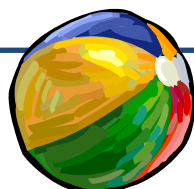




Temple Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M.



Chartered January 16, 1815
2016-2017
202nd 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 2016-2017

Worshipful Master
Jim Bennett
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Senior Warden
Brandon Smith
(302) 258-8014

Junior Warden
Steve Kerr
(302) 853-2181

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Jeff Hague, PM
(302) 422-0233

Deputy Secretary and
Webmaster
Chad Robinson, PM
(302) 270-4391

Treasurer
Bob Yerkes
(302) 422-4741

Matt Thompson – Senior Deacon
Mike Brittingham - Junior Deacon
John Cannon – Senior Steward
Mike Nichols – Junior Steward
Roland Cohee, Jr. - Chaplain
John Niccolls – Tiler
Jack McDuff – Marshal

From the East – Jim Bennett, WM

Thank you, all, for the support and guidance during the 2016 – 2017 Masonic year. Together we have continued to move the lodge forward in a good direction. The momentum is sure to continue with the officers we have in line. As I look at our officer line I see a youthful group of Masons full of ambition and energy. Another observation is regarding petitions. I would probably violate some law if I were to divulge the average age of petitioners this year but let's just say it would be in the low to mid 30's! Many of the newly entered brothers and petitioners have a real chance of receiving their 50, 55 and 60 year member certificates. That's exciting! The task at hand

is to offer programs and meetings that appeal to members of the many different generations present in our lodge.

While some of our senior members have no interest in today's technology many of our youngest members are unable to function without it. This is an observation not a criticism! I bring up this point to emphasize our need to work together as a fraternity with members from the Mature/Silents generation to the Gen Y generation (coming soon - Gen Z'ers). We need the senior members to pass along their values and insure the traditions of our great fraternity are preserved. We need our younger members to guide us into the future

and keep the fraternity current with the ever changing world we live in today. This can be accomplished if we all keep an open mind and continue to work together as a group of brothers in the greatest fraternity in the world!

Jim Bennett, WM

"Masonic ideas are the precious jewels of Speculative Masons; they should be kept bright and sparkling for all the brethren to see and to admire. As such, they should be the special care of Masonic leaders particularly those who teach and interpret the philosophy of Freemasonry."
-Benjamin Franklin

**Congratulations Brother Raymond Ellis on receiving your
50 Year Pin and Certificate!!**



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
John E. Holland – 1980
Frank H. Beebe – 1981
Ronald Jester - 1982
Gilbert H. Emory – 1983
Steven L. Rogers – 1984
Robert Clendaniel, PSGD – 1985
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
Donald C. Adams – 1999
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 T. Robinson, PSGS – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, PJGS – 2013
H. Roland Cohee – 2014
Stephen Walter - 2015

Affiliated Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9

Thomas McMurray – 1977
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008
Roan Oak, Texas

John Marinucci, DGM – 2011
Dover, Delaware

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

From the South – Steve Kerr, JW

This year has been a great year and I want to thank each one of you for making it a special one for me. Thank you for electing me as your Junior Warden and representing Temple Lodge No 9. This year has been a year for our lodge as we have initiated, passed and raised some amazing brothers. In your blessings to deity please continue to remember our widows, your brothers and our country. Finally, thank you from my family and myself for all the support you have given us and especially Kameryn.

Kameryn's yearly walk is coming up, if anyone is interested. A couple of us will be meeting the Chicken Man on Rt. 1 and be riding our motorcycles up, and we can convoy from there. Last year the coordinator was amazed how much love and support the fraternity had for Kameryn and Epilepsy.



Freedom From Seizures 5K
Saturday, June 3, 2017
Registration begins at 8am
Race begins at 9am
Rockford Park
19th Street & Tower Road
Wilmington, DE
www.efde5k.com



From the DeMolay – Dad Dave Penney

Good day Brothers, this is just a quick update as to the regards of the General Torbert Chapter of DeMolay that your lodge sponsors. As of now we have 2-3 active members that show up for meetings and we are in the process of setting up an open house at the lodge on the 3rd floor on June 19th, 2017 from 6:00-9:00pm to introduce folks to DeMolay we will have light refreshments and of course the DeMolay favorite PIZZA. If you know of any young man between the ages of 12 and 21 that you think would be interested in DeMolay please pass this information on to them. I know that in our lodge alone we have quite a few young men that fall into that age group but right now we have absolutely no members that are related to anyone in our lodge, and I have no clue as to why.

