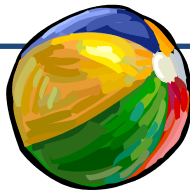
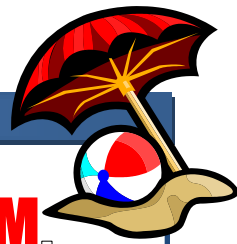




Temple Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M.



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

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
2011-2012

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Junior Warden
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Deacon
Stephen Walter – Junior
Deacon

Jim Bennett – Senior Steward
Phil Webb – Junior Steward
Harold Rothermel - Chaplain
Harold Brode – Tiler
Dayn Carter – Marshal
Michael B. Saba, PM – Aide to
the Master and Lodge
Instructor

From the East – Chad Robinson, WM

It is so hard to believe that I am writing this last "From the East" column for my year as Worshipful Master. I cannot express how amazing this year has been for me. It has caused me to see things differently, grow as a person, and exercise leadership capacities I didn't even know I had. I can certainly say that this experience has certainly given me more than I have given it.

I wanted to use this opportunity to say thank you to a few individuals, who I couldn't have done this without their support.

First, my family who has given of themselves to assist in seeing this year successful. I can remember moving tables and chairs with my mom and sister at the beginning of the year for the Crab Feast thinking this was going to be a long year. They continued to step up though and were always there, including helping Ms. Emma Wadkins host the ladies for Grand Master's Visitation. My family is certainly amazing and I owe more than I can express to them.

Second, my amazing group of lodge officers. YOU GUYS ARE THE

BEST!! I cannot tell you how much these guys have done this year. They have been there every step of the way, supported all of my ideas (I am sure they thought some of them were out there), and always went above and beyond what I hoped for or expected. I know it normally gets people in trouble to start mentioning folks by name, but there is one person I would like to single out. Thanks to my Lodge Secretary Worshipful Brother Jeff Hague. I am sure all the Past Master's can attest that you don't realize how much you depend on your Secretary until you are in the East. Brother Jeff has answered all of my questions (as stupid as they sometimes were), supported all of my ideas, offered candid advice and worked tirelessly to ensure that everything I wanted to do was done. Jeff, I appreciate all of your hard work and I couldn't have done it without you. You work so hard for Temple Lodge No. 9, and know that this guy really appreciates all you do. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the years ahead – you are a wealth of knowledge and I can only hope to attain a piece of it.

Finally, to all of my lodge brothers – thank you, thank you, thank you!! The honor that you bestowed upon me by electing me WM is amazing. I will forever remember this year. We accomplished some great things and I cannot say thank you enough. It has been truly AMAZING!!

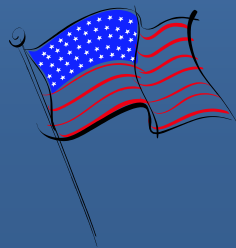
Freemasonry is important to me and I would not be involved in this fraternity if it wasn't for men like my Uncle Sam, Harold Brode, Mike Saba and John Shoemaker. These guys taught me what it meant to be a Mason and I am forever grateful. This is an amazing fraternity and I blessed to be a part of it. It truly does change your life and it certainly has changed mine.

As I prepare to leave the East, I do so with a heavy heart. I know that I leave this lodge in the capable hands of those behind me. I will continue to care for and value this lodge and Freemasonry for the rest of my life. We are stewards of a priceless gift, let's take care of it.

Thanks again. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless all of us and Temple Lodge No. 9. So mote it be!!

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
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

What an exciting time to be a member of Temple Lodge No. 9! Worshipful Master Robinson has taken our Lodge to a new level of success. We have had an amazing year with many wonderful lodge activities. Each month we had wonderful experiences that brought us together as brothers, Past Masters Nights, Ladies Nights, Table Lodges, Empty Chair Degrees and many other activities that have been a blast.

I am looking forward with enthusiasm to serve as

your Worshipful Master. I know my dad is grateful for the support you have shown me and my family. He was looking forward to my becoming Master and many of you have really stepped up to the bar in helping out.

On June 27th, we will be holding our Lodge Golf Outing. I had a really fun time last year and hope to see a lot of our Lodge brothers out helping sell tickets, finding sponsorships, and manning the activity. And finally on June 29th at 7pm we will have the 2012-

2013 Installation of Officers.

Brothers, our Lodge is doing very well, but we can always do better! We want to keep moving forward. Again, I am looking forward to seeing you out at our Lodge activities and I pray that I can do a good job as Master of our Lodge.



Summer of FUN!!

By: Brother Danny Doran

It's that time of year brothers! Pull out your Bar-B Q's and get the coals going! The smell of Hot Dog and Hamburgers, a splash in the pool and time with family and friends. This summer while the Lodge work is going dark we still have plenty of activities and service to provide! It all starts just a few short weeks after the installation of our Officers. On July 14th we will be hosting an all you can eat Pancake Breakfast! This is a great way for the lodge to make a few dollars! We want you to sell tickets to your friends and family, coworkers and neighbors! This is just one way to help keep the cost of our dues down. We are printing 150 tickets and they are already going fast. 8-10am! Sausage,

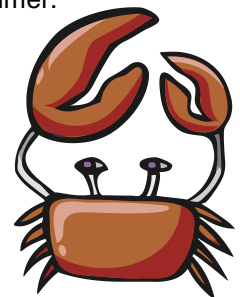
coffee, OJ, and all you can eat pancakes! Sea Scout Ship 1776 will be hosting a Pancake breakfast on the 28th of July. Same deal applies. They will be helping sell ticket for us and we can support them too.

On August 18th Michael Saba will once again be hosting our Lodge Bar-B Q and pool party. We will kick off at noon and wrap things up around 4pm. Please bring a covered dishes and desserts, put up your feet or jump in the pool.

