



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

**Chartered January 16, 1815
2015-2016
201st 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
2015-2016

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Mike Brittingham – Junior
Steward
Roland Cohee, Jr. - Chaplain
John Cannon – Tiler*

From the East – Stephen Walter, WM

My Brothers,

As this Masonic year comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me this year. Though we did not accomplish all we set out to do, I honestly see this past year as a successful year for Temple Lodge No 9. To the officers, use what you have learned this year (good and bad) to plan your year. The journey to the East seems like a long one, but it is in fact very, very short. Even shorter is the 365 days you are Master. Having said that, start your planning now (it's not too late).

There are few things I would like you to know about this month of June:

Past Master's night will be June 9th. We will also be electing next year's officers on that night and giving out scholarships.

On June 2nd & 16th, we will have special communications for the purpose of Initiating and Passing brothers before summer.

June 22nd is the date for our annual Golf Tournament, See Gerry Swain for more info.

June 17th will be the Actual Past Master's degree. All Past Masters should receive a letter in the mail with details.



June 23rd will be the final Stated Communication for the Masonic Year.

Reflecting upon the experience of being Worshipful Master, I thoroughly enjoyed serving the Lodge this year. I was able to represent Temple 9 at several functions this year; where, I talked about Freemasonry in Southern Delaware and more specifically at Temple 9. I am sure that everyone knows by now that Temple Lodge No. 9 has it going on; from community involvement and support to actively promoting our great fraternity. My plan is to continue to support our Lodge in all it's endeavors in the future.

To all of the newly Entered, Passed or Raised brothers, keep seeking that light. Your Masonic Journey or education do not end with getting your 3rd degree. I'm not talking about appendant bodies. The more meetings you attend, the more you will learn. When you sit as an officer, you will learn more. The more you travel and see degree work, the more you will experience. This fraternity looks to make great men out of its' members, but the only way for that to happen is to really be a part of it.

Fraternally,
Stephen Walter

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
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
H. Roland Cohee - 2014

From the Senior Warden – Jim Bennett

My Brothers. Thank you for allowing me to sit as SW for the year. I feel I've grown a little each year that I've been "in the chairs". The confidence gained this year, from the input and trust I'm receiving from the members of our great fraternity, has me truly excited on what lies before me. Let's finish the 2015/2016 year with the strong momentum we have going and carry it through the summer right into the 2016/2017 masonic year.

We have Entered, Passed and Raised a good number of brothers this year. I have enjoyed conferring the Fellow Craft degrees. I was very proud to be a part of the Entered Apprentice degrees conferred by JW Brandon Smith and the Master Mason degrees conferred by W. Stephen Walter. The degree teams worked very hard and did a great job. We also had the good fortune of having the Masonic Brotherhood of Riders (MBR) and the Shield and Square team raise brothers in fine and memorable fashion. There is still work to be done this masonic year and we will surely have a good bit of work to do in September when lodge opens back up for the ensuing masonic year. Have a great and safe summer!

Jim Bennett – SW

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest" – Benjamin Franklin

Brothers,

I hope this message comes to you well. In the past few months I have been having to do a lot of studying to pass off for the Junior Warden chair. With having to do with I am reminded of my sole duty of being a Mason. It is to take care of YOUR Fellow Distressed Brother Masons, there Widows and Orphans. In the past few months I personally have been blessed with the fraternity. The Lodge wanted to hold a gun raffle on behalf of my daughter Kameryn and that feeling of love and support my family and I have felt is without words. I have also been given the privilege of being able to be on our Widows Committee and getting our Widows back into our lodge family. It has been a pleasure serving Temple Lodge number 9 as your Senior Deacon, and I ask each of you to remember why you became a mason. SMIB

Steve Kerr
Senior Deacon

Good day Brothers, just a short update in what has been going on with your DeMolay chapter. We have had the Grotto's fundraiser and I would to thank all of you that attended one of the restaurants on the days that were set aside for us. We have also had our State Association meeting for the quarter. In the last couple of weeks, we took a trip with the other chapters in the state to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and to also take a tour of the George Washington Masonic Memorial both were very meaningful to the young men of DeMolay, we also had one of own brothers in attendance and I believe he also enjoyed himself.

