

August 2020



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

Chartered January 16, 1815  
2020-2021

206<sup>th</sup> Year of Fellowship

### From the East – John W. Cannon, WM

Thank you very much for electing me master of Temple Lodge No. 9. for the 2020-2021 masonic year. I can surely say to you that we have the finest, most passionate, caring and connected lodge in the State of Delaware. Our brethren have been hard at work behind the scenes, working through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to plan events, work with candidates, maintain our building, and many other tasks and duties that help keep our work moving forward. We had a wonderful Hawaiian-themed installation of officers ceremony at Past Master Matt Thompson's house in his (truly magnificent) pole building. I'd like to extend my deepest thanks to him and Lady Robbin for their hospitality and for allowing both Temple 9 and Endeavor 17 the use of their property for installation. Our ceremony would not have been possible without the blessing of Most Worshipful Evan R. Moody, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, and we thank him for allowing an offsite installation and for coming down with Most Reverend Theodore F. Stipa, Jr. to consecrate the grounds. This offsite installation was just one of many "outside-the-box" type of things you may see this year, as we navigate difficult times in the wake of the health crisis that is affecting our great nation and the rest of the planet. Masks and social distancing are at odds with sharing the word and grip, but as we continue moving forward, we will adjust to keep our brothers safe and healthy. You'll find hand sanitizer and enhanced sanitization processes happening at the lodge, along with a switch from reusable cloth aprons to disposable pocket aprons. Masks are now required for all lodge meetings until further notice, and the tiler will sign each brother in so no one shares the pen or touches the registry. There are many other small changes that have been implemented in the name of safety, but it is so that we can continue bringing light to our community and to the members, orphans, and widows of Temple Lodge No. 9. I know this year will still be fraught with challenges and hurdles, but we will face them and persevere, as we have always done. Many of the plans for activities this year that I had planned have been affected, as have many of your plans. Vacations, trips, parties and special events - nothing has been spared from cancellation or disruption, but that doesn't mean that we aren't going to adapt and overcome. We have candidates and degree work on the horizon, meetings are going to continue on as scheduled, and we will continue furthering the good work that Temple 9 is known for. One of the big events we do every year is our Annual Crab Feast, and due to the pandemic, we have shifted it to a delicious combo platter take out event. The meal is now going to be: ½ lb Steamed Shrimp, 1 oz. Steamed Clams, Two Snow Crab Clusters, Hush Puppies, Corn on the Cob, Cupcake and all packed To-Go w/ Butter & Cocktail Sauce in a half pan. The date is Sunday, September 13th, and the cost is \$50 per plate: the delicious food JP's Wharf is known for and the proceeds go to supporting Temple Lodge No. 9's distressed Master Masons and their families. I'd like to encourage everyone to use PayPal and purchase their tickets on our website (temple9.org), this helps eliminate extra physical contact, but you can get out a checkbook and see one of the officers to purchase your tickets if you prefer.

#### 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 2020-2021

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Chris Fitzgerald – Senior Deacon  
Keith Geise – Junior Deacon  
Mike Richards – Senior Steward  
Max Robichaud – Junior Steward  
Roland Cohee, Jr., PGC - Chaplain  
Ronnie Joseph – Tiler  
Pete "Ringo" Ringenary – Marshal  
Tom McMurray – Lodge Instructor

## Dates to Remember:

**August 26, 2020**

Lodge Golf Tournament  
Jonathan's Landing Golf Club  
10:30 AM

**September 13, 2020**

Lodge "Crab Feast"  
1:00 PM  
JP's on the Wharf

**September 10, 2020**

Stated Communication  
7:30 PM  
Temple Lodge No. 9

**September 24, 2020**

Stated Communication  
7:30 PM  
Temple Lodge No. 9

**October 3, 2020**

Annual Communication  
Newport Masonic Temple  
Time TBD

**October 8, 2020**

Grand Lodge Installation  
Cheswold Fire Company  
7:00 PM

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

[www.temple9.org](http://www.temple9.org)

Another great upcoming event this month is our 23rd Annual Charity Golf Outing, which is Wednesday, August 26th. The event will be held at Jonathan's Landing Golf Club in Magnolia and all proceeds will benefit the Temple Lodge No. 9 Scholarship Fund. More information on these events can be found on the Temple9.org website and on our Facebook page (you have liked our Facebook page, haven't you?!?!). There are going to be many other great events coming down the pipe, as Right Worshipful Jeffrey D. Haass, Grand Master-Elect laid out many of his plans for us this week. The Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team will be coming next August 2021 (rescheduled due to COVID), the Grand Master's cruise in March 2021, the Polar Bear Plunge in February, as well as food drives and blood drives and other fun times and worthy causes. The Grand Master's ride is coming up on September 26th, and it is always a perfect time of the year for a motorcycle ride (make sure you get registered!). I'm really looking forward to all that is in store for Temple 9 and our brothers. Check out our updated lodge calendar on the Temple9.org website, it is now a Google Calendar which can be added to your existing calendar or phone very easily. That way you can keep up with all the events that are going on in your smartphone. I look forward to seeing you in the lodge this year. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about something, I want to hear it. You can email me at [johnwcannon@gmail.com](mailto:johnwcannon@gmail.com) or call or text me at 302-242-5002.

May the Great Architect bless you  
and your family.

## 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, JGD – 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  
Matthew Thompson - 2019

## Affiliated Past Masters

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  
James G. Sutton – 1994  
Washington, DC  
Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., DGM – 2015  
Dover, Delaware

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