

December 2018



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

Chartered January 16, 1815  
2018-2019

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

### From the East – Steve Kerr, WM

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and was able to spend some quality time with their families. Tis the season and everyone's kids and grandkids are getting excited for the Holidays and Christmas. In this time of joy, we also must keep all of our Brothers, as well as Widows that may not have family or that may be in less destitute circumstances, in our thoughts.

Temple Lodge will have a float in the Harrington Christmas Parade on the 7th of December and MW Rosenberry and his team will be coming down to be part of it. Families are welcome to come and ride on the float. We also will be having our yearly Christmas Party on the 14th of December on the 2nd Floor from 6-8. Rumor has it Santa is gonna be there for the kids. We ask that brothers bring a non-perishable item for donation or covered dish. A sign-up sheet will be on the 3rd floor if you would like to bring a covered dish.

The tickets for the George Washington Memorial Degree for April 20, 2019 are in. We have a limited amount and family are welcome to come.

"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people." - Brother Will Rogers



### Long Range Planning Committee

WM Kerr's theme this year is "Preserving Our Past, While Building Our Future". In keeping with this theme the Hall Corporation together with the finance committee decided to set aside a portion of the lodge's monthly rent to be earmarked for a future building for Temple Lodge No. 9. A motion was brought to the floor where it passed. The long range planning committee has set a goal to have \$100,000 in the account by 2028. The funds set aside is a great start in achieving that goal but that goal won't be achievable without additional fund raising. There are several ideas in the works. The first idea will be seen will be on your upcoming dues notices. There will be an additional line on the dues notice for a voluntary contribution to the building fund. For those paying via PayPal you will have an opportunity to contribute online as well. Please consider giving as liberally as your means will permit. For the brothers that contribute \$50 or more to the building fund they will receive special recognition for their generosity.

#### 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 2018-2019

Worshipful Master  
Steve Kerr  
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Matt Thompson  
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Junior Warden  
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Jeff Hague, PM, PGMar.  
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Webmaster  
Chad Robinson, PM, PGMar.  
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Treasurer  
Bob Yerkes  
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John Cannon – Senior Deacon  
Mike Nichols – Junior Deacon  
Dan Trader – Senior Steward  
Jeff Spatz – Junior Steward  
Keith Geise - Chaplain  
Chris Fitzgerald – Tiler  
Jack McDuff – Marshal

**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**  
**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, PGT – 2010**  
**Chad Robinson, PGMar. – 2011**  
**A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012**  
**Will Currey, PGSB – 2013**  
**H. Roland Cohee, PGT – 2014**  
**Stephen Walter, GSB – 2015**  
**Jim Bennett, JGS – 2016**  
**Brandon Smith - 2017**

**Affiliated Past Masters of  
Temple Lodge No. 9**

**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**

## **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 2019 is as follows:

Temple Lodge No. 9:	\$35.00
Grand Lodge Assessment:	\$35.00

Total:	\$70.00
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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 2019 lodge dues online by visiting <http://temple9.org/lodge-dues-payment/>.

This will be a cost savings for the lodge and hopefully for each one of you. 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.

## **3rd Annual Bowling Event**

Please mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Temple Lodge No. 9 Bowling Event.

The Event is scheduled for February 16, 2019 and will take place at Milford Bowling Lanes from 6-9 PM. Last year's Event raised over \$3200 for numerous charities including the Long Range Planning/Building fund for Temple Lodge No 9.

The Event grew last year and is expected to grow again this year as the word is out regarding the fun to be had at this event. The cost to bowl is \$25 and includes 3 games, shoes and your entry for a charity of your choice. There will be an early bird drawing for entries received by February 1, 2019.

Please contact PM Jim Bennett for additional information.



## From the Senior Deacon – Brother John Cannon

What a fun masonic year it has been so far, filled with lots of WORK! Why is our work so much fun? When your work is producing new brothers and introducing men to the principles of Masonry, you can't help but to smile while you enjoy watching the fruits of your labor grow. The officers of Temple Lodge No. 9 have done an amazing job and have entered, passed, and raised several brothers. September 27th we passed brothers Daryl Hicks and Joe Therien to the degree of Fellowcraft. On October 11th, we entered our newest brother Miles Kosiorowski. Brother Hicks was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on November 1st, and I might add I am particularly proud of that night (hint: I'm his instructor). We also had the privilege of passing Brother Joe Romansky to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 8th.

We have many more degrees to confer this year and I enjoy each and every one. I hope you are coming to lodge and sharing in these special events. I implore every brother to come and support the lodge on degree nights. It's a great reminder of what makes us Masons, and if you want to really make a difference in a new brother's masonic experience, I ask you to consider being an instructor to one of our newly raised EA's. Being an instructor is an enriching experience, and who knows, you might even end up instructing a future Worshipful Master or Grand Master!





## Dates to Remember:

**December 4, 2018**

Grand Visitation at  
Union Lodge No. 7  
7:30 PM

**December 7, 2018**

Harrington Christmas Parade

**December 13, 2018**

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

**December 14, 2018**

Lodge Christmas Party  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**December 18, 2018**

Grand Visitation at  
Endeavor Lodge No. 17  
7:30 PM

**December 27, 2018**

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

**April 20, 2019**

George Washington National  
Masonic Memorial  
Degree Trip

We're on the Web!

*Visit us at:*

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

## 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 life long 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 practise 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.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**  
**Worshipful Master Steve Kerr**  
**and the Officers of**  
**Temple Lodge No. 9**

## 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.

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### 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.