Brothers I need your help, we have 5 active members of your chapter and I need to get about 8-10 more in order to be able to open chapter correctly. If you know of any young man between the ages of 12-21 would you please talk to them about DeMolay, if you need information or if you would like me to talk to them you can contact me and I will be glad to meet with them and tell them all about it. I know the young men of today have quite a few things to do but I firmly believe that DeMolay is just one more step to help them achieve their goals. For those of you that do not know what the DeMolay saying is, here it is and I truly feel that this is what we do. "Building tomorrows leaders today", with all the negativity out in the world today it can only help to give a young man the positive motivation that they may need to excel later on in life.

If you need to get in touch with me here are different ways you can, home phone is 302-284-8631, email is deldemolay@aol.com. If you or any one that you think might be interested in this fraternity, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally submitted, Dave Penney

Mentor's Corner

Many times I have asked myself where the first Masonic Lodge was held in the United States, so I decided to research it for myself and pass it on to you.

One July 30, 1733, a Thursday evening, Henry Price and ten other brothers met at "The Bunch of Grapes" Tavern in Boston and they organized and opened a Provincial Grand Lodge—the first meeting of Masons in America held under written authority. Brother Price's commission or deputation was read and eight candidates were initiated.

These eighteen brethren joined in a petition for a Lodge, which was granted by the Provincial Grand Master. Who proceeded at once to constitute the Lodge "in the form prescribed in our printed book of constitutions " thus was organized "the first Lodge," – properly so named, as it was the first Lodge in this America formed under chartered authority and in accordance with the regulations adopted under the Grand Lodge of England system established in 1717.

(This information courtesy of "A Library of Freemasonry Vol. IV)

Tom McMurray, PM



Brother Phil Russell was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club including Temple No. 9's JW Brandon Smith and JS Mike Brittingham. W. Jaime Turner assumed the oriental chair and Brother Russell was raised in fine fashion.



Tickets are available for the 9th Annual Crab Feast. This a wonderful event for all involved. The feast will surely sell out early this year as it continues to increase in popularity. The committee has some special things in store to commemorate the historic day! Please call 302-228-1228 to purchase your tickets or you can purchase tickets online. <http://temple9.org/9th-annual-crab-feast/>



Improvements are in the works to add a sound system for the lodge room. The plan is to have it completed and in place before lodge opens in September. Stay tuned!



Brother Stephen Hearn was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the officer team of Temple Lodge No. 9. The degree team did a great job bringing Brother Hearn to see the light in a lodge of Master Masons.

Dates to Remember:

June 2nd Special
Communication, Entered
Apprentice Degree

June 9th Stated
Communication, Past Master's
Night, Election of Officers

June 16th, Special
Communication

June 23rd, Last Stated
Communication of the Masonic
Year

June 25th, Open Installation of
Officers, 6:00 p.m.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

**TEMPLE LODGE No. 9
PICNIC**

**Sunday July 17th
(Raindate 7/24)**

**Fun and Games for all
ages!**

Noon till 4PM at Browns Branch Park

(Killens Pond Road, Harrington, DE)

Please R.S.V.P. By August 1st. (The picnic is free but we need to know how much food to prepare) A covered dish or desert is appreciated. R.S.V.P to 302-424-1228 or jbennett2@verizon.net

**Installation of Officers for the
Masonic year 2016 – 2017**

Saturday Evening,
June 25th, 6:00 p.m

This event is open to family and
friends

The Installation Ceremony will be
performed by

Past Master of Endeavor Lodge No. 17,
John Turansky
Marshall, William T. Wadkins, Jr., PGM
Secretary, Dean F. Disharoon, PGM

Following the ceremony, refreshments will
be served on the second floor

WELCOME Brother Niccolls!

Brother John Niccolls was raised in fine fashion to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the MBR (Masonic Brotherhood of Riders – Southern Chapter) degree team. RW Dale Irwin assumed the oriental chair to sit as master for the degree. Over 20 MBR members were present in addition to an equal number of Temple 9 members and visiting brothers. Congratulations Brother Niccolls.



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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.