



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)*

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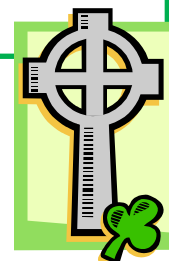
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Deacon*

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Harold Brode – Tiler
Dayn Carter – Marshal
Michael B. Saba, PM – Aide to
the Master and Lodge
Instructor*



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



From the East – Chad Robinson, WM

I think winter finally arrived in Delaware during February. The weather got cold and it seemed that sickness might have crept up on some of our members. That has not stopped Temple Lodge No. 9 from remaining busy.

We conferred great degrees during the month of February. I am so proud of our officers for the great work they do in conferring these degrees. I am also happy to report

that they are making great progress in proficiency for next year. Each of the officers responsible for meeting requirements for next year are meeting those and moving forward.

I am also very proud of our Brothers who continued on their Masonic journey. Brothers Stephen Walter, Jim Bennett and Dayn Carter received their 4th, 7th and 14th Scottish Rite degrees during February and I was pleased to join

them. It was a fun day and great job guys!!

The year is rolling right by and I am enjoying this job so much. I hope to see you all out at our upcoming events, specifically our Pancake Breakfast and Table Lodge in Honor of the Past Master's. Please get your tickets soon as I know it will be a great night!! May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless you always!

From the Senior Warden – Danny Doran

Once again we had a fantastic turn out for the Grand Masters Visitation! "If We Want To, We Can" is the theme of our Grand Master and our Lodge is living by it! I'm proud to be a member of Temple No. 9. Our Junior Deacon, with the help from family and friends, pulled off an amazing meal for those who attended the dinner preceding the Grand Master's Visitation. We truly are blessed to have such active participation from our Lodge members and a hard working and dedicated officer line.

We have a few activities coming up in the near future, which I personally

hope to see lots of our brothers come out and participate in. This month we will be hosting a Table Lodge in honor of our Past Masters. This is such a fun activity! I have had the opportunity now, in my short career as a Mason, to attend 2 Table Lodges. If you have ever been to a Table Lodge, you know how much fun they are and if you have not been to one, it is something that I would encourage you to come out and join. Fun, food, and friends is what it is all about. I can promise it will be such a good time that next year we will be hosting another Table Lodge! It provides such a great chance to sit and break bread with good

friends. And for those of you who know me, being a "Fluffy" guy I like my food and I can't wait to break bread with you! My blood pressure is already on the rise!

"You get out of it what you put into it!" We have a lot to do this year Brothers, and we would love to see you come out! Table Lodge, Pancake Breakfasts', the Hospital Fair, Ladies Night and many more things for us to come together and enjoy each other's company. May the Grand Architect bless you and all of your families.

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 W. Jester – 1982
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 Junior Warden – Will Currey

It's hard to conceive that we are already more than half way through the year. And what an amazing year it has been so far! First, I would like to share with you the same sentiments as our WM Robinson: Temple Lodge is really putting its best foot forward, and it shows. It is truly special to be a part of such a great fraternity of brothers and friends that strive toward the same goals, and I am extremely proud to serve as your Junior Warden. In a world where Freemasonry is declining in numbers, we are living proof of our Grand Master theme, "If we want to, we can!" Temple Lodge WANTS to be successful and we ARE successful! Momentum is an addicting phenomenon that multiplies exponentially in our great expanse. As our momentum grows, so will our lodge and Freemasonry. Snow sledding is analogous to this phenomenon:

Big hill...lots of snow....Radio Flyer (old school wood and metal)...take off and down we go! Sort of slow at first, then speed! The momentum builds and before long there is no stopping us! Our only choices are to bail out or hang on and enjoy the ride! Which will you choose?

I feel this is our current path, Brothers, and I challenge you to stay on the sled and enjoy the ride!

Let's try a quick exercise.... I want you to raise your arm in the air as high as you can. Now REACH just a little higher! Did you get your arm just a little higher? Why is it that? It just goes to show you that when you THOUGHT you reached as high as you could, you still had a little more

height left to obtain. This, my brothers, is what I think about on a daily basis. When I think I have achieved the maximum height for that day, week, month or year, I try to reach higher and do a little more, hopefully breaking off those rough corners and making it a more perfect stone (that spiritual temple, not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens).

Secondly, I would like to congratulate all the brothers who are reaching a little higher and advancing in their degree work. These men are the building stones of our lodge, and I wish them great success as they advance. To all my brothers at Temple Lodge No 9, keep reaching higher and stay on that sled. It's sure to be a great ride, and I count myself fortunate to ride with you! It is warm and sunny in the South and always hot under the hat when it is on!

Temple Lodge No. 9 at Ladies at the Table

On February 11, it was cold and the weather was a bit nasty with snow, but brothers from Temple Lodge No. 9 made their way to Delaware City. On that day, Jackson Lodge No. 19 hosted their fourteenth annual Ladies at the Table.

The evening was very fun and exciting. The hall at Jackson Lodge was nearly full despite the miserable weather outdoors. Brothers and their ladies

were in attendance, as well as multiple Grand Lodge officers. MW Richard W. Aydelotte, GM was in attendance and seated at the head table. Temple Lodge No. 9 was represented by MW Bill Wadkins, PGM and his wife, Emma, WM Chad Robinson and Worshipful Marty Hogan, GT and his wife, Naomi. Each of the brothers had a great evening and spoke fondly of the pleasant activity.

