inviting you to the lodge for the celebration. For the brothers that were initiated in July we will celebrate your birthday during the June birthday celebration. Please note the date change for the first stated communication in October.

For the birthday brothers that come out for the birthday party, Temple Lodge No. 9 has a commemorative coffee mug for you as a gift. You might even hear happy birthday sung as well and enjoy a piece of cake.

If you are unable to make it on your masonic birthday, we have mugs on sale in the jewelry case at a cost of \$7.00 each.



Dates to Remember:

September 8

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

September 22

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

October 6 RESCHEDULED

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

October 10

Grand Lodge
Annual Communication
Rehoboth Beach

October 13

Grand Lodge Installation
Clayton Fire Hall
7:00 PM

October 27

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

November 10

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

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Crab Feast

It's that time of year where we can get together and chow down on some CRABS! Come and join us on September 11th for Temple No. 9's 9th Annual Crab Feast! Crabs and clams (until they are gone), hush puppies, corn and other fixings! Festivities are from 1-4PM at JP's on the Wharf, North Bowers Beach. This is open to any who likes eating! There will be a cash bar. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, or anyone who enjoys a good crab dinner. For tickets, please visit the lodge website at www.temple9.org. Tickets are going fast! Get yours today!



Important Announcement about October Communion

In order for members of Temple Lodge No. 9 to attend the Grand Staff Installation on October 13, 2016, the first stated communication in October will be rescheduled a week earlier to October 6, 2016.

The business meeting time will start as normal at 7:30 PM with dinner and fellowship on the 2nd floor at 6:30. Please note this important change.

The Grand Lodge Installation for RW

Worshipful Dale T. Irwin will be held at the Clayton Fire Hall (212 Railroad Ave, Clayton, DE 19938) at 7:00 PM on October 13, 2016 and is open to all.

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