

June 2023



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

Chartered January 16, 1815
2022-2023

208th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Christopher W. Fitzgerald, WM

On May 17th, we held our Temple Lodge No. 9 Scholarship Golf Outing, which successfully raised over \$7,000 for local kids with aspirations of higher learning. I would like to thank Brothers Gerald Swain, Mike Wessel, Peter "Ringo" Ringinary, Bob Vangorder, Ronnie Joseph, Chuck Eddlwman & Dave Penny for all of your help and hard work again this year, your commitment to this event and our Lodge is well recognized.

On May 20th, Brother Jake Mills, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Oklahoma Indian Degree Team, conferred in Garland, Texas. Congratulations Brother Mills & welcome as a full and true member of the craft.

May 25th, Brothers Weipert & Dingus were passed to the second degree and welcomed into the lodge as Fellow Crafts. Congratulations, Brothers!

June 8th, is a big day for Temple Lodge No. 9 to celebrate our Past Masters, we'll have a prime rib dinner at 6:00 on the second floor. Lodge will open at 7:30 and called at ease to host the scholarship awards ceremony. Once back to work, we will hold the election of officers followed by an Entered Apprentice degree conferred by WB Jeff Hauge and his Initiation Team of Past Masters.

On June 10th, from 12:00 until 4:00, Temple Lodge No. 9 & Evergreen Forest No. 49 are co-hosting a 1920's inspired Lawn Party to Celebrate the Presidential visit of Brother Warren G. Harding to Milford and his Initiation into the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. A Special Communication has been called to commemorate the significance of the event. The special will be held at 10:45 the morning of the 10th. The lodge will be put at ease, and at 11:50 all Masons present, who wish to participate, will form in procession dressed in full regalia and march from the lodge to Rogers Funeral Home for the ceremony. The lawn Party is \$40 a ticket and open to the public.

June 22nd, will be our last Stated Communication of this Masonic Year. Any degree work will be announced as soon as it's scheduled.

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 2022-2023

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Pete "Ringo" Ringinary - Marshal
– Lodge Instructor



From the East (cont.)

On July 1st, at 2:00 will be the Temple Lodge No. 9 open Installation of Officers, and the Lodge of Sorrow.

September 4th is our Temple Lodge No. 9 Labor Day Crab Feast at JPs in Bowers Beach and we're taking an earlier approach this year and are selling tickets/tables NOW. Our point of contact for the event is WB Chad Robinson.

In closing, Brothers, I urge you to take advantage of your summer, have some fun and rest up. We have another big Masonic year on our horizon.

Please, take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Master Mason Degree in Texas – Chad Robinson, PGMar.

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, Brother Jacob Andrew Mills received his Master Mason degree in Garland, TX. It was conferred by the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team at the Hella Shrine Center located there. The venue was spectacular in an outdoor enclosed horse show arena. Brother Mills was one of the masonic volunteers during the visit of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team to Delaware last year. He shared the whole weekend with them as one of their drivers and they told him, at that time, when it was time for his Master Mason Degree they wanted to confer it. Needless to say, this is a huge honor.

The generosity and brotherhood of all the Masons there was unparalleled. To say they were honored to have a candidate from Delaware was putting it lightly. They were so honored we traveled so far.

Accompanying Brother Mills to Texas were Most Worshipful Jeffrey D. Haass, PGM and myself. We went out a couple days earlier and enjoyed visiting Dallas and the surrounding area with the members of the OMIDT.

Congratulations Brother Mills on this tremendous honor!!





16th Annual Crab Feast and BBQ

On behalf of the officers and members of Temple Lodge No. 9, we would like to invite all brothers, friends, family, and those who are in search of a good time to attend the 16th Annual Crab Feast and BBQ held at JP's Wharf (201 Hubbard Avenue, Frederica, DE 19946) on Labor Day, September 4, 2023 from 1 to 4 PM.

On the afternoon of the Crab Feast, the doors will open at 12:00 noon and the crabs will be served at 1:00 PM. Cost of the meal is \$65.00 for 1 adult, \$600.00 for a table of 10, and children 5 and under are free, but are required to have a ticket to assure adequate seating.

Tickets can be purchased individually or as a group. Each ticket sold will correspond to a specific table at the feast. In order to ensure you are seated with friends, we ask you to please mail your order together in the same envelope or make a note on your order form. Each rectangle table seats ten (10) people. You can process your reservation in the following ways:

Hand Delivery—complete the order form attached to this trestleboard and return with payment to Brother Chad Robinson.

Regular Mail—complete the order form attached to this trestleboard and return with payment before August 15, 2023 to:

Chad Robinson
8 John Andrews Drive
Harrington, DE 19952

Visit—[https://www.temple9.org/16th-annual-crab](https://www.temple9.org/16th-annual-crab-feast) feast and complete the order form and make payment there

Orders will be processed on first come, first served basis and tickets will be distributed following order processing.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother Chad Robinson by email at temple_lodge_9@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in helping at the Crab Feast, please visit https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EY8wJK70I9JMYX5tVr_xLk4XPmtdwrXp91sjfT0zhxE/edit?usp=sharing. Here you will find a Google sheet for you to list your desired job.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Worshipful Brother Robinson.

Dates to Remember:

June 8, 2023

Stated Communication
Past Masters Night
Dinner 6:00 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

June 10, 2023

1920's Inspired Lawn Party
Rogers Funeral Home
12 PM – 4 PM

June 22, 2023

Stated Communication
Dinner 6:00 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

July 1, 2023

Open Installation of Officers
2:00 PM

September 4, 2023

16th Annual Crab Feast
and BBQ
JP's on the Wharf
1 PM to 4 PM

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The Three Great Lights S. A. Masonic Journal

The Three Great Lights will guide our
steps

Through life's uncertain way,
And bring us safe at length to see
The bright, eternal day.

The Holy Book our fathers read
With undimmed faith, today
Make clear our sight that we may know
Its precepts to obey.

With square of virtue, try our acts
And make them meet the test
There is no other cause that leads
To Islands of the Blest.

Between the lines that represent
The Longest, shortest day,
Keep circumscribed by compasses
That we go not astray.

The Three Great Lights will guide our
steps

Through life's uncertain way,
And bring us safe at length to see
The bright, eternal day.



Living Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

John L. Watkins – 1973
Franklin S. Wilkins – 1974
Louis S. O'Day – 1978
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 Andraee, PSGD – 2002
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan, III, PJGD – 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
Matt Thompson, PSGD – 2019
John Cannon – 2020
Michael Nichols - 2021

Affiliated Past Masters

James Cooke – 2008
John Marinucci, PGM – 2011
Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
James G. Sutton – 1994
Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., PGM – 2015
William C. Thompson, PJGD –
2018
Charles Randy Wood - 2000

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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.