

January 2020



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 2019-2020

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Jeff Spatz – Junior Deacon
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Keith Geise – Junior Steward
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Michael Richards – Tiler
Jim Barlow – Marshal
Tom McMurray – Lodge Instructor*

HAPPY NEW YEAR Chartered January 16, 1815
2019-2020
205th Year of Fellowship **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
From the East – Matthew Thompson, WM

Brethren, I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. The celebration of Christmas and New Years are always an exciting time.

I want to thank everyone who came out to our December events. We had a great turnout for the Harrington Christmas Parade. The float was awesome!! In addition, the Lodge Christmas Party was a great time. I want to personally thank JW John Cannon for his work on both events. We also attended the Grand Master's Visitation at Endeavor Lodge No. 17 and captured the gavel. I appreciate the great attendance. Finally, thanks to JW Cannon for leading the lodge at our final December meeting so I could celebrate my anniversary with my wife, Robbin.

As we have started a new calendar year, there are so many exciting events coming up at the lodge over the next couple months. Prior to our stated communication on January 9th, we will have a meeting of the PM's for the purpose of Grand Lodge Officer elections. All PM's, as well as the SW and JW should plan on attending. On February 2nd, the Lodge will be participating in the Lewes Polar Bear Plunge. Please see the article on the back for more details. We are excited for our Annual Bowling Event on February 22nd, please see Worshipful Jim Bennett for more details. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Grand Master's Visitation on February 27th and the Sporting Clay Shoot on March 8th! These are events you don't want to miss, so reach out to me for tickets.

I wish you a very Happy New Year and I look forward to an exciting 2020!

If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to call me (302) 684-2862.



Blue Lodge - The Foundation of Freemasonry

Dates to Remember:

January 9, 2020

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

January 9, 2020

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

January 18, 2020

Mandatory Officer Training
SD, JW and SW Only
Union Lodge No. 7
Donuts 8:30 AM/Start 9:00 AM

January 23, 2020

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

February 2, 2020

Lewes Polar Bear Plunge
Rehoboth Beach
1:00 PM

February 22, 2020

Annual Bowling Event
Milford Bowling Lanes
4:30 PM

February 27, 2020

Grand Master's Visitation
Temple Lodge No. 9

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Lewes Polar Bear Plunge

The Lewes Polar Bear Plunge, held annually on the first Sunday in February, has developed into a truly unique Delaware happening and is Special Olympics Delaware's most significant fundraiser. Individuals, including many Special Olympics athletes and their family members, take the plunge into the icy Atlantic Ocean during the height of winter!

This event is vitally important because everyone deserves a chance at a happy and purposeful life. Yet people with intellectual disabilities face doubt, barriers and low expectations. For many, Special Olympics is the only place where they find an opportunity to participate in their communities, develop belief in themselves, and feel like champions. For every inspiring Special Olympics athlete in Delaware there are six more people waiting for their chance - and so many more around the world.

Because of this, Temple Lodge No. 9 has sponsored a team to participate again this year. You can join the team by visiting <https://www.classy.org/team/272575> and adding your name to participate. If you can't participate, you can also click the same link and donate to the team financially. All funds go to Special Olympics Delaware.

If you want more information or aren't technologically savvy and want to make a cash donation, please see the WM!

Living Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

Jehu M. Davis, Jr. – 1966
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 Andraea, PSGD – 2002
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan, III, JGD – 2010
Chad Robinson, PGMar. – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, PGSB – 2013
Roland Cohee, Sr. PGT – 2014
Stephen Walter, PGSB – 2015
Jim Bennett, PJGS – 2016
Brandon Smith – 2017
Steve Kerr - 2018

Affiliated Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

Thomas McMurray – 1977
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008
Roan Oak, Texas

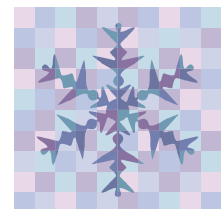
John Marinucci, PGM – 2011
Dover, Delaware

Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
Glen Burnie, Maryland

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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.