DeMolay is a fantastic group and it helps young men teaching to live off of 7 basic precepts, just like the lodge has taught you and hopefully helped you in your future endeavors. If you have any questions regarding DeMolay please feel free to give me a call (302-284-8631) or email me (deldemolay@aol.com) or just ask me at lodge when you see me. I will be glad to answer any question that I can and if I do not have the answer I know who and where to get it from.



Hall Corporation Update

The board of the Hall Corporation would like to set some ground rules for Brothers that use our second floor dining facility. Prior to use, arrangements need to be made with an executive officer. The executive officer will provide the Brother with a key or keys, and the arranging Brother needs to ensure that a complete clean up occurs following their function. The clean up shall include floors, tables, and emptying of trash including the dining hall, kitchen, and its restroom facilities.

We will no longer be approving the dining room tables being removed from the Lodge. Exceptions being for the Lodge picnic and crab feast.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Election of Officers

Please be informed that the Election of Officers for the 2017-2018 Masonic Year will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

The election will be taking place at the World War II Bunker at Fort Miles. The lodge has received a dispensation from Grand Lodge to hold our elections outside of the lodge room and at this location.

The evening will begin at Jefferson Lodge No. 15 in Lewes for dinner at 6:00 PM and we will then carpool to Fort Miles for the business meeting and degree at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions, please see WM Bennett.

June Birthday Party

We will hold our June Birthday Party during the second Stated Communication on June 22, 2017 due to the first Stated Communication, on June 8, 2017, being held outside of the lodge at Ft. Miles. This will be our last Stated Communication of the year. As has been tradition in the recent years steak will be on the menu for our meal that evening. Birthday cake and ice cream will be the dessert!

Our May Birthday Brothers representing 517 years of Masonry and Worshipful Brother Leroy Timblin celebrated his 54th year!



Many Degrees Conferred Meaning Lots of New Brothers!!

Temple Lodge No.9 welcomes our 2 newest Master Masons. Brother Russell Martin was raised by the Officers of Temple Lodge No. 9 and Brother Shane Harmon had the privilege of having his Master Mason degree conferred by the Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9. Many of our Past Masters were represented. Both degree teams did a fine job in raising the Brothers and a good time was had by all.



Dates to Remember:

June 1, 2017

Special Communication
EA Degree

Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

June 6, 2017

221st Birthday of the
Grand Lodge of Delaware

June 8, 2017

Stated Communication
Fort Miles
See Within Article

June 15, 2017

Actual Past Master's Degree
PM's Only
Doric Lodge No. 30

June 17, 2017

Grand Lodge Day
Killens Pond State Park

June 22, 2017

Stated Communication
and Birthday Party
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

June 25, 2017

Open Installation of Officers
7:00 PM

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

I seem to be a little short of things to write to you this month. We certainly have been very busy with degree work and we have raised a few new Brothers. We still have a few new men applying for membership into our mystic circles. All of these things are a sign of a healthy Lodge, and would indicate our Master and his officers are doing a great job.

I personally find that it is a joy to be part of the work through the mentoring program and hope I can instill a desire in our newly-minted brothers to join in our activities. It is often times not possible to join in all of the Lodge's work, but I found this short poem which asks the question "which of these are you"

WHICH OF THESE ARE YOU?

Some members keep their Lodges strong. While others join and just belong;

Some dig right in, some serve with pride, some go along, just for the ride.

Some volunteer to do their share, while some layback and just don't care;

On meeting days some always show, while there are those who seldom go.

Some always pay their dues ahead, some get behind for months, instead.

Some do their best, some build, some make, some never give, but always take.

Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do.

Consider, My Brother, which of these are you?

(Quoted from the Grumpy Past Master's Facebook page)

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. Having updated information means we can get good information out more quickly to all of our members!

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Address Correction Requested



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.