



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)*

Lodge Officers 2016-2017

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Jack McDuff – Marshal*



**Chartered January 16, 1815
2016-2017
202nd Year of Fellowship**

From the East – Jim Bennett, WM

Brethren,

It's March! We've been very busy completing events and making plans for new events. First up in March is the Grand Master's visit on March 9, 2017. Grand Master Dale Towers Irwin and his staff will pay an official visit to our lodge. We will open early at 5:00PM and go at ease for dinner at 6:00 PM. On the menu is Temple Lodge No. 9's signature entrée – Crab Cakes. The food for the evening will once again be prepared by Temple Lodge No. 9's "personal chef" PM Stephen Walter. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting any lodge officer. For your convenience there is a link for you to purchase tickets on the lodge website. <http://temple9.org/>. We will return to work at 7:00 PM and receive the Grand Master and his staff. Please make note of

these times as they differ from our usual times.

We have plenty of work on the secretary's sheet and have numerous candidates to pass and raise. Temple Lodge No. 9 is growing!

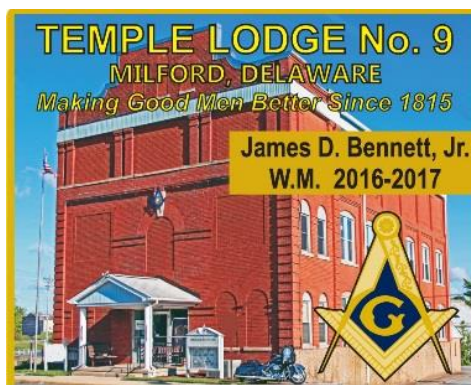
PM Roland Cohee has organized an "all you can eat" pancake breakfast to be held at Applebee's in Milford on April 1, 2017. It's been awhile since we have hosted a pancake breakfast and I look forward to helping serve the guests. This is a great fund raiser for our lodge and I hope you can attend for some good food, good fun and good fellowship. Tickets are available from any lodge officer and can also be purchased at the door. Breakfast is from 8 – 10 AM.

Ladies night is going to again be held at Harrington Raceway with the Lodge sponsoring a

race. We will select a date in mid May once the raceway finalizes their schedule.

The transition from Winter to Spring is a wonderful time of the year. Everything goes from the bland winter shades to a wonderful array of colors thanks to flowering trees and perennial flowers. Winter can also leave behind some chores to be done with a spring cleanup. If anyone needs help with yard clean up or any other tasks please don't hesitate to contact any of the officers and we'll put together a "crew" to help out.

The true Mason always carries his working tools everywhere.
William Howard Taft



**Living Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9**

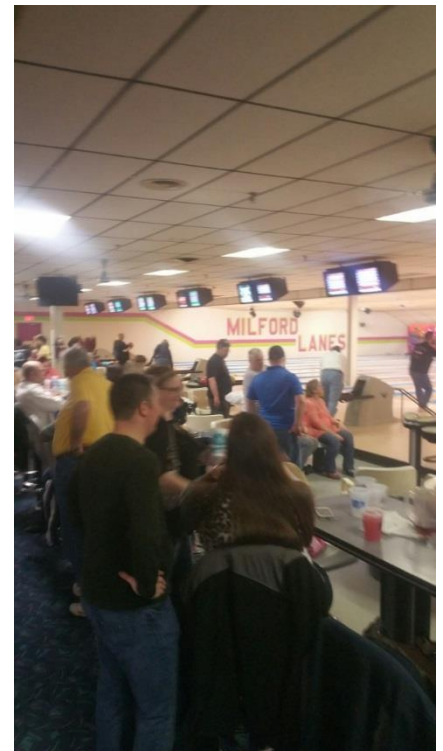
Jehu M. Davis, Jr. – 1966
Leroy A. Timblin – 1970/1975
John L. Watkins – 1973
Franklin S. Wilkins – 1974
Louis S. O'Day – 1978
John E. Holland – 1980
Frank H. Beebe – 1981
Ronald Jester - 1982
Gilbert H. Emory – 1983
Steven L. Rogers – 1984
Robert D. Clendaniel – 1985
J.D. Dennis, Jr. – 1988
Jeff Hague, PGMar. – 1989/2007
William A. Dudley, Jr. – 1990
William T. Wadkins, PGM – 1992
Bruce K. Ney – 1993
Marlin A. Gillespie – 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, 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

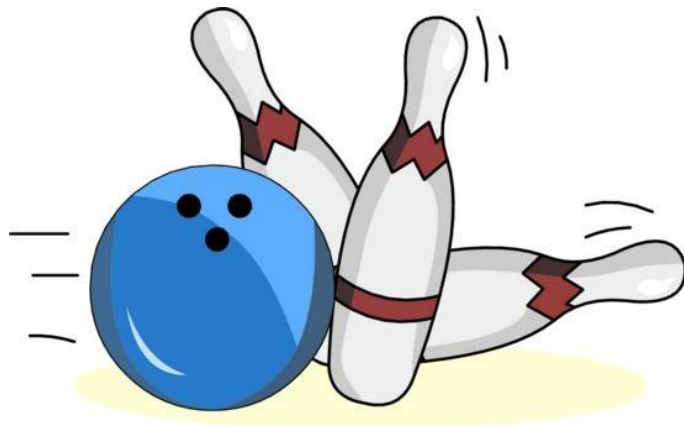


First Annual Bowling EVENT is a Success!

The 1st Annual Temple Lodge No. 9 Bowling EVENT is complete.

We had 32 bowlers and numerous spectators (helpers). A great time was had by all. We raised around \$1600 for charities including a contribution to the Long Range Planning account for Temple Lodge No. 9. We learned some things that will make next year's EVENT even better and bigger. We might even have a prettiest bowling ball category!

Thanks to all that participated and supported the EVENT. A special thanks to Milford Bowling Lanes for their hospitality and support. Remember "Bowling is Fun"!



MWGM Dale Irwin to Visit Temple 9



On Thursday evening, March 9, 2017, Temple Lodge No. 9 will be receiving Most Worshipful Dale Towers Irwin, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, