

December 2016



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

Chartered January 16, 1815
2016-2017
201st 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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Jack McDuff – Marshal

From the East – Jim Bennett, WM

Brethren,

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and joyous holiday season. With the hustle and bustle, not to mention the commercialization, of the season don't forget to take time and remember the true reason we celebrate the holiday. Then before you know it – it's over and we're on to a new year. A new year holds plenty of promise usually beginning with some form of a resolution. We all have made resolutions with some kept but, unfortunately, most are broken. There is one resolution each Master Mason can make and keep. That resolution – show your Masonic pride. Proudly display the Square and Compass on your vehicle, a hat or in any manner you see fit. Take an extra few seconds to hold a door, allow a vehicle to get in front of you or any other act of kindness or charity that would cast a positive image towards you and Masonry. Add a big smile or friendly wave and everyone ends up with a great experience. Best of all it's easy to do and a resolution worth keeping. I'll make this resolution myself!

We have a busy December ahead with plenty of work to do. Temple 9 is growing. Two Master Masons have been raised this year with two more brothers scheduled. Fellowcraft degrees are on the schedule and petitions have been read. There is nothing more important than supporting a candidate and the officers when a degree is being conferred. Please make plans to attend a meeting and spread the cement! Our new year is full of excitement and promise. Starting with the rescheduled stated on January 16th we will celebrate with a BIG birthday party for the lodge and the January birthday brothers. We'll follow that up with Past Master/Table lodge on our next Stated Communication.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year brothers,

"As we continue to improve ourselves in Masonry, we are indeed improving life. We know from history that without ideals to guide us, the garden of a man's life will not grow into a place of beauty." – Stanley F. Maxwell



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



Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

Freemasonry is the science by which morality is taught through the visible symbols and instructive traditions associated with the erection of King Solomon's Temple some 3,000 years ago. Like every science and permanent institution, Freemasonry is built on certain conceded principles. When we say, "one God," we refer to the supreme and benevolent being in which a man places his ultimate trust. We are a nondenominational institution accepting men of all faiths. Freemasonry is however, supportive of every religion believing in one God. It denies to no man his particular theological or secular beliefs, but rather complements those beliefs. Without an expressed belief in these principles, no man can ever become a Freemason. Acceptance of the Fatherhood of God is the very foundation of the Masonic Institution. From the Fatherhood of God logically flows the Brotherhood of Man.

The Masonic Fraternity stands before the world today, not merely as a marvelous monument of antiquity, but older, larger, and more widely spread than almost any other human institution, having maintained for so many centuries the essentials of its primary organization. It has long outlived the circumstances which gave it birth. The necessities which called Freemasonry

into being have long ago ceased to exist. Originally a company of stonemasons and builders whose monuments of rare skill now adorn almost every part of the old world, the hand of time has brought those operative labors to a close. But the everlasting principles upon which our Beloved Ancient Craft was founded are as intact today as when they emerged from the very shadows of history. Since its founding, dynasties have come and gone, nations have been born and buried, and countless orders and societies have been organized and passed into obscurity. Our Order has maintained its ancient organization, teaching its lessons of love, peace on earth, good will toward men, and is today a great and strong organization. It is true that our Fraternity no longer has cathedrals and monuments of stone to build, but it has even more noble work to perform than ever before.

Freemasonry is a broad system of ethics, a science of human duties, and a system of morals accepted by all religions as essential to human excellence based upon the recognition of Divine Truth, that mankind has a common origin and a common destiny; that God is the Creator and Father of all of us. Out of that relationship with Deity grows the Brotherhood of Man. Freemasonry's great purpose is to intensify that relationship. Freemasonry teaches love, faith, and

duty; unites man in the strong embrace of fraternal fellowship, and induces emulation of who can best work and best agree.

The Temple of King Solomon signifies to us the Temple of our bodies, that is, our Inner Spiritual Temple. The tools and implements used in the building of Solomon's Temple signify to us the cultivation of the virtues to be practiced in the erection of the inner spiritual temple of man. The traditions associated with Solomon's Temple serve as worthy examples for our imitation, and inspire in us a love of what is good and true. Freemasonry teaches us that the most important part of life lies in the discharge of our duties toward God and our fellow man. Freemasonry is not a mere pastime; nor a mere amusement. It is an active, living principle. Its ritual, its symbolism, and its drama are not empty ceremonies. They serve to exemplify and impart important truths for mankind. Freemasonry adapts its theories, its ethical thought and its teachings to the practical relations of life.

