

August 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
2023-2024

209th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Christopher W. Fitzgerald, WM

Brother Freemasons, on the square,

I trust this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we continue to enjoy the warmth and relaxation of the summer season. May your days be filled with joy and your evenings with laughter, surrounded by the company of loved ones and cherished friends.

Last Call for the Labor Day Crab Feast:

As we approach the end of summer, I wanted to issue a final reminder about our much-anticipated Labor Day Crab Feast. This delightful event will take place at JP's Warf in Bowers Beach on September 4th. It is a wonderful opportunity to indulge in delicious seafood and enjoy the fellowship of our Masonic family. Let us come together to celebrate the fruits of our labor and the bonds that unite us, embodying the theme of "Family & Fraternity First." Extend our warm invitation to your loved ones and encourage those interested in joining our noble fraternity to attend.

The Rusty Nail Degree:

In addition to the Crab Feast, I am pleased to announce that the Order of the Rusty Nail Degree will be conferred at our upcoming Stated Communication on September 14th. This unique degree offers a friendly refresher course, shedding more light on some of our cherished customs and practices. It is an opportunity to revisit the foundations of our Craft and deepen our understanding of its principles. I encourage all brethren to attend and partake in this enlightening experience as we continue our Masonic journey together.

Remember Your Obligations:

As we engage in the rituals and teachings of the Rusty Nail Degree, let us always remain mindful of the sacred obligations we have undertaken. May we embody the virtues of Freemasonry in our daily lives, both within our Lodge and in our interactions with the world. By upholding the tenets of our Craft and living by its principles, we can make a positive impact on our communities and inspire others through our actions.

As summer draws to a close, let us carry the spirit of brotherhood and unity into all our endeavors. May our actions reflect the principles we hold dear, and may we find strength and guidance in the bonds that unite us as Freemasons.



16th Annual Crab Feast and BBQ

On behalf of the officers and members of Temple Lodge No. 9, we would like to invite all brothers, friends, family, and those who are in search of a good time to attend the 16th Annual Crab Feast and BBQ held at JP's Wharf (201 Hubbard Avenue, Freeland, DE 19946) on Labor Day, September 4, 2023 from 1 to 4 PM.

On the afternoon of the Crab Feast, the doors will open at 12:00 noon and the crabs will be served at 1:00 PM. Cost of the meal is \$65.00 for 1 adult, \$600.00 for a table of 10, and children 5 and under are free, but are required to have a ticket to assure adequate seating.

Tickets can be purchased individually or as a group. Each ticket sold will correspond to a specific table at the feast. In order to ensure you are seated with friends, we ask you to please mail your order together in the same envelope or make a note on your order form. Each rectangle table seats ten (10) people. You can process your reservation in the following ways:

Hand Delivery—complete the order form attached to this trestleboard and return with payment to Brother Chad Robinson.

Regular Mail—complete the order form attached to this trestleboard and return with payment before August 15, 2023 to:

Chad Robinson
8 John Andrews Drive
Harrington, DE 19952

Visit—<https://www.temple9.org/16th-annual-crab-feast> and complete the order form and make payment there

Orders will be processed on first come, first served basis and tickets will be distributed following order processing.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother Chad Robinson by email at temple_lodge_9@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in helping at the Crab Feast, please visit https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EY8wJK70I9JMYX5tVr_xLk4XPmtdwrXp91sjfT0zhxE/edit?usp=sharing. Here you will find a Google sheet for you to list your desired job.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Worshipful Brother Robinson.

The Working Tools – By: Rob Morris

Dates to Remember:

September 4, 2023

16th Annual Crab Feast
and BBQ
JP's on the Wharf
1 PM to 4 PM

September 14, 2023

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

September 28, 2023

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

October 9, 2023

Grand Lodge
Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth
9:00 AM

October 10, 2023

Grand Lodge Installation
Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth
7:00 PM

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www.temple9.org

Let us be true, — each Working Tool
The Master places in our care
Imparts a stern but wholesome rule
To all who work and journey here
The Architect divine has used
The Plumb, the Level and the Square.

Let us be wise the Level see!
How certain is the doom of man!
So humble should Freemasons be
Who work within this narrow span
No room for pride and vanity
Let wisdom rule our every plan.

Let us be just behold the Square!
Its pattern deviates no part
From that which, in the Master's care,
Tries all the angles of the heart.
O sacred implement divine,
Blest emblem of Masonic art!

Let us be true the unerring Plumb,
Dropped from the unseen Master's hand,
Rich fraught with truthfulness has come,
To bid us rightly walk and stand
That the All-seeing Eye of God
May bless us from the heavenly land.

Dear friend, whose generous heart I know,
Whose virtues shine so far abroad, —
Long may you linger here below,
To share what friendship may afford!
Long may the Level, Plumb and Square,
Speak forth through you the works of God.

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 Andraea, 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
Matthew Thompson, SGD – 2019
John Cannon – 2020
Michael Nichols - 2021

Affiliated Past Masters

Thomas McMurray – 1977
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, JGD –
2018
Charles Randy Wood - 2000

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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.