September 16th will mark the 5th Annual All You Can Eat Crab Feast at JP's on the Wharf. We had a full house last year and will only be printing 150 tickets. Past Master Michael Saba has tickets available for 35\$each. We will have beautiful sized

crabs, steamed clams, corn on the cob, hush-puppies, and soft drinks! Man that sounds good! Let's get this information out NOW! Talk to your neighbors, family, and friends! Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door, so we have to get them sold now. We want every seat in the house filled!

Brothers let's have a fun and safe summer! May the Grand Architect watch over and bless our endeavor as we go out doing good. I look forward to seeing you all this summer.



Lodge Golf Tournament is Coming Up!!

June is when a very important event happens in the life of Temple Lodge No. 9. It is amazing how fast a year flies by, but June is already here and that means the 15th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing is upon us.

The Annual Lodge Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at Shawnee Country Club. Registration begins at 10:30 AM, lunch at 11:30 AM and start at 1:00 PM. The fee per golfer is \$65. The tournament is in a scramble format and the fee includes the greens fee, golf carts, food and prizes. Lots of prizes are up for grabs and please plan on submitting your entry by June 25, 2012. Plan on pulling a team together, it is always more fun to play with friends. The event is open to non-Masons, as well, so please plan on bringing your

friends and neighbors to join too.

There are tee and green sponsorships for sale, as well. These signs are available for \$75, which will include a lettered sign of the sponsorship near the tee or green. It can include the name and a logo. Please consider buying one from yourself or your business. You can also recruit businesses to buy tee signs. These are where the lodge makes the majority of the revenue and are a great way to advertise.

All of the profits of the golf tournament go to fund the Lodge Open Scholarships, which are available to students from Lake Forest and Milford High Schools to help fund their college expenses. During this past year, the lodge was able to award five scholarships. It is

amazing how helpful that extra money can be for students when buying books and supplies. This is also a great way for the lodge presence to be felt in the community. These scholarships are open to non-Mason families, so the good will expressed in these awards is nearly immeasurable.

If you have any questions about the tournament or sponsorships, please contact Brother Jerry Swain at (302) 424-1516. Brother Jerry is a tireless worker on this tournament and can use all the help he can get. Please consider playing (if you are able), volunteering at the event and buying a tee sign. If we all do one or more of these things – it will surely be a great event.

Great Day to Raise Funds at Milford Hospital Fair

May 19, 2012 was a busy day for Temple Lodge No. 9 as the 55th Annual Milford Memorial Hospital Fair took place that day at the grounds of Milford Middle School.

Brother Jerry Swain, GLAH spearheaded the lodge's involvement, along with Brother Stephen Walter, JD. They both did a fantastic job of coordinating the entire food court operation, as well as taking care of all the purchases of food and supplies in advance of the fair. The Lodge is

certainly indebted to them for their involvement and time, as well as giving the lodge a way to interact with and help the community.

Brothers came out to assist on the day of the event, which was very much appreciated. Brother Roland Cohee, SD and his family prepared the funnel cakes, while a myriad of other brothers made sure that all supplies were out to the vendors. These included drinks and sodas, ice, food items,

etc. The weather was very nice, which made the work easier.

Each year the Milford Memorial Hospital Auxiliary sponsors the fair to raise money to fund things at the Hospital. This year all the proceeds will be going to purchase equipment for the surgical units.

Thank you brothers for coming out to help in this important endeavor and helping in our community!



The new lodge banner, shown in the back, will be able to be used at many events in the future!



The Ladies Night, held at Harrington Raceway and Casino, proved to be a great success. Everyone seemed to have a great time and enjoyed the evening!

Dates to Remember:

June 9

Grand Lodge Day
Highfield: The Masonic Home
10 AM to 3 PM

June 14

Meeting of Past Masters
6:00 PM

Stated Communication
Election of Officers and
Scholarship Presentation
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

June 15

Actual Past Master's Degree
Franklin Lodge 12, Georgetown
OPEN TO PAST MASTERS ONLY
6:30 PM

June 27

15th Annual Scholarship Golf
Tournament
Rookery North at Shawnee
10:30 AM

June 28

Stated Communication
Last Stated of the Masonic Year
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

June 29

Open Installation of Officers
Lodge Opens 6:00 PM//
Installation Ceremony 7:00 PM

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Successful Ladies Night for Temple No. 9

May 3, 2012 was a very exciting evening for Temple Lodge No. 9. Each year the Lodge attempts to make a humble effort to recognize our ladies for all they do too make our enjoyment of the Craft possible. Ladies Night is an evening when we invite our ladies to join us for festivities, where they are the guest of honor. It is in this way that we can honor them for allowing us to come and enjoy the activities of the lodge. We recognize they are often left at home while we are involved in lodge activities, so it is important to let them know that the lodge would not function without their support.

Harrington Raceway and Casino proved to be a perfect venue for our Ladies Night this year. The Clubhouse, overlooking the harness horse track, served as the location for our dinner. The approximately 100 brothers and their ladies in attendance were treated to a 13 race card that evening, with a buffet dinner. The Most Worshipful Richard W. Aydelotte, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware joined our event, as well as Right Worshipful Dean Disharoon, Junior Grand Warden and his lady.

Following the social hour and dinner, everyone enjoyed watching the races and some decided

to try their hand and bet on the outcome of some of the races. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The lodge sponsored the seventh race of the night. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, PGM Bill Wadkins and Worshipful Master Robinson and his nephew, Jeremy, presented a blanket to the winning horse. You can see the blanket in the picture on page 3 of this Trestleboard.

The evening was fun and exciting, and a different venue for this event. Harrington Raceway was pleased and is in hope that Temple Lodge No. 9 will come back again in the future.

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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