



# 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)

### Lodge Officers 2018-2019

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Mike Nichols – Junior Deacon  
Dan Trader – Senior Steward  
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Chris Fitzgerald – Tiler  
Jack McDuff – Marshal

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**From the East – Steve Kerr, WM**

Chartered January 16, 1815  
2018-2019  
204<sup>th</sup> Year of Fellowship

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Happy New Year Brothers!!! I hope everyone had a great Holiday and thank everyone that was able to come out for the lodge holiday events. The second half of the year is going to be just as busy as the first. The Grand Master and his Officer team will be coming in February to give us a visit. We have a lot of great men that are coming into this Fraternity, the Temple 9 Bowling event, Shotgun shoot. I am looking forward to a great second half and thank each of you for everything you do for Temple Lodge and the great Fraternity.

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.

**“The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other.”**  
**Vasilios Karpos**



## A Freemason's Prayer

By: Dan Goldstein

Thou most Glorious and Holy Lord, God of the Universe,  
We are humbly here assembled to extol your grace, with verse.  
Oh, Great Architect, Creator of this Earth with all its good,  
It is in Thy Name, we pledge our lives to Peace and Brotherhood.  
By upholding all the principles Freemasonry describes,  
We Freemasons try to live the way our Ancient Craft prescribes.  
For the virtues we aspire to are good, benign and just,  
Such as Truth and Love and Justice, with Morality and Trust  
Supreme Lord of all the Universe, hear our impassioned plea,  
May we all live by the tenets which thou gave Freemasonry.  
And may all of Man's endeavors with his fellow man compare  
With the noble and sublime ways of the Compass and the Square.

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*

## Lodge Dues are Now Due

Temple Lodge No. 9 dues notices have gone out by mail to every member. These dues are now due to your lodge. The breakdown of Lodge dues for 2019 is as follows:

Temple Lodge No. 9:	\$35.00
Grand Lodge Assessment:	\$35.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>

Your prompt payment of these dues is expected and will allow your lodge to remain active in the coming year. As in the past few years, we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to pay your 2019 lodge dues online by visiting <http://temple9.org/lodge-dues-payment/>. You can use the secure link to pay your lodge dues by credit card. If you have dues in arrears, you can also pay your back dues there, as well.

Should you have any questions regarding dues, please contact the Secretary or Worshipful Master. Contact information for both can be found on the front page of this Trestleboard.

## Scottish Rite of Delaware

The first meeting of 2019 for VOLD will take place Monday, Jan. 7th at Endeavor Lodge in Milton. Meeting will start at 07:00 PM and if anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Scottish Rite of Delaware, please let me know so I can set up time/materials for the 4th degree before the regular meeting.

The 3rd reunion in Delaware will take place 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 Delaware will be conferring two degrees, 12th (Grand Master Architect) and 16th (Prince of Jerusalem) with live presentation. New candidates will have 4th degree (Master Traveler) by video available. All 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 jewels as appropriate. Interested, please contact me at [johnmcduff@comcast.net](mailto:johnmcduff@comcast.net) or 302-632-5802.

The 4th degree (Secret Master) is a first step in your journey which spans twenty-nine degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The 4th degree reviews some of the reunions which offer new experiences on your path of personal growth in harmony with man's faith. The 12th degree's (Grand Master Architect) purpose is to teach the quality of forgiveness. It means a spirit of compassion and a tenderness of heart which dispose a person not just to overlook the opportunity for revenge. Only those who forgive the transgressions of others can hope to obtain forgiveness for their own transgressions.

The Council of Princes of Jerusalem presents two degrees, the Fifteenth and the Sixteenth. These degrees are called "Historical" because they deal with events connected with the closing period of the Babylonian captivity of Israel, the return of the exiles to Jerusalem, and the rebuilding of the Temple. The Valley of Wilmington Delaware will be presenting only the 16th degree only (Prince of Jerusalem).

## Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

The following is an extract from a short article from an unknown author. I hope you enjoy it.

How familiar the phrase is. No Lodge is ever opened or closed, in due form, without using it. Yet how few know how old it is, much less what a deep meaning it has in it. Like so many old and lovely things, it is so near to us that we do not see it.

As far back as we can go in the annals of the Craft we find this old phrase. Its form betrays its age. The word MOTE is an Anglo-Saxon word, derived from an anomalous verb, MOTAN. Chaucer uses the exact phrase in the same sense in which we use it, meaning "So May It Be." It is found in the Regius Poem, the oldest document of the Craft, just as we use it today.

As everyone knows, it is the Masonic form of the ancient AMEN which echoes through the ages, gathering meaning and music as it goes until it is one of the richest and most haunting of words. At first only a sign of assent, on the part either of an individual or of an assembly, to words of prayer or praise, it has become to stand as a sentinel at the gateway of silence.

When we have uttered all that we can utter, and our poor words seem like ripples on the bosom of the unspoken, somehow this familiar phrase gathers up all that is left - our dumb yearnings, our deepest longings - and bears them aloft to One who understands. In some strange way it seems to speak for us into the very ear of God the things for which words were never made.

So, naturally, it has a place of honor among us. At the grave side it utters its sad response to the shadowy AMEN which death pronounces over our friends.

In the Lodge, at opening, at closing, and in the hour of initiation. No Mason ever enters upon any great or important undertaking without invoking the aid of Deity. And he ends his prayer with the old phrase, "So Mote It Be." Which is another way of saying: "The Will Of God Be Done." Or, whatever be the answer of God to his prayer: "So Be It - because it is wise and right.

What, then, is the meaning of this old phrase, so interwoven with all our Masonic lore, simple, tender, haunting? It has two meanings for us everywhere, in the Church, or in the Lodge. First, it is assent of man to the way and Will Of God; assent to His Commands; assent to His Providence, even when a tender, terrible stroke of death takes from us one much loved and leaves us forlorn.

Still, somehow, we must say: "So it is; so be it. He is a wise man, a brave man; who, baffled by the woes of life, when disaster follows fast and follows faster, can nevertheless accept his lot as a part of the Will of God and say, though it may almost choke him to say it:

"So Mote It Be." It is not blind submission, nor dumb resignation, but a wise reconciliation to the Will of the Eternal



## Dates to Remember:

**January 3, 2019**

Special Communication  
to Confer EA Degree  
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

**January 10, 2019**

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

**January 24, 2019**

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

**February 16, 2019**

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bowling Event  
6 PM to 9 PM  
Milford Bowling Lanes

**April 20, 2019**

George Washington National  
Masonic Memorial  
Degree Trip

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[www.temple9.org](http://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. Last year's Event raised over \$3200 for numerous charities including the Long Range Planning/Building fund for Temple Lodge No 9.

The Event grew last year and is expected to grow again this year as the word is out regarding the fun to be had at this event. 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 for additional information.



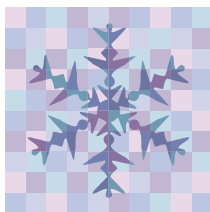
## Updated Information Request

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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