



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



Chartered January 16, 1815
2018-2019
204th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Steve Kerr, WM

First off, I want to inform everyone that the 1st Stated communication on the 14th of February will be Cancelled. I felt that it would be best for everyone to be able to spend it with their loved ones, and also thought the women in their lives would appreciate it. We then will be holding our Annual Bowling event the Saturday the 16th at Milford Bowling Alley. If you have any question please contact PM Jim Bennett. Lastly, we will be hosting Most Worshipful Don Rosenberry and his team for Temple Lodge's Grand Visitation on the 28th on our second stated communication. We will be having a lot of work coming up so please come out and see your Officer Team put on great Degree work and newly initiated brothers entered into this Great Fraternity.

Tickets for the Grand Visitation are in and are available, please contact any officer and we can get them to you.

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.

“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

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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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

From the Senior Deacon – Brother Mike Brittingham

Masonry on the Moon

You already know that the symbol of the moon plays a significant part in freemasonry. Did you also know that astronaut Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, when he stepped onto the moon for the first time in 1969, was also a brother? Buzz Aldrin was initiated in the Montclair Lodge No. 44 in New Jersey and is a 33° Scottish Rite. When he landed on the moon, he took a hand-made silk Masonic Scottish Rite banner with him on that journey. It was actually the second time an astronaut had carried a Scottish Rite banner into space (Leroy Gordon Cooper was the first in the Gemini 5 orbital mission in 1965). I’m a pretty big science geek so all of that is super cool in my book. Now in your best TV infomercial voice, go “but wait, there’s more!” The Grand Lodge of Texas has actually chartered a lodge... ON THE MOON!

From their website:

“Tranquility Lodge 2000 was chartered by The Grand Lodge of Texas for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, conducting and fostering the principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in promoting the health, welfare, education and patriotism of children worldwide.

The Grand Lodge of Texas is the first Grand Lodge to have a Member step onto the Moon, Brother Buzz Aldrin, in 1969. Through this event, The Grand Lodge of Texas has Chartered Tranquility Lodge 2000 for the purpose providing Fraternal Assistance to Masonic Organizations and other worthy organizations who help make life better for all living on Earth.

Tranquility Lodge 2000 is based in Texas under auspices of The Grand Lodge of Texas until such time as the Lodge may hold its meetings on the Moon. Our meetings are held quarterly at various cities in Texas, with the annual meeting being held in Waco each July.

Providing support and assistance to Masonic Organizations and to other worthy organizations who help make life better for all living on the Earth requires the support of all worthy Freemasons around the World. Your Membership in Tranquility Lodge 2000 helps in providing that assistance while offering Fraternal Brotherhood with Good Men of like mind.”

Wouldn't it be impressive to bring home THAT travelling gavel?!?!

Scottish Rite of Delaware

Delaware's first reunion of 2019 will be held Saturday, Feb. 2nd at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, DE. Doors will open at 08:00 AM with meeting beginning at 09:30 AM on the 4th floor. The Valley Of Wilmington will be conferring two degrees, 12th (Master of Architect) on video and 16th (Prince of Jerusalem) with live presentation and new candidates will have 4th degree (Master Traveler) by video available. This will be completed by 01:00 PM (lunch will be provided). All officers are expected to attend with dress for officers, 33rd and MSA-tux required with hat and jewels. All others-coat and tie; hat and jewel as appropriate. Interested, please contact me at johnmcduff@comcast.net or 302-632-5802.

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

This is a short article that I thought you might enjoy.

What are the Duties of a Mason to his Lodge?

Well, his first duty is to pay his **Dues**, every year, and on time: because the lodge needs them to pay for the financial obligation a lodge incurs in order to be a lodge: rent, Grand Lodge fees, district fees, regalia, printing, postage, etc., etc.

The second duty is **attendance** to meetings. This obligation is clearly spelled out in the promise the member makes at the altar when he is initiated, passed, and raised. No one, as far as I know, was ever forced to join a lodge at the point of a gun, but did so **of his own free will and accord**, begging on his knees to be granted the privilege to become a member and a Mason. Every privilege is accompanied by certain duties, which, as a good and upright man, the member cannot disregard or choose to neglect. Of course there are **exceptions** and circumstances, by which the member is justly relieved from these duties — exceptional family and work demands, sickness, distance, and financial distress — but nothing more. In the case of financial distress, the lodge and the members will support the distressed Brother, gladly.

The third duty is **participation** in the works of the lodge: serving as an officer, as the chair or member of a committee, or participate in the rituals, when skills and time allow him to do so. There is nothing wrong for a member to **justifiably** recuse himself from this participation, and sit in lodge as an attentive spectator, for such attentiveness will lead to **learning**, and perhaps one day to participation.

The fourth duty is to **improve the quality** of the lodge and its activities. This requires of the member to pay attention to what is done by the lodge, in any of its endeavors; to assess its efficacy, and to come forward with any suggestion he believes will improve this efficacy, so the other members may consider it and, if found useful, adopt it.

A member's participation in the works of his lodge is not to be equated to an optional occasional visit to a social club or a coffee shop: the monthly summons is not just an information flyer sent by the lodge to its members — it is a Summons, a **command**, an order to attend.

If all the above does not fit your lifestyle, your ambitions, your desire to learn, to improve yourself spiritually — Why bother? Don't ask to become a member, a Freemason; and if you are already one: ask for your **Demit**, and save yourself the money!

And lastly, if you have had a disagreement with one of your Brothers, it is your responsibility (as you swore in your obligation to not cheat, wrong or defraud) to resolve the differences thereby restoring harmony in the craft.

Imparted by Bro. Vincent Lombardo, June 18, 2016



Dates to Remember:

February 14, 2019

Stated Communication

CANCELLED

**ENJOY VALENTINE'S DAY
WITH YOUR SPECIAL
SOMEONE**

February 16, 2019

3rd Annual Bowling Event

6 PM to 9 PM

Milford Bowling Lanes

February 28, 2019

Stated Communication

Grand Master's Visitation

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

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. Please plan to attend this family friendly event. Last year's Event raised over \$3200 for numerous charities including the Long Range Planning/Building fund for Temple Lodge No 9.

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 at delawaredeuce@gmail.com or by phone at 302-228-1228 for additional information.



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.