

December 2019



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 2019-2020

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Jim Barlow – Marshal
Tom McMurray – Lodge Instructor*

Chartered January 16, 1815
2019-2020

205th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Matthew Thompson, WM

Brethren, I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

We have been busy at Temple Lodge No. 9 during the month of November. We entered a new brother and passed 3 others to the degree of Fellowcraft. We had many ladies and brothers volunteer at the Food Bank of Delaware on November 23rd to help feed the hungry. What a great sight it was to see everyone working hand in hand on such a worthy cause. I have to thank PM Chad Robinson for setting up this event.

In December, we have numerous event where I hope I can count on your participation. December 6th is the Harrington Christmas Parade, where will be meeting at 5:30 PM in front of Lake Forest South Elementary School to line up. Our JW John Cannon has been hard at work completing the float. December 7th is the Lodge Christmas Party from 5-8 pm on the second floor of the lodge. I ask that if you want to bring a dish to coordinate with the Junior Warden. Our stated communication on the 12th of December has been altered (open/business/close at 12:00pm) so we can attend the Grand Visitation at Endeavor Lodge No. 17. On the 26th our JW John Cannon will be running the lodge as my wife and I will be away celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary.

I want to wish the Brethren and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to call me (302) 684-2862.



Blue Lodge - The Foundation of Freemasonry

Dates to Remember:

December 6, 2019

Harrington Christmas Parade
7:00 PM

December 7, 2019

Lodge Christmas Party
5 PM to 8 PM

December 12, 2019

Stated Communication
12 PM

December 12, 2019

Grand Visitation
Endeavor Lodge No. 17
Dinner 6:00 PM Milton CHEER
Lodge 7:00 PM

December 26, 2019

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

January 18, 2020

Mandatory Officer Training
SD, JW and SW Only
Union Lodge No. 7
Donuts 8:30 AM/Start 9:00 AM

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www.temple9.org

Mentor Corner – Tom McMurray, PM

I took it from a short article which was part of a talk presented by Wor. Bro. Grainger.

Your hand can work for Freemasonry when you take the time to call another Brother on the telephone, be he sick or well; be his need great or small. Reach out and touch his life. Touch is universal.

Touch is the expression of love. A vase of priceless beauty and value was once a lump of clay molded by two hands. We are enthralled by our nation's accomplishments in space. These vast space machines were assembled by human hands. "The strong grip of a Master Mason" can accomplish many things. Shake the hand of your Brother with pride. Be proud of your Lodge. Be proud of Freemasonry. Don't lose your grip. You have earned the right to take me as I take you.

A BROTHER'S HAND

By George B. Staff

When you're feeling all downhearted,
And life's hard to understand,
Say, it's fine to feel the pressure
Of a brother's friendly hand.

Just to know he sympathizes,
Though he doesn't say a word;
How it starts your courage climbing,
As your heart is touched and stirred.

With an arm across your shoulders,
And a grip you love to find,
How it makes you feel the bounding
Of the hearts of humankind.

It is just a little token
Of an ever-growing band,
For there's faith and hope and courage
In a brother's friendly hand.

Living Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

Jehu M. Davis, Jr. – 1966
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, JGD – 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

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

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