



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

**Chartered January 16, 1815  
2014-2015  
200<sup>th</sup> 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)*

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2014-2015

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Dave Birch – Marshal*

## From the East – Roland Cohee, WM

The party is over, and what a party it was. The house was packed and everyone there had smiles on their faces. Fun was had by all. Chad was an excellent Master Of Ceremony, Jeff Hague's rendition of the history of Temple Lodge No. 9 was outstanding, the people who put this all together deserve a big hand, well done guys. I would be remissed if I didn't mention that this was also the Grand Master and his staff's visitation. I am glad to report the they had nothing but good things to say about the whole event.

There is still a lot of things to come. First we have the Third Annual Sporting Clay Shoot, which as usual we will be needing volunteers. This event will take place on March 15th, 2015 at Owens Station. Steve Rogers is the person chairing this event.

Next we have confirmed Ladies Night for April 30th, 2015 at 5:30 PM at Harrington Race Track in the Club House. We will be sponsoring a race and also be awarding a blanket to the winner of that race. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. The tickets includes the buffet dinner, drinks, and a evening program.

As of this moment the officers of this lodge are working hard on advance chairs and I'm pleased with their progress.

At this time I would like to thank you all for the help you give me everyday. I couldn't do this without you.



## From the Junior Deacon – Jim Bennett

Greetings from the South,

The 200th Anniversary celebration was a big success. I am still hearing (over a month later) what a great time was had by those attending. I would like to thank the Anniversary Committee, chaired by PGM Bill Wadkins, for a very memorable evening.

As we begin our third century as a lodge I can't begin to imagine what the world will be like in the year 2115 but there is one thing for sure – the honor and integrity of a Freemason will still be there! If you should need a boost to your Masonic pride just stop by the lodge and take a minute to read our new historical marker that has been placed in front of the lodge building. It will boost your pride for sure!

The newly formed communications committee is moving forward and will soon attempt to contact every brother of Temple No 9 to insure we have the most up to date contact information for the brothers. Stay tuned!

Nothing further from the south.

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Albert Pike

## 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**

**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**

**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**

## Past Master's Corner: Will Currey

It is certainly a privilege and an honor to share some thoughts with my brothers this evening on two topics near and dear to my heart. Originally...I took the liberty to construct a speech for tonight focused on the upcoming holiday which we all know as Valentine's Day, its origins and what have you, but after being inspired last night by the address giving by our most reverend, Ted Stipa, I had an epiphany.....my mind began to drift back to the fond memories of my youth and spending time on my Grandfather's farm in Aston, PA and the lessons he taught me within the very short 12 years that I had the privilege to know him.

Saturday morning, late May, there was a chill air as we headed to the 1 acre garden. Oh, about 10 minutes in the garden I heard a bellowing voice which seemed agitated and annoyed ....BOY....STOP THE TRACTOR, NOW! ...Push the clutch....step on the brake! Take it out of gear....ok ...done! What happened???

From behind the horse drawn walking cultivar which he rigged up behind the old ford tractor with a chain, you know, the kind with wooden handles that you have to muscle around, on the uphill side of the draw bar for certain, "GET off that tractor and get around front.

Next thing I recollect is grandpop exclaiming, "Do you see what I see?" glancing down my eyes focused on this broken pepper plant with a tire track clean through it! Grand pop didn't say another word but rather kicked me square in the britches... not too hard, but hard enough, threw me back on the seat and said "boy, don't do that again." Lesson Learned!

Grand pop was a mason. A 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason to be exact and a man's man. As I listened to Brother Ted last night talk about the "garbage truck theory" it reminded me of the Grandfather once again and the poem Paul Harvey wrote in the words to his famous poem – So God Made a Farmer. The poem paints a picture of a man, tried, true, never denied and willing to do it all again, because it was, and for that still is, the right thing to do. While reading the poem, your mind's eye may picture still photos of farmers working the land, sometimes with their families, doing what they love to do – farming and in turn, feeding the world – the words and pictures were paired with the powerful words that Harvey had written. So God Made a Farmer and I believed him and still do. Farming has always been an integral part of my life. It helped me to connect to my own family. It taught me lessons about life and death and the importance of never giving up. It gave me a livelihood as an agriculture teacher – So yes, God Made a Farmer.