(Courtesy - Bro. Elam is a Past Master of Algabil-Freedom Lodge #636, St. Louis, Missouri.)



Some Photos from our November Meetings



Masonic Birthday Brothers representing a portion of the 533 Masonic years in November!



Brother McKnatt is beginning his 55th year in Masonry. He is pictured here receiving his 50 year pin that was due him a few years back. He wasn't able to attend and receive it 4 years ago. We are glad Brother McKnatt came out for the birthday party and received his long overdue recognition!



Temple Lodge No. 9 had numerous veterans in attendance for our veteran's recognition meeting. Thank you for your service!



Please welcome Temple Lodge No. 9's newest Master Masons! Brother Fitzgerald (above) was raised to the degree of Master Mason on September 22nd and Brother Spatz (below) was raised to the degree of Master Mason on October 20th.

A Message from the Junior Warden

As the holidays are upon us please remember all our brother, widows and orphans in your prayers and devotions. It has been a privilege sitting in the south so far and can't wait for the rest of the year. As a lot of you know, I am helping with the Widow's Committee and I ask any brother, if you know one of our widow's, please try and get their information and make sure to keep them informed of all the

lodge events. Try to put out a helping hand to them because remember that is our DUTY. Finally, come out on December 16 at 7 PM for the Lodge Christmas Party and bring the kid's to meet SANTA!!! If you could please bring a side dish, there will be crafts for the children to do and plenty of food and good times to be had. Thanks again brother for allowing me to be your Junior Warden.



Dates to Remember:

December 1, 2016

Special Communication
FC Degree

Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

December 8, 2016

Stated Communication and
Birthday Party

Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

December 15, 2016

Special Communication
Colonials MM Degree

Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

December 16, 2016

Lodge Christmas Party
7PM

December 22, 2016

Grand Lodge Members Meeting
6:00 PM – Third Floor

December 22, 2016

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

January 12, 2017

Stated Communication
(**RESCHEDULED**)
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Past Master's Night Table Lodge

Please make plans to join us for the Stated Communication on January 26, 2017. We will recognize our past masters in combination with a table lodge. PM "Chef" Walters is preparing the food for us

and it should prove to be a wonderful evening. Tickets are limited and available on a first come first served basis. Tickets will be exclusively available to Temple Lodge No. 9 members until the end December to ensure

our members have first opportunity to attend. Contact any lodge officer for information and tickets. We will have a Western Theme for this meeting so saddle up and plan to join in on the fun!

There's Going to Be a Hanging.....

A portrait hanging that is!

During our rescheduled stated communication on January 16, 2017 we will honor the Past Grand Masters from Temple Lodge No. 9 by placing their portraits inside the lodge room. This is surely going to be a memorable evening for many reasons. In addition to placing the portraits it is the 202nd birthday of Temple Lodge

No. 9. We will also celebrate the January masonic birthday brothers during this meeting. And to put a punctuation mark on the evening we hope to initiate a new brother. Times for this meeting will be a little different. Lodge will be opened at 5:45 and go at ease for dinner and a portion of the evening's events. Lodge will then return to work around 7:30 to complete the business

portion of the meeting. This meeting will be open to all Masons and their families.

Please **RSVP** to SS John Cannon at either his email johnwcannon@gmail.com or his cell 302-242-5002. We would like to ensure there will be enough food and birthday cake for everyone (dinner will be the usual \$5 fee).

Attention Past Masters and Members of Grand Lodge

The members of Grand Lodge for Temple Lodge No. 9 will meet on December 22, 2016 on the 3rd floor at 6 PM.

including Junior Grand Warden.

All Past Masters are members of Grand Lodge, as well as the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden. Your attendance is appreciated

and please remember that we have an obligation to meet our duties to Grand Lodge and support our Grand Lodge officers.

We look forward to seeing you on December 22nd!

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