



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)

Lodge Officers 2011-2012

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Deacon

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Harold Brode – Tiler
Dayn Carter – Marshal
Michael B. Saba, PM – Aide to
the Master and Lodge
Instructor

From the East – Chad Robinson, WM

January was a busy month for our lodge and we had great fun in making it all happen. First and foremost, we had our Grand Master's Visitation. We had a GREAT visit and I heard many great comments from lodge members, members of Grand Staff and visitors on the professional nature we conducted our meeting and the great meal. Please read more later in this trestleboard.

We also had a very

successful third degree for Brother Dean Helsel on January 12. The Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club conferred the degree in exquisite fashion and we could not have been more pleased.

February brings with it more activities for our lodge. We will be conferring two Master Mason degrees this month, one at each Stated Communication. We will also be conferring an Entered Apprentice

degree at a Special Communication. Please consult the Important Dates on the back of this trestleboard.

Please consider coming out to lodge if you haven't in a while – great things are going on at Temple 9 and I want you to be here.

In the meantime, don't forget to "Spread the Cement" and remember to stretch forth a hand to support a brother in need. So mote it be!

Open Letter to Lodge Members – Chad Robinson, WM

There are times when you are so happy to be part of an organization that you just cannot contain it in yourself. Following our Grand Master's Visitation, this was exactly the way that I felt.

The day provided the best example of Freemasonry I think I have ever seen. There was no hurdle that could not be overcome – from dealing with selling over 100 tickets to making sure that the room was set to checking everyone in and most importantly dealing with the last minute 'hiccups' that presented themselves. You all banded together and overcame the obstacles to host a great

Grand Master's Visitation, which I understand was the biggest in a few years.

This was not possible because of my efforts, but because of the efforts of my amazing group of friends and brothers!! I could not be more proud of everything WE accomplished on that night. WE showed the best Temple 9 had to offer. WE worked together and WE did our best.

I would be remiss if I did not publically thank JD Stephen Walter for preparing and cooking our meal. It was an AWESOME meal and I thank him for his many

efforts in preparing it. WE couldn't have done it without him.

I am proud to be your Worshipful Master and proud to be a member of this lodge and of our great fraternity. We showed what Freemasonry is truly all about and that makes me happy.

-WM Chad



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 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



Brother DJ Aspinwall Installed as SMC of DeMolay

By: Dad Dave Penney

On January 28, we had the installation of State officers for Delaware DeMolay. The State Master Councilor is one of our own, Brother DJ Aspinwall. DJ is a member of the lodge and also a member of the General Torbert Chapter which is sponsored by the lodge. Also installed were Brothers Chris Ruby PSMC (State Senior Councilor), Bobby Lankford (State Junior Councilor) and Mark Thompson (State Marshall). Chris and Mark hail from Jackson Lodge in Delaware City and also the Duncan Beard Chapter, Bobby Lankford is from Kent Chapter in Dover. All of these young men have risen through the ranks of their individual chapters and were either elected or appointed to their respective positions.

These young men will lead the state very well and represent DeMolay well also. This is the first time that 3 of the officers not only are DeMolay but also Masons. The installing team was Dad Mike Farlow (Salisbury, MD), Dad Dave Penney, Dad Doug Aspinwall, Sr., Brother Chad Robinson, WM, Brother Danny Doran, SW, and MW William T. Wadkins, Jr., PGM. An excellent job was done by all.

Attending the Installation was also three quarters of the Grand Staff led by MW Richard Aydelotte, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware. This installation was one of the best that has been done and also one of the most attended. I would personally like to thank all of those that came out. The young men of DeMolay love to show their stuff to willing listeners and also to

perform some of their Rituals. We also had a contingency of DeMolay join us from New Jersey. As you can tell, DeMolay is a very strong brotherhood and we all work very well together. The newly installed leaders have a busy schedule ahead of them with events across our state and also some of the other Jurisdictions. This June we will be heading to Louisville, KY for our International Sessions, which is where DeMolay Brothers from all over the world come together and discuss and plan different ideas to make DeMolay better.

If you would like more information on DeMolay please feel free to contact me at 302-284-8631 or at deldemolay@aol.com, or you can visit the website at www.deldemolay.org, I will be glad to answer any question that I can.

The Trowel – By: Anonymous

T is for the tools of the first three degrees

W is for the work each one of us must do;

These letters spell **TROWEL**, and as every brother knows;

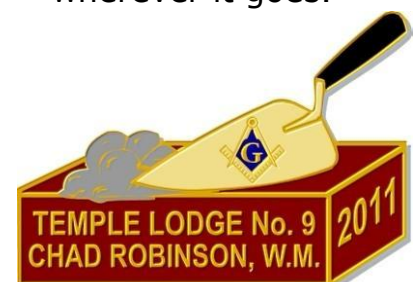
R for every rule as each brother agrees;

E is for the effort to answer every call

It spreads love and friendship, wherever it goes.

O is for the oath, in making all brothers true

L stands for love...the most important thing of all;



Grand Master's Visitation

On January 26, our lodge was pleased to welcome MW Richard W. Aydelotte and the Grand Staff of the MW Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware for their official visit.

The evening began with over 100 brothers gathering for a fine meal, prepared by JD Stephen Walter. Following a salad and shrimp cocktail appetizer, the buffet style meal consisted of crab cakes and chicken with all the trimmings. Following the meal, brothers were treated to a fabulous cake, created by Brian King of Quiet Elegance here in Milford. The comments around the room were overwhelming positive and it seemed that everyone enjoyed the meal.

