



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)

Lodge Officers 2017-2018

Worshipful Master
Brandon Smith
(302) 258-8014

Senior Warden
Steve Kerr
(302) 853-2181

Junior Warden
Matt Thompson
(302) 684-2862

Secretary
Jeff Hague, PM
(302) 422-0233

**Deputy Secretary and
Webmaster**
Chad Robinson, PM, GMar.
(302) 270-4391

Treasurer
Bob Yerkes
(302) 422-4741

Mike Brittingham – Senior Deacon
John Cannon - Junior Deacon
Mike Nichols – Senior Steward
Dan Trader – Junior Steward
Roland Cohee, Jr. - Chaplain
Shane Young – Tiler
Jack McDuff – Marshal



Chartered January 16, 1815
2017-2018
203rd Year of Fellowship



From the East – Brandon Smith, WM

Happy Holidays
brothers!

I hope this
Trestleboard finds
you well this holiday
season! This time of
the year is great to
take a look back at
the accomplishments
we have all made. I
am inspired by the
brothers of our Lodge
and how we have
come together for
several events and to
help our community
and brothers around
the world! As we
enter into the New

Year, I would like to
wish everyone a
healthy and happy
year!

I cannot express
enough how grateful I
am to the brothers of
this Lodge for trusting
in me to sit in the
East this year! It has
been one of the most
memorable
experiences of my life
so far. I am sure that
this year will continue
to be great thanks to
the wonderful
members of our
Lodge!

This year seems to
be flying by for me,
but we still have lots
of work to do through
the rest of this
masonic year! We still
have plenty of degree
work coming up as
well as several fun
events!

Don't forget the
Lodge Christmas
Party on Thursday,
December 15th!
Santa will be there
and I look forward to
seeing everyone!

“Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw
Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of
a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets
sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets
helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.”

-Benjamin Franklin



Living Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9

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 Clendaniel, PSGD – 1985
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
Donald C. Adams – 1999
Joshua J. Willey – 2000
George Andreae, PSGD – 2002
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan, III, PGT – 2010
Chad T. Robinson, GMar. – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, GSB – 2013
H. Roland Cohee, GT – 2014
Stephen Walter – 2015
Jim Bennett - 2015

Affiliated Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9

Thomas McMurray – 1977
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008
Roan Oak, Texas

John Marinucci, GM – 2011
Dover, Delaware

Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
Glen Burnie, Maryland

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

The Cable-Tow, we are told, is purely Masonic in its meaning and use. It is so defined in the dictionary, but not always accurately, which shows that we ought not depend upon the ordinary dictionary for the truth about Masonic terms. Masonry has its own vocabulary and uses it in its own ways. Nor can our words always be defined for the benefit of the profane.

To some of us the use of the cable-tow is very strange, in view of what Masonry is in general, and particularly in its ceremonies of initiation. For Masonry is a chamber of imagery. The whole Lodge is a symbol. Every object, every act is symbolical. The whole fits together into a system of symbolism by which Masonry veils, and yet reveals, the truth it seeks to teach to such as have eyes to see and are ready to receive it.

The cable-tow, is the outward and visible symbol of a vow in which a man has pledged his life, or has pledged himself to save another life at the risk of his own. Its length and strength are measured by the ability of the man to fulfill his obligation and his sense of the moral sanctity of his obligation - a test, that is, both of his capacity and of his character.

If a lodge is a symbol of the world, and initiation is our birth into the world of Masonry, the cable-tow is not unlike the cord which unites a child to its mother at birth; and so it is usually interpreted. Just as the physical cord, when cut, is replaced by a tie of love and obligation between mother and child, so, in one of the most impressive moments of initiation, the cable-tow is removed, because the brother, by his oath at the Altar of Obligation, is bound by a tie stronger than any physical cable. What before was an outward physical restraint has become an inward moral constraint. That is to say, force is replaced by love - outer authority by inner obligation - and that is the secret of security and the only basis of brotherhood.

