



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

Chartered January 16, 1815
2011-2012
197th Year of Fellowship



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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Michael B. Saba, PM – Aide to
the Master and Lodge
Instructor

From the East – Chad Robinson, WM

This time of year is always a perfect time to be reflective on the things for which we are thankful and that add blessing to our lives. When I asked a friend that all important question and received my petition, it was said to me that joining the lodge would be one of the best decisions of my life. That has certainly been the case!! Masonry has become an extremely important part of my life, and now I cannot imagine

where my life would be without it. Freemasonry has given me the ability to grow, both mentally and spiritually, and truly become a "living stone" for myself, my family and my community. It has added value to my life and given me a purpose.

It is during this holy season that I give thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for our great fraternity, for Temple Lodge No. 9 and for your

membership in it and for the many rich blessings Freemasonry has bestowed on all of us.

I hope to see you at one of our events soon, maybe our lodge Christmas party that we may all celebrate this season together. If I do not see you, I wish you and your family the richest of holiday blessings and hope you will "Spread the Cement" in your own community during this season!!! So mote it be.

A Freemason's Christmas Wish – By: Brother Andrew Bradley

It is the time of year when the Brethren rejoice, and sing carols of praise in resounding voice. Days of merriment and long nights of cheer, as we all await the "Happy New Year!" It is a time of family and lifelong friends, a time of happiness and to make amends. Roast turkey and baubles and the Nutcracker Suite, we each have our own way to make Christmas complete.

As we stroll through this happy month of December find time to pause and take time to remember that distinguishing sign of a Freemason's heart -

those acts of Charity. How great they are. As your family gathers 'round your Christmas tree, and the children play with giggles of glee, spare a thought for the poor, the man with no shoes, whose daily meal is less than your dues.

Remember also the Grand Lodge above, and the Supreme Great Architect's act of love. And practice those virtues we hold so true. Have some fun! But let Temperance chasten you. And during this season of peace and joy look well to our future - the girl and boy. Then wonder what lessons you may

them teach, and with your guidance what heights they may reach.

So, to all of my Brethren from far and wide, whether your Christmas be snow, or hot and dry, may the Architect grant his celestial boon and keep your good health 'til we meet again soon. Take care of yourself and those you find dear. Keep this festive spirit throughout the next year. Look toward your next date with our happy band. 'Til our next merry meeting. Apron, heart, and hand.

Living Past Masters

Herschel Billings – 1950
Chester C. Coffin – 1960
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 W. Jester – 1982
Gilbert H. Emory – 1983
Steven L. Rogers – 1984
Robert D. Clendaniel – 1985
Harry C. Brown – 1986
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
Maurice C. Barnes – 1996
David F. Coady – 1997
Clarence R. Jackson – 1998
Donald C. Adams – 1999
Joshua J. Willey – 2000
J. Edward Hudson – 2001
George Andreae – 2002
Samuel C. Johnson – 2004
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Gerald K. Layne – 2006
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan, III, GT - 2010



From the Senior Warden – Danny Doran

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and all other Seasons Greetings from the West!

I LOVE Thanksgiving! I hope that you all had as good of a time this Thanksgiving weekend as I have. A time of family, food and fun. I wanted to thank those members of the Lodge who took time out and came to our Lodges Sea Scout Adult Leader Training. We had a great time learning and teaching the principles of Sea Scouting. We had several of our youth officers in attendance who are able to take the information learned back to our Ship and help teach their crew members skills which will help our unit grow. So again thank you

to our Lodge for supporting our Youth.

We have had a lot of really great degree work over the last few months and I am continually impressed with the amount of our brethren attending our Lodge meetings. Our Past Masters continue to come out and support our Lodge and are always ready to give a hand no matter what is required. What a powerful example that is to the strength in Freemasonry.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our Lodges Christmas Party and other events like our Grand Lodge Visitation and our lodge participation in the upcoming

community parade in Harrington in early December. Thank you again for everything that each of you do to build our Lodge. Happy Holidays!



From the Junior Warden – Will Currey

Wow Brothers, Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is just around the corner! What a whirlwind of a fall it has been and it's not letting up. The friendship and brotherly love that we have shared since I have become a Mason and especially over the last three months are just one of the many things that I am thankful for!

In keeping with Temple Lodge No. 9 tradition, we will host a Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 15, 2011 on the second floor at 6:00 pm. All brothers and their

families are encouraged to attend! Please be sure to let the Worshipful Master or one of the Warden's know if you plan on attending. Bring your kids and grandkids, wives and girlfriends! It is sure to be a success with Brother John Shoemaker visiting us as Santa!

Something new this year.....Worshipful Robinson had the great idea to field a Christmas float in the Harrington parade. So come on out and join us on Friday night, December 2, at 7:00 pm (lineup at 5:30 pm). You are welcome to ride

on the float in the parade or look for your brothers as we pass by. I'm sure it will be a good time for all involved.

In closing, I would like to remind you of those who are less fortunate than we are. If you get a chance to extend a helping hand, I encourage you to do so. Hope to see all my brothers at the outer door in the South throughout this year. It is always sunny in the south! Merry Christmas Brethren!