Following the meal, brothers retired to the lodge room for the reception of the Grand

Master and his staff. The lodge room was packed and additional chairs had to be brought in and placed on the floor. Over 100 brothers were in lodge at the sound of the gavel, a sight not seen by Temple Lodge No. 9 in a few years.

The Grand Master gave eloquent remarks about his theme for this year stating, "I have an attitude," and encouraging other brothers to develop an attitude as well. The attitude is "If We Want We Can," and he applied this to all aspects of life. The Deputy Grand Master talked about the importance of supporting our Masonic "Yutes" – the DeMolay and Job's Daughters. He reminded everyone that they are the future of Masonry and this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Staff speaker was JGW Dean Disharoon who

talked about the beauty of our fraternity in meeting people and developing relationships and how that is the joy of our travels.

The Grand Master honored Frank Quillen, with his 50 year pin and Roy Kemp with a 55 year certificate. Finally, we recognized our birthday brothers with January birthdays. Congratulations brothers on your accomplishments!!

While brothers were enjoying our evening, the ladies of our lodge and Grand Staff were entertained at the home of PGM Bill Wadkins. Ms. Emma was a gracious host and the ladies had great food and a great time.

The evening concluded with many happy comments from all on the festive events.



On January 12, we raised Brother Dean Helsel and honored all our active firefighters from lodge.



The Grand Master's Visitation was a great success with over 100 brothers in attendance at dinner and in lodge!! An accomplishment!!



Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club Visits

On January 12, the Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club (LDSSC) visited Temple Lodge No. 9 to confer the Master Mason Degree on Brother Dean Helsel. It was a wonderful night for our lodge and an exciting to watch the LDSSC officers confer the degree. The LDSSC officers conferring the degree were Worshipful Master William Dudley, PM, Senior Warden Lee Weller, PM, Junior Warden William T. Wadkins, PGM, Senior Deacon Jamie Turner, PM, Junior Deacon Dave

Melvin, Senior Steward Steve McCarthy, Junior Steward Keith Lloyd, WM. These officers did a phenomenal job in conferring the degree and it was exciting to have one of our own sitting in the East.

Brother Dean is active in the Harrington Fire Company, so the lodge was full of brothers dressed in fire company uniform for the occasion. Visiting brothers came to celebrate with Brother Dean from Christiana Lodge No. 35 in New

Castle and Union Lodge No. 5 in Middletown. It was certainly a night of Brotherhood.

The evening also provided an opportunity to thank all those that serve in the EMS/Fire Service and as police officers in our communities. They keep us safe and were recognized with a hearty round of applause in lodge for their service.

To learn more about LDSSC, please contact the WM and he will put you in touch with them!



Brother Aspinwall's installation as State Master Councilor of DeMolay was well attended, including the Grand Master of Masons in Delaware and DeMolay from New Jersey!!

Dates to Remember:

February 9

Stated Communication
Conferral of Third Degree
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

February 16

Special Communication
Conferral of First Degree
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

February 23

Stated Communication
Conferral of Third Degree
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

February 27

Officer Proficiency
Temple Lodge No. 9
7:00 PM

March 3

Grand Lodge Workshop
Union Lodge No. 7
8:00 AM

March 24

Grand Lodge Semi Annual
(WM, SW, JW, All PM's)
Newport Masonic Temple
8:30 AM

March 25

Church Service
Highfield: The Masonic Home
3 PM

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Important Grand Lodge Events

There are many events happening across our Grand Lodge of which you might be interested:

Ladies at the Table -
Table Lodge, February 11,
6:30 PM, Jackson Lodge
No. 19, Tickets - \$25.00

Crowning of 2012-2013
Miss Job's Daughters of
Delaware, February 25,

Everett Theater,
Middletown, DE, 7:00 PM

Blue Lodge/Master Mason
Night at Tall Cedars of
Lebanon, March 14,
Sussex American Legion
Post #8, Georgetown.
7:30 PM

Brotherhood Night, March
16, Social hour 5:00 PM
dinner 6:30 PM, Nur

Shrine, New Castle,
Tickets - \$35.00

Gold Collar Night, April
19, 5:00 PM, Armstrong
Lodge No. 26, Newport,
Tickets - \$20.00

Please see the WM or
Secretary for tickets or
order forms for the Grand
Master's Flag!

Tickets on Sale for March Events

It seems as though March is a long time off, but it will be here before we know it. We have two big events that month, for which we now have tickets on sale.

On Saturday, March 17, we will have a pancake breakfast fundraiser at

Applebee's in Milford. It is all you can eat pancakes and sausage, as well as orange juice, coffee, water and soft drinks. It will be from 8 to 10 AM. Tickets are \$6 per adult and \$3 per child.

Also, on Thursday, March

22, 2012, we will have a Table Lodge to celebrate Past Master's Night. It will be held at 6:30 PM at the lodge and tickets are \$20 per brother.

Please see the WM or any lodge officer for tickets to either event!

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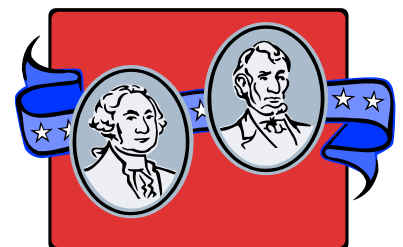
time updates for events, Masonic funerals and other functions. We promise we will not SPAM your inbox, but provide you with information about lodge happenings. As you

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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