But last night, as I was driving home from a meeting, thinking about the speech I needed to give tonight, I started to think about that poem, those words and realized that there was another group that God also made. So God Made a Mason...see if you agree...

And on the 9th day, after God made a farmer, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need somebody to create a brotherhood, strong, true and lasting." So God made a Mason.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, blister his hands to build and protect others with the structures he developed. I need someone to lay the stones of the great cathedrals, stable and strong to last from generation to generation, but gentle enough to make each structure a work of art in itself for people to glory within. I need someone to square their work for a stable foundation for it is the hallmark to every beginning." So God made a Mason.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to move stone and yet gentle enough to comfort those in need. Somebody to lead armies, tame wild horses to ride into battle, work all day without rest or food, wait to eat until his wife has finished comforting the widow of a fallen brother and tell the widow that she is always welcome in his home -- and mean it." So God made a Mason.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night to comfort an ailing brother. And sometimes watch him die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Never forget' and truly never do. I need somebody who can shape a trowel from a piece of steel, spread the cement of brotherly love and esteem, and assist others with whatever is needed, never expecting anything in return. Who can unite families, counties, cities, and countries to ensure the livelihood and protection of those he loves. And who, knowingly and willingly can demonstrate prudence, fortitude, temperance and justice for his children and his brothers – day in and day out – regardless of the load set before him." So God made a Mason.

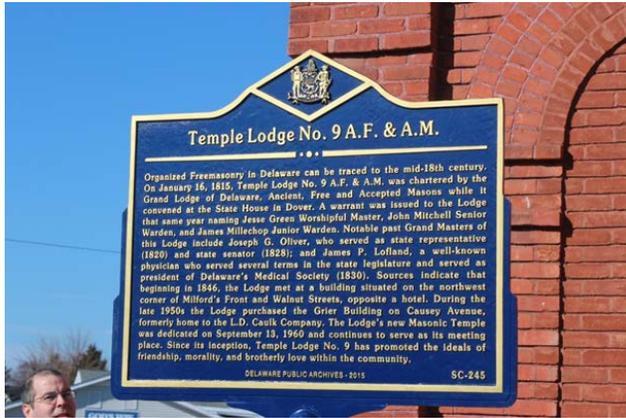
God had to have somebody willing to toil with guts when glory and honor were questioned and when rain threatened during the time of construction. He needed someone capable, competent, willing to learn, lead, grow and succeed. Someone who could juggle the responsibilities of fatherhood and brotherhood and still be a husband, son, friend, and leader. So God made a Mason.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear the cedar trees and build walls, yet gentle enough to contemplate the glorious works of creation and to adorn the great creator, who will stop his labor for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark and quite the cries of his child. It had to be somebody who'd show ideals and pursue liberty. Somebody to grow, sow, know, go, go and go without rest, without comfort, and without knowing what is to come. Someone with old fashioned values who selflessly gives, expecting nothing in return.

"Somebody who'd bind a brotherhood together in unity with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'" So God made a Mason.

# New Ornament!!

(Past Master's Corner, cont'd.)



Temple No 9 has a new lawn ornament! On January 17th an official historical marker was unveiled to commemorate the charter of Temple No 9 on January 16th, 1815.

The marker is located at the front of the lodge building. Members of the Grand staff, friends and family along with the many brothers from Temple No 9 were on hand to unveil the plaque. Also attending were Senator Gary Simpson, Representative Harvey Kenton, Representative Jack Peterman, State Archivist Steven Marz, Commissioner Brad Eaby, and Milford Mayor Bryan Shupe with presentations to commemorate this historical event. The members of Temple No 9 would like to thank PM Jeff Hague and PM Chad Robinson for all of the work involved in making this possible.

