



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



Chartered January 16, 1815  
2016-2017  
202<sup>nd</sup> 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 2016-2017

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John Niccolls – Tiler  
Jack McDuff – Marshal

## From the East – Jim Bennett, WM

Brethren,

2017 is off and running and what a start! In January we had the pleasure of recognizing the Past Grand Masters of Temple Lodge No.9 on the 202nd birthday of the lodge. Next we recognized the Past Masters of our lodge with a Table Lodge for Past Masters night! I personally thank all involved for completing these events.

And guess what we aren't slowing down. In addition to celebrating the February birthday brothers at our first meeting on February 9, 2017 we have numerous candidates to initiate. Please make time to welcome these new brothers to our great fraternity. I know you are earnestly solicited to attend all of the functions but I feel the most important thing we can do, as Master Masons, is

support a new brother and make him feel welcome in and to our lodge.

Our next event for our ladies is a "Paint Night" on February 23, 2017. A ticket is needed for the night and includes their meal and paint supplies. This event is going to support a charity that is close to home for Temple Lodge No. 9 – the Epilepsy foundation. Space is limited so be sure and get a ticket before they are all sold out.

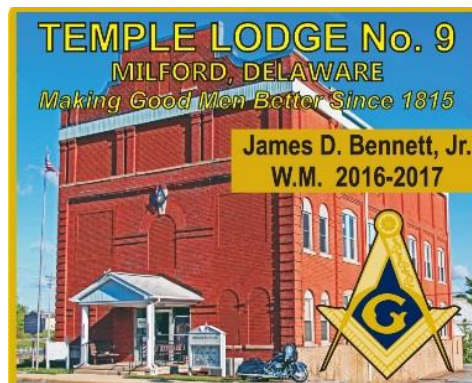
Before you know it March will be here. March brings with it thoughts of Spring, Daylight Savings time and another exciting event – the visit from Grand Lodge scheduled for March 9, 2017. The excitement is building as we prepare to receive our Grand Master Dale Towers Irwin and Temple Lodge No. 9's Right Worshipful Deputy

Grand Master John W. Marinucci.

Tickets for the above mentioned events are available through any lodge officer or you can purchase a ticket via PayPal by visiting our website. Our website also includes a handy calendar that is continuously updated with event dates and times.

"Freemasonry is 'veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols' because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart.

-C. H. Claudy



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 D. Clendaniel – 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 – 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

Affiliated Past Masters of  
Temple Lodge No. 9

Thomas McMurray – 1977  
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008  
Roan Oak, Texas

John Marinucci, DGM – 2011  
Dover, Delaware



**Calling all Masons Ladies & Guests**

**Temple Lodge No. 9  
Paint Night  
Thursday, February 23, 2017**

Brethren,

The officers of Temple Lodge No. 9 would like to invite your lady & guests to our first paint night event at Temple Lodge No. 9, to be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017. Paint Night tickets are \$40.00 each and will include the following: painting canvas, painting supplies & dinner on the second floor. Seating is limited so don't delay and get your tickets today. Brothers, let's all join in and FILL THE HOUSE with our ladies and guests! A portion of the proceeds from the evening will go to support the Epilepsy Foundation.

The schedule for the evening:

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Dinner and Fellowship  
7:30 PM to 8:45 PM (Estimated) - Paint Night Fun  
7:30 PM - Open Lodge on the Entered Apprentice Degree  
8:45 PM – Closing of Lodge and Paint Night Showcase

Tickets may be purchased from any lodge officer.

If you have any questions, please reach out to WM Jim Bennett or JD Mike Brittingham.



## Uncovering History at our Lodge



W. Walt Overington, Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge No. 12, recently recovered a nice artifact while installing new ceramic tile in the third floor foyer area. After removing the old carpet he discovered a Masonic tile. He graciously renovated the tile, crafted a nice frame for it and presented it to Temple Lodge No. 9 as a birthday present to the lodge on its 202nd birthday. The best guess we have is that it was covered with carpeting in the 1960's. If anyone has more insight regarding the tile please share it with the lodge so it can be properly documented. What a find!

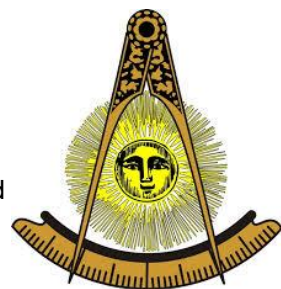
## Honoring our Past Grand Masters

Temple Lodge No. 9 recognized the Past Grand Masters of from our Lodge on January 16, 2017. There have been twelve Past Grand Masters from Temple Lodge No. 9. Eleven elected and our first sitting Master, Jesse Green PGM, was on the petition to be the Worshipful Master when our lodge was chartered. We recognized three of the twelve on this evening. Our first, the aforementioned Jesse Green, and our two most recent Past Grand Masters, Raymond "Ray" Savage, PGM 1975 and William "Bill" Wadkins, PGM 1999. After reading the biographies of the three Past Grand Masters the portraits were placed. Also on hand were Mrs. Louise Savage and Mrs. Emma Wadkins to assist in placing their husbands' portraits. The lodge would like to thank all involved in placing the portraits. Our Marshall, Brother Jack McDuff, deserves special thanks for his contribution. Brother McDuff reproduced the portraits, selected the mating and frames to assemble the portraits. This is well deserved recognition and the project was well done!



## Celebrating our Past Masters

15 Past Master members of Temple Lodge No. 9 enjoyed a festive table lodge for Past Masters Night. Counting the visiting brothers there were over 2 dozen Past Masters in attendance to also include two Past Grand Masters, two sitting Right Worshipful's and numerous past Grand Staff members. Great food (prepared by PM "Chef" Walter) and beverage



was enjoyed by all. The "Toastmaster" (PM Chad Robinson) led us through the entire evening with precision. The "cannons" were fired in fine fashion.



## Dates to Remember:

**February 9, 2017**

Stated Communication and  
Birthday Party

EA DEGREE

Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

**February 18, 2017**

Temple Lodge No. 9  
Bowling Event Fundraiser  
Milford Bowling Lanes  
6 PM to 9 PM

**February 23, 2017**

Special Communication and  
Ladies Paint Night  
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

**March 9, 2017**

Grand Master's Visitation  
and Birthday Party  
Dinner 6:00 PM/Lodge 7:00 PM

**March 23, 2017**

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

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

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

## Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

The making of a Freemason consists of a continuing course of education, of training, and of character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innermost desire, followed by obligations that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer form and better sense, a man is never a Freemason until he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. And he cannot do that until he understands them, and eventually knows their scope and real meaning.

Freemasonry can very well be divided into many phases. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitution and its laws, just to mention a few, if studied and mastered, can provide a more interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide an interesting program of investigation to the Brother attracted to a desire for research.

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will stand investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated. A member of the Craft who merely takes his degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge meetings, may hold to the opinion that Freemasonry differs little from other societies. The contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, and learns the origin, meaning and moral bearing of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of organizations.

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic Membership.

The best informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic studying and our research for more Masonic Light.

(Courtesy Ashlar Masonic Education)

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