Education and Service

Saturday, November 5 proved to be an exciting day for Temple Lodge No. 9. The first Grand Lodge Workshop for this Masonic year was held at Union Lodge No. 7 in Dover and the Milford Masonic Hall Corporation hosted a "Clean-Up Day" at our lodge here in Milford. The results of both events were very fruitful.

The first Grand Lodge Workshop for this year was put on again by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education, Leadership and Work. It was moderated by PGM Wayne Mower of Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34 in Wilmington. These events always prove to be worthwhile and very enlightening for all of those in attendance. This first workshop was attended by

WM Robinson, SW Doran and JW Currey. Also in attendance was our own Grand Tiler, PM Marty Hogan. The conversation focused on going over information on how to properly receive the Grand Master in the lodge for an official visitation, reception of visitors and other important topics. As always, there was a fun quiz given on important Grand Lodge dates and information from the Code. The Temple Lodge No. 9 members in attendance had fun working on this together. These workshops are open to any Master Mason to attend. They are always an interesting and fun time. In case you are interested, the March Grand Lodge Workshop will focus on the Masonic trail – should be

interesting!

On that same day, the Hall Corporation hosted a very successful "Lodge Clean-Up Day" and great effort was made in cleaning out the basement of the Lodge building. Many hands made for light work and thanks are in order to all those that came out and helped. The Hall Corporation was able to sell back all the scrap metal that was in the basement, and made a small profit on that. Everything that could not be salvaged or was "junk" was taken to the dump for disposal. The day ended with pizza available for all those that volunteered.

Thanks to all those that attended both events – it proved to be another great day for Masonry!!



The Grand Lodge Workshop was a fun day for our lodge leadership, who took a minute to have a picture taken with the MW Grand Master!!



The Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club visited in early November to confer the third degree on Brother Lance Lane!! It was an exciting night, as always!!

Our Masonic Charity – By: JD Stephen Walter

Through the generosity of the members of our lodge, we were able to support the U Just Ask nonprofit organization in their quest to feed 54 families on Thanksgiving. We supplied them with 12 cans of vegetables, a turkey and 24 pumpkin pies that were purchased with the money from the hat in the West and donations made by our Brothers! Thank you!! Your efforts helped a couple families enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner that otherwise would not have been able to. With

temperatures dropping, we will continue to work with U Just Ask by collecting winter coats for those in need in our community.

With Thanksgiving under our belts, we look forward to Christmas. With having just been reminded of what we are thankful for, we must keep in mind all the children that will go without this Christmas. With the blessing of the Worshipful Master, I have contacted Adopt a Family and agreed to sponsor 3 children (8 year old girl, 6

year old girl, 10 year old boy). Their father lost his job this year. Our responsibility is to raise \$125 for each child and purchase gift cards for the stores in which they shop. If you give me donations directly, I can provide tax write off slips for your convenience. If you want to donate or have questions, you may contact me at (302) 270-2697. I know in my heart that this endeavor will be as successful, if not more successful, than our Thanksgiving food drive.



Dates to Remember:

December 2

Harrington Christmas Parade
Line-Up 5:30 PM/Parade 7:00 PM

December 3

Lewes Christmas Parade
Line-Up 4:00 PM/Parade 5:00 PM

December 6

Union 7 Grand Visitation
Dover Masonic Temple
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

December 8

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

December 15

Lodge Christmas Party
6 PM

December 22

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

January 12, 2012

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

January 26, 2012

Stated Communication
Grand Master's Visitation
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

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www.temple9.org

Masonic Church Day and Veterans Home

On Saturday, November 12, Masons from Temple Lodge No. 9 journeyed to the Delaware Veterans Home to honor our nation's military heroes. It was a fun day, as the Brothers played BINGO with the residents of the home, enjoyed some cake and fellowship and listened to singing by a local church quartet.

The Administrator of the Home, Brother Bill Peterson of Lafayette 14 in Wilmington, has invited us back as he has been trying to get Masons from across the State to visit the Home more often. We will be taking him up on this offer.

On Sunday, November 13, Brothers traveled to

Houston United Methodist Church for Masonic Church Sunday. Thanks are in order to Pastor Helen McFadden for hosting us and to our Chaplain Harold Rothermel for arranging it. It was a wonderful day in worship at a local church and we were pleased to participate in this special event.

Tickets on Sale for Grand Master's Visitation

MW Richard W. Aydelotte and the Grand Staff of the MW Grand Lodge of Delaware will make an official visit to Temple Lodge No. 9 on Thursday, January 26, 2012. A full buffet dinner of crab cakes, shrimp and chicken

will be held prior to the official visitation at 6:30 PM on the second floor. Tickets are on sale for \$20 and are available from any lodge officer. If you would like you can feel free to contact WM Robinson and he will be sure to get

tickets to you. The dinner and visitation are open to all members and lodge will be open on the EA degree. We look forward to seeing everyone on this very special night!!

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Please don't forget if you have an e-mail address, please share it with the lodge.

Your e-mail address will allow us to send you quick

time updates for events, Masonic funerals and other functions. We promise we will not SPAM your inbox, but provide you with information about lodge happenings. As you

know the Trestleboard is already going via e-mail. Your e-mail address will save the lodge much needed funds and be environmentally friendly at the same time.

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