



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)

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Michael B. Saba, PM – Aide to
the Master and Lodge
Instructor



Chartered January 16, 1815
2011-2012
197th Year of Fellowship



From the East – Chad Robinson, WM

2012 – Wow the New Year is here!! It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming 2011!! On behalf of the lodge and officers, Happy New Year!!

I am very excited for the month of January and all the activities taking place at the lodge this month. First and foremost, the visit of our Most Worshipful Grand Master will take place on Thursday, January 26, 2012. Our JD and Chef

Stephen Walter will be preparing dinner at 6:30 on the second floor and lodge will resume at 7:30. Please see the back of this trestleboard for ticket information.

On Thursday, January 12, the Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club will be here to confer a Master Mason degree. I am asking all those who are active in the fire company to wear their fire company uniform that evening. It will be a great

time and I hope you can come out!

The officers are busy with proficiencies and workshops so please keep them in your thoughts.

I am having a GREAT time at your WM!! This is an awesome job!

Please don't forget our brothers in need and don't forget to stretch for a hand to help "Spread the Cement"!! So mote it be!

The Road of Masonry - By Bro. Douglas Malloch

Men build a Road of
Masonry
Across the hills and dales;
Unite the prairie and the
sea,
The mountains and the
vales
They cross the chasm,
bridge the stream
They point to where the
turrets gleam,
and many men for many a
day
Who seek the heights
shall find the way

Men build a Road of
Masonry
But not for self they build
With footsteps of humility
The hearts of men are
thrilled.
This music makes their
labors sweet;

The endless tramp of
other feet
The thought that men
shall travel thus
An easier road because of
us.

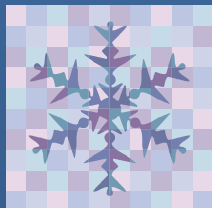
We build the Road of
Masonry
With other men in mind;
We do not build for you
and me,
We build for all mankind.
We build a road,
remember, men
Build not for Now, but
build for When,
And other men who walk
the way
Shall find the road we
build today.

Who builds the Road of
Masonry,
Though small or great his
part,
However hard the task
may be
May toil with singing heart.
For it is something, after
all,
When muscles tire and
shadows fall,
To know that other men
shall bless
the BUILDER for his
faithfulness



Living Past Masters

Chester C. Coffin – 1960
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



From the Senior Warden – Danny Doran

Happy New Year, Brethren!

What a fantastic 2011 we have had! As we enter this New Year I feel uplifted with the progress our Lodge has made. I have a quote I'd like to share from a very well known religious leader, the late Gordon B. Hinckley. "My plea is that we stop seeking out the storms and enjoy more fully the sunlight...I am asking that we look a little deeper for the good, that we still our voices of insult and sarcasm, that we more generously compliment and endorse virtue and effort."

I feel that our Worshipful Master, our Officers, our Lodge Brethren, and our friends have fully

supported our Grand Master with his theme "If We Want To, We Can." We are looking for the good, complimenting effort and supporting our Brothers. We wanted, and we are doing!

Coming up on our Lodges calendar are a lot of events that we would love your participation with. First is our Grand Lodge Visitation, it promises to be an enjoyable evening where we have the privilege of our Most Worshipful Grand Master paying our Lodge an official visit. Not all Grand Lodges have this opportunity, so I hope you all feel the same way I do in the special event.

Our Sea Scout Ship Officers (youth) are

working hard assisting members in our community. They have planned and carried out several service projects including collecting food for needy families and simple household chores like raking leaves, setting up Christmas trees and other projects for those who needed an extra hand. On January 13th at 6:30 PM at the Harrington LDS Church, some of our Sea Scout Ship youth will be presented awards and recognitions at our Troop 364/Ship 1776 Court and Bridge of Honor. We encourage all of our brothers to attend.

I pray that you all have a very Happy New Year and thank you again for all of the help you support you have been to our Lodge.

Christmas Events – Parades and Party

Temple Lodge No. 9 had a very exciting and busy month of December as we celebrated the holiday season across our area.

The weekend of December 3th and 4th, the lodge float was on the road again in the Harrington and Lewes Christmas Parades. The Harrington Parade proved to be very eventful, as our Brothers were present to witness an accident in the parade lineup area before the parade even started. When we got on the road, the float looked great with a Christmas tree and presents adorning the

float and number of members present in elf hats. We ended up taking second place in our division! Congratulations!! The next night we ventured to Lewes to join Jefferson Lodge No. 15 in the Lewes Christmas Parade, at the request of Worshipful Brother Hoagie Furnish. We had a great time in the parade and fellowshiping with food at their lodge afterwards.

The Lodge Christmas Party was a resounding success as well! We had over 50 folks in attendance and almost 20 kids. The kids were able

to make ornaments and do coloring, and everyone was able to enjoy great food and desserts!! There was singing of Christmas carols and the kids all walked away with a gift from Santa Claus!! Many thanks are in order to all those that provided food, particularly JD Stephen Walter and SW Danny Doran! Also, thanks to Brother John Shoemaker for serving as Santa!! Lastly, many thanks to JW Will Currey and his elf, O'Connor for organizing and putting together a great party!! It was wonderful and thanks to you for that!!



General Torbert Chapter - Order of DeMolay

By: Brother Dave Penney
Chapter Chairman

DeMolay, what is it? It is a community based organization for young men, ages 12 to 21. DeMolay members learn life-skills, responsibility, and cooperation by working together to plan and carry out their customized program of social, sports and community service activities. DeMolay has encouraged more than a million young men to become leaders of character, including many successful businessmen, public servants, entertainers and athletes. Now that I hope to have your attention, I would like to tell you about the General Torbert Chapter that is sponsored by our lodge. The chapter was started by PM Coady and me, with the help of PGM's Wadkins and Trice. We

have been meeting here for a number of years and hope to continue to do so. But we need your help, our numbers are dwindling and we need members that enjoy pretty much the same thing we do in lodge. The foundation of DeMolay is based on the principal of "Building tomorrow's leaders today", our chapter has had numerous members join the military (Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force) and one attended West Point (Jeff Cook). We have had quite a few holding offices within the state with a few even becoming either the state representative or the State Master Councilor (Jeff Cook, Richard Layne, Caleb Penney, Justin Bloom, Ross Penney and SMC elect DJ Aspinwall). Some of you have asked me what we do; a brief synopsis is as follows. We do civic functions, have

helped with lodge functions, have traveled extensively with the members going to 23 different jurisdictions in the U.S., camping, dances, paintball, ritual competition (which we have won quite a few championships in) and just generally having fun, all this while learning ritual, public speaking, and respect. The seven basic precepts for DeMolay are filial love, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism. If this is something that you think your son, nephew, grandson or any young man might be able to benefit from please let me know by contacting me at (302) 284-8631 or by e-mail at DelDeMolay@aol.com. I would be glad to answer any questions that you may have.



Santa Claus (AKA Brother John Shoemaker) visited the lodge Christmas Party with the kids. We all had a great time!!!



The Christmas parades in Harrington and Lewes were a huge success, we even won second place in Harrington!! As you can see everyone had a good time!!



From the Junior Deacon – Stephen Walter

I hope this month's trestleboard finds you in joyous spirits having just celebrated our Lord's birth. I would like to congratulate you for your amazing contributions to the "Adopt-a-Family" organization. The lodge raised \$302 from your donations. We were able to provide Christmas to three young children who, without your help, would have gone without this Christmas. I know what Christmas means to my children; I can only imagine what it meant to those three children. We

received a Christmas card from the family, and it is hanging on the bulletin board on the third floor. Again, we reached out to our community and helped those who need it.

Looking forward to this month, we will be having meatloaf with mashed potatoes and succotash on the 12th when we host the Shield & Square Club, then on the 26th we will be having Shrimp, Crab Cakes, and Chicken when we host the Grand Lodge of Delaware. I look forward to seeing you all

at lodge and hope you will join us at 6:30pm for dinner before.

Editor's Note:

Brother Stephen will be participating in the Polar Bear Plunge on February 5, 2012. The plunge benefits Special Olympics Delaware. If you are able to support him, please visit <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/stephen-walter/2012-lewes-polar-bear-plunge-for-special-olympics> and attend the plunge in person. Thanks, WM Chad



December ended with a Fellowcraft Degree for Brothers Chris Currey and Brandon Smith!! Congratulations Brothers on your advancement!!

Dates to Remember:

January 5, 2012

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

January 12, 2012

Meeting of Grand Lodge Members
(Election of Grand Lodge Officers)
6 PM

January 12, 2012

Stated Communication
Conferral of Third Degree by
Lower Delaware Shield and
Square Club
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

January 26, 2012

Stated Communication
Grand Master's Visitation
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

January 28, 2012

Delaware DeMolay Statewide
Officer Installation
Temple Lodge No. 9
2:00 PM

January 30, 2012

First Officer Proficiency for 2012
Temple Lodge No. 9
7:00 PM

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Brotherhood Night and Grand Master's Flag

The Lodge is in receipt of tickets for Brotherhood Night, which will be held on Friday, March 16, 2012 at the Nur Shrine in New Castle. Social hour is at 5:00 PM and dinner is at 6:30 PM. This is always a fun night where Masons from multiple states come together for fellowship. Tickets are \$35.00 and are available from the

Secretary or Worshipful Master.

Also, the Grand Master's flag (pictured at right) is available for sale. The cost is \$40.00. The Worshipful Master has an order form if you are interested and they will also be available at the Grand Master's Visitation. These are great to fly from

your home or business and be proud of your Masonic affiliation!!



Tickets on Sale for Grand Master's Visitation

MW Richard W. Aydelotte and the Grand Staff of the MW Grand Lodge of Delaware will make an official visit to Temple Lodge No. 9 on Thursday, January 26, 2012. A full buffet dinner of crab cakes, shrimp and chicken

will be held prior to the official visitation at 6:30 PM on the second floor. Tickets are on sale for \$20 and are available from any lodge officer. If you would like you can feel free to contact WM Robinson and he will be sure to get

tickets to you. The dinner and visitation are open to all members and lodge will be open on the EA degree. We look forward to seeing everyone on this very special night!!

Don't Forget to Send Us Your E-mail Address

Please don't forget if you have an e-mail address, please share it with the lodge.

Your e-mail address will allow us to send you quick

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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