## Past Masters Night

A big thank you for all the brothers and visiting brothers, for attending Past Masters Night dinner and regularly scheduled meeting. Past Masters Night was held on February 12, 2015. Past Master's in attendance from Temple 9 were: M.W. William T. Wadkins Jr., W. Jayhue Davis, W. Leroy Timberland, W. Steve Rogers, W. George Andre, W. Martin Hogan, W. William Currey Jr., and W. Chad Robinson. Also in attendance were W. John Turansky, W. Sam Katz, W. Tom McMurrey, and W. Moe Little. All were treated to a wonderful "Low and Slow" rib dinner prepared by Stephen Walters. This special occasion was followed by the Entering of our two newest brothers.

Michael Wessel

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So God chose each and every one of us - because he knew that someday, people with selfless values would be outnumbered by people with selfish ones.

He brought together a brotherhood of millions throughout history because he knew that someday a code of ethics would be needed by others for example.

God made a Mason - this group, bonding men together, because he knew that today the tools that are needed to grow and strengthen society would not be forged of steel and stone, but instead of flesh and blood.

So God made a Mason...do you agree?

Are you willing to accept the challenge that God gave you my brothers??

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## Mentor's Corner

I asked the Worshipful Master if I could take a little space in Trestle Board to give you some insights to some of the things we are proving to our new brothers in the Mentor Program.

Circumambulation, I would venture to say most of you reading this have never heard this term, yet we do it in every degree.

Circumambulation: The rite of Circumambulation, or that mystical walk taken by the Candidate when first entering Lodge and is the path that must be taken in order to reach the center, or the place where we eventually find the source of all truth and light. This walk is emblematic; not only of the trials of life, but also that there is always a guide with us encouraging us in our steps upon the path to truth.

As we know this movement around the altar is clockwise motion for the candidate. The only exception is when he is re-conducted to the Senior Warden by order of the Worshipful Master.

I hope you enjoy this and I'll attempt to give you more of these small factoids each month.

Tom McMurray PM

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Temple No 9 is growing. Five Entered Apprentice degrees have been conferred this year already. In January brothers Derrick Brode, Paul Burton and Donald Foraker (pictured left to right in first picture) were initiated in time to attend the bicentennial celebration. In February brothers Steve Myers and Michael Brittingham (pictured left to right in second picture) were initiated on Past Masters night.



## Dates to Remember:

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, Stated  
Communication**

**March 15, Third Annual  
Sporting Clays Shoot, Owens  
Station**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, Stated  
Communication**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, Stated  
Communication**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Stated  
Communication**

**April 30, Ladies Night,  
Harrington Raceway.**

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[www.temple9.org](http://www.temple9.org)

## General Torbert Chapter DeMolay

Good day my Brothers, this is just a short report of what is happening with your DeMolay Chapter sponsored by our Lodge. Not much has been happening since the last report but I thought I would bring you up to date on a few things. Our own Master Councilor Matthew Gayle was appointed and installed as the Delaware State Association Marshall for the ensuing year. By the time you read this we will have had a Statewide Prospect Party at Jefferson Lodge in Lewes, DE and I will report on it in the next article that I write. Some events coming up include an "Ides of March" fundraising spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 3:00-7:00 pm to be held here at Temple Lodge on the 2nd floor. Tickets are \$8.00 and available at the door. Please come out with family and friends to support the youth. Money raised will allow the young men to attend fun and educational events.

Some other things that will be coming up soon are the annual wreath placement by the DeMolay Chapter of Delaware at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, this will take place in April of this year. Also in May the General Torbert Chapter will be holding a game night/lock-in/prospect party here at the lodge and more information will be given in a future article. This would be an opportunity for you to have any young man between the ages of 12 and 21 attend and see what DeMolay is all about. Right now this chapter has 11 members with 3-4 showing up on a good night for a meeting. It is hard to conduct a ritual meeting with just that number attending. Our goal is to try and gain 10 more members before the summer so that we may start practicing for annual competition in Pennsylvania. If anyone would like more information regarding DeMolay or if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 302-284-8631 or by

email at [deldemolay@aol.com](mailto:deldemolay@aol.com) and I would be glad to get some information to you and answer any questions that you may have. If you would like to attend a meeting we meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7:00pm.

### Mission Statement

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide. Fraternal submitted, Dad Dave Penney

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**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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