The cable-tow is the sign of the pledge of the life of a man. As in his oath he agrees to forfeit his life if his vow is violated, so, positively, he pledges his life to the service of the Craft. He agrees to go to the aid of a Brother, using all his power in his behalf, "if within the length of his cable-tow," which means, if within the reach of his power. How strange that any one should fail to see symbolical meaning in the cable-tow. It is, indeed, the great symbol of the mystic tie which Masonry spins and weaves between men, making them Brothers and helpers one of another.

Masonry rules men as beauty rules an artist, as love rules a lover. It does not drive; it draws. It controls us, shapes us through its human touch and its moral nobility. By the same method, by the same power it wins obedience and gives guidance and direction to our lives. At the Altar we take vows to follow and obey its high principles and ideals; and Masonic vows are not empty obligations - they are vows in which a man pledges his life and his sacred honor.

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM (Cont.)

The old writers define the length of a cable-tow, which they sometimes call a “cables length,” variously. Some say it is seven hundred and twenty feet, or twice the measure of a circle. Others say that the length of the cable-tow is three miles. But such figures are merely symbolical, since in one man it may be three miles and in another it may easily be three thousand miles - or to the end of the earth. For each Mason the cable-tow reaches as far as his moral principles go and his material conditions will allow. Of that distance each must be his own judge, and indeed each does pass judgment upon himself accordingly, by his own acts in aid of others.

Courtesy: Masonic World, Author Unknown



General Torbert Chapter - Order of DeMolay – Dad Dave Penney

Good day Brothers, just want to give you an update on the chapter. We still have not initiated any new members and are still meeting with the 2 active members that we have. The meetings have gone from twice a month to once a month on the third Tuesdays of the month. We still want to try and get the chapter to grow but have not had very much success. If you know of any young man between the ages of 12 and 21, talk to them about DeMolay. We get to travel, do civic work, enter ritual competitions and have fun also. Granted, DeMolay is not for everyone but we do live by the seven basic precepts and we are teaching these young men to be the leaders of tomorrow. If things do not change within the chapter as far as membership goes we may be forced to go inactive and wait for some of the young men that are under age that want to join to become old enough to join. So if you do know someone that might be interested let me know I will be glad to get you some information or I can meet them and let them know what DeMolay is all about. You can get hold of me at 302-284-8631 or email deldemolay@aol.com. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.



Dates to Remember:

December 14, 2017

Stated Communication
Third Degree Conferred by
the Lower Delaware
Masonic Brotherhood
Riders Degree Team
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

December 15, 2017

Lodge Christmas Party
7:00 PM

December 25, 2017

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 28, 2017

Grand Lodge Members Meeting
(PMs, WM, SW, JW)
6:00 PM

December 28, 2017

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

January 1, 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 11, 2018

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

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Lodge Dues are Now Due

Temple Lodge No. 9 dues notices have gone out by mail to every member. These dues are now due to your lodge.

The breakdown of Lodge dues for 2018 is as follows:

Temple Lodge No. 9: \$35.00
Grand Lodge Assessment: \$34.50
Total: \$69.50

Your prompt payment of these dues is expected and will allow your lodge to remain active in the coming year.

As in the past few years, we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to pay your 2018 lodge dues online. This will be a cost savings for the lodge and hopefully for each one of you. By visiting <http://temple9.org/lodge-dues-payment/> you can use the secure link to pay your lodge dues by credit card. If you have dues in arrears, you can also pay your back dues there, as well.

Should you have any questions regarding dues, please contact the Secretary or Worshipful Master. Contact information for both can be found on the front page of this Trestleboard.



Updated Information Request

Brethren, as the lodge endeavors to communicate better with our members, it is essential we have good information. Please share any updates with the WM or Secretary. Particularly, please let us know if you have an e-mail address you would like us to use to send lodge communications. Having updated information means we can get good information out more quickly to all of our members!

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 9 A.F. & A.M

127 Causey Avenue
PO Box 256
Milford, DE 19963

Address Correction Requested



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.