The speaker for the evening was RW David Dorworth, the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. RW Dorworth gave great remarks and it was great to share fellowship with our brother from another jurisdiction.

The evening ended with everyone having full stomachs and wishing everyone a pleasant ride home.

Our Brothers Receive Scottish Rite Degrees

By: JD Stephen Walter

Our journey into Masonry began with an individual quest to become part of an ancient fraternity built upon the history and teachings of many great men before us. Through those teachings our Blue Lodge degrees constantly remind us of that journey to seek more light so that we may someday become greater men ourselves. The Scottish Rite is the continuation of that journey. Through it we will have a better understanding of those cornerstones which our Blue Lodge has already laid.

The Scottish Rite builds upon and fills in those cornerstones with the back-story and important moral lessons taught by our Masonic forefathers. The degree work is experienced in small

groups or "classes", further uniting us as brothers by spreading the cement and strengthening those bonds during our journey as traveling men.

We will be traveling together to see each of the degrees put on. The next opportunity will be in Philadelphia on March 16th when the Scottish Rite Valley of Philadelphia will be presenting the 4th, 8th and 14th degrees of the Lodge of Perfection. When you join the Scottish Rite, you will receive a Passport Book. Much like your Blue Lodge Dues Card, the Passport will enable you to travel and keep a record of the when and where you receive each of your degrees.

If you remember the first night you beheld the light, you were presented with a Masonic bible and told "you have now received all

the light which this lodge may impart to you of our secrets, our ritual, our procedure and our work, but processing these, you will be the last to think that we have taught you all that a Master mason can learn." To further your enlightenment, all you need to do is ASK.

Editor's Note –

Brothers Dayn Carter – Marshall, Jim Bennett - Senior Steward, Stephen Walter - Junior Deacon received their first Scottish Rite degrees on February 4, 2012. Please congratulate them on their journey.



Congratulations to Brothers Walter, Bennett and Carter on receiving their Scottish Rite Degrees.



February – Busy Month for Degree Work

The weather might have been somewhat miserable in February, but that did not stop Temple Lodge No. 9 from being very busy with degree work. During the month, we had activity at both of our stated communications and one special communication.

The first stated communication in February we conferred the Master Mason degree on Brother Brandon Smith. Brother Brandon has been active in lodge while he has been working on his

proficiencies, so it was a distinct pleasure to raise him.

On February 16, a special communication was called for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice degree. We had three candidates to be initiated, so in an effort to be creative, each of the Wardens and the Worshipful Master conferred the degree on one of the candidates. Thanks are also extended to Worshipful Brothers Hogan, GT and Saba, PM for sitting as Senior

Deacon that evening. Brother Stephen Walter, JD also sat as Senior Deacon for one candidate giving him an opportunity to practice.

On February 23, we conferred the Master Mason degree on Brother Roland Cohee, Jr. It was an exciting night as his father SD Roland Cohee, Sr. got to participate in his son's degree. A great father-son evening in Masonry!!

The month was busy, but very exciting and positive!

February was a busy month for degree work at Temple Lodge No. 9. During the month we conferred the third degree on two candidates and also initiated three candidates in one night!!

Dates to Remember:

March 3

Grand Lodge Workshop
Union Lodge No. 7
8:00 AM

March 8

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

March 17

Pancake Breakfast
Applebee's in Milford
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

March 22

Stated Communication
Table Lodge to Honor the
Past Master's
6:30 PM

March 24

Grand Lodge Semi Annual
(WM, SW, JW, All PM's)
Newport Masonic Temple
8:30 AM

March 25

Church Service
Highfield: The Masonic Home
3 PM

March 26

Officer Proficiency
7:00 PM

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www.temple9.org

Important Grand Lodge Events

There are many events happening across our Grand Lodge of which you might be interested:

Blue Lodge/Master Mason Night at Tall Cedars of Lebanon, March 14, Sussex American Legion Post #8, Georgetown. 7:30 PM

Brotherhood Night, March

16, Social hour 5:00 PM dinner 6:30 PM, Nur Shrine, New Castle, Tickets - \$35.00

Gold Collar Night, April 19, 5:00 PM, Armstrong Lodge No. 26, Newport, Tickets - \$20.00

Please see the WM or Secretary for tickets to any of these events. Also,

please keep in mind that the Grand Master's Flag (see below) is still for sale. Please let the WM know if you are interested!



Tickets on Sale for March Events

The Ides of March have found us and it proves to be another busy month for us. We have two big events this month, for which we now have tickets on sale.

On Saturday, March 17, we will have a pancake

breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Milford. It is all you can eat pancakes and sausage, as well as orange juice, coffee, water and soft drinks. It will be from 8 to 10 AM. Tickets are \$6 per adult and \$3 per child.

Also, on Thursday, March 22, 2012, we will have a Table Lodge to celebrate Past Master's Night. It will be held at 6:30 PM at the lodge and tickets are \$20 per brother.

Please see the WM or any lodge officer for tickets.

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Please don't forget if you have an e-mail address, please share it with the lodge.

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 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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