



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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**Chartered January 16, 1815
2014-2015
200th Year of Fellowship**

From the East – Roland Cohee, WM

This is really Big I'm talking BIG! The lodge has been working towards this event for two hundred years.

Like I said it is a really a Big deal. On January 16, 1815, Temple Lodge #9 came to life and now two hundred years later we are having a party to celebrate not just our two hundredth birthday but also a Grand Master Visitation. What a party this will be. But it gets better, our ladies are invited to join us.

The lodge Birthday Party/Grand Visitation will be open to all Masons from Entered Apprentices to Master Mason.

The location is Carlisle Fire Hall right here in Milford. The date: January 16, 2015. The party will start at 6:30 PM followed by our annual Grand Visitation from Grand Master Most Worshipful Dean F. Disharoon and the Grand Staff.

Tickets for this special event are \$35.00 per person. Tickets are going fast and can be purchased by calling Brother Senior Steward Matt Thompson at 302-684-2862 or myself at 302-335-3211. Don't miss out on this once in a

lifetime event. It will be a fun night for all.

The dinner is being catered by Marilyn's Catering and Brian King is making a special birthday cake.

So don't delay call today.

HISTORICAL MARKER

The celebration continues on Saturday, January 17th with the dedication of the historical marker commemorating our 200th Anniversary.

This presentation will take

place at 1:00 pm. with the Grand Master Dean F. Disharoon and other special guest taking part.

Light refreshments will be served on the second floor of the lodge. I hope to see My Brother Masons there.



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 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
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, SGS – 2011
Danny Doran - 2012
Will Currey - 2013

From the Junior Deacon – Jim Bennett

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! As we begin the New Year we will celebrate our 200th birthday as a lodge. There has been much planning and talk about this exciting event and I look forward to enjoying the celebration in a few weeks! I would like for you to take a couple of minutes to consider what our lodge brothers experienced on "lodge night" in the early 1800's. No automobiles to drive to a meeting, no electricity to power the lodge room – just imagine how different opening the lodge would be without flipping a switch or two as we do today! How about communicating without the modern conveniences we enjoy today? It is likely that attending the meeting was one of the few ways to communicate. While on the subject of communication - we recently gathered together a group of

current officers and past masters to discuss ways to improve communications as a lodge. We are forming a communications committee and over the next few months we hope to contact every member of Temple No 9 to complete a short questionnaire. Please remember to contact us if you have changes with your contact information and don't forget to log on to <http://temple9.org/> for up to date information about your lodge. Temple No 9 recently raised two brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brother Michael Petit de Mange was raised during the November stated communication with PM Chad Robinson conferring the degree in the East. Brother John Cannon was raised in fine fashion during the December stated communication.



I look forward to seeing you in lodge soon.

Nothing further from the south

I am always doing that which I cannot in order that I may learn how to do it.

- Pablo Picasso

Past Master's Corner:

"Try a little harder to be a little better" ~Gordon B. Hinkley~
It's the start of a new year! A new opportunity to do a little more good, to stand a little taller and to grow a little stronger! We have an amazing 2015 ahead of us. Let me impose a question, through a hymn.

Have I done any good in the world today?
Have I helped anyone in need?
Have I cheered up the sad and made someone feel glad?
If not, I have failed indeed...
Has anyone's burden been lighter today
Because I was willing to share?
Have the sick and the weary been helped on their way?
When they needed my help was I there?
Then wake up and do something more
Than dream of your mansion above.
Doing good is a pleasure, a joy beyond measure,
A blessing of duty and love.

2015 has brought us another year to help those in need. Not just our brothers, and the widows of our departed friends. But our neighbors and friends and all those whom we will meet on the street. Each day, we should ask ourselves what good we can do.

Now's the time to get your tickets for our 200th celebration taking place this January. The Grand Master and his staff will be joining as we remember 200 years of Masonic history in Milford! Wow, what an amazing opportunity! I'm going to encourage as many of you to come and enjoy a nice evening with your brothers and their ladies.

Love you brothers! I truly hope that you find peace and happiness in this new year.
W.: Dan (Fluffy) Doran, PM:.

Duties of the Tyler

What are the duties of the Tyler?

Well, as the Junior Deacon plainly states, "to guard against the approach of cowans and eves droppers." We all know what eves droppers are, but have you ever thought about what cowans are? We assume that it refers to an intruder, and we would be right, but what kind of intruder. If you were to research this word, you would find that it is purely Masonic in it's origin. The term refers to an operative mason who has not been "regularly bred" or followed the training of a Master. It also applies to one who is an operative mason, but has Not been initiated into a regular and well governed lodge of Masons. There were masons who did not join guilds that protected the mason profession; they worked alongside the Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons, but never took on the profession. In modern day terms, we would refer to them as scabs, or not unionized workers. By most accounts, the word derives from Scotland, and the speculative Masonic Fraternity there. Thanks go to Worshipful Tom McMurray for provoking some thought about this word to me last week. One of the greatest opportunities we have as Masons is to continue to learn about the craft and all the lessons it has to teach us.

Fraternally,
Stephen Walter
Senior Warden

Upcoming Dates

January 8, 2015, Special Communication, Entered Apprentice Degrees **The Road Less Traveled**

January 16th, 200th Anniversary Banquet

January 17th, Historical Marker dedication.

February 21st, Pancake Breakfast, Applebees

We often hear of "taken the road less traveled" and since we are all traveling men, this should be important to us. In our rush to get to our goal, our journeys end, or just plain where we are trying to get, we forget why we travel. It's for the journey. Let's try the road less traveled, let's try to take in the scenery, and let's try to enjoy the fellowship on our way to where it is we are going. We take pictures throughout so we can stop time and take notice of the things we did not see during our travels. Let's try a change of pace, let's not see how quick we can make it, not worry about what time we are supposed to be there, instead lets enjoy our path through the Great Architects illustrious coloring book of life and enjoy the scenes that our path carries us through. Let's not rely on a picture to show us the path we took but instead, take notice of where we are today.

Travel Safe My Brother,
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
Steve Kerr, Junior Deacon

Greetings:

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas! Our 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Owens Station in Greenwood to benefit the Temple Lodge #9 scholarship fund is coming up on Sunday, March 15, 2015. Last year, we had a lot of fun shooting, nice prizes, and also good food. If any brother can help us get sponsors, donations, or door prizes for this event or can help in any way, you may contact me at 422-6285 or any of the officers. Plan on joining us for the shoot and help out a great cause – there will be CASH prizes also.

Thank you from Steve Rogers, PM



Purple Bowties???????

November was Epilepsy Awareness month and Brother Steve Kerr provided the purple bowties for the meeting in honor of his daughter Kameryn's couragous struggle with Epilepsy. If you would like to help the cause please follow the link below.

<http://www.epilepsy.com/>



Stewards Committee:

I would like to thank the stewards committee for all the hard work in keeping the lodge clean and straightened. As we all know our 200th birthday is just around the corner and we can all give a push to get the lodge looking its best for any visitors. If you have some free time or ideas please contact Matt Thompson or Michael Wessel so we can get together and do a little cleaning.

Also after lodge we always have plenty of dirty dishes that need attention, it is always appreciated to have a few extra hands in the sink to get the job done. So we can get in some ping pong or a game of pool.

Dates to Remember:

**Please see the
calendar contained
within this
Trestleboard!**

**On behalf of the Officers,
we wish you a safe and
happy Holiday season**

We're on the Web!
Visit us at:
www.temple9.org

General Torbert Chapter DeMolay

General Torbert Chapter
It has been a short time since I wrote the last article and we have had a couple of events that the chapter attended. Right now we are preparing for our game night and lock-in prospect party slated for the vacation time between Christmas and New Year's, this will be a time when we hope to get some prospective members to attend and hopefully join the Order. Other than that we have just been plugging along and working at the University of Delaware football games in one of the concession booths.

If any of you know of a young man between the ages of 12 and 21 that would like to join or if you would just like some

information on the Order of DeMolay just contact me and I will be glad to help out any way I can. As you know I have stated that our membership is dwindling and we really need some new members so please keep your eyes and ears open for anyone that might be interested.

We are also working on a couple of fundraisers and I will keep you posted on them as they happen and when and where it might be. We have some trips coming up next year and we have to raise the money for our young men to go, which is the main reason for the fundraisers.

That is all for now. If you need to get in touch with me you can do it in a variety of ways,

email
(deldemolay@aol.com),
phone (302-284-8631),
fax (302-294-8954) or at
lodge when I am there. In
case this is the last Trestle
board before the Holidays
I would like to take this
time and wish everyone
Happy Holidays on behalf
of the General Torbert
Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,
Dad Dave Penney

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.**

We have gotten many e-mail addresses, but still only half the membership.

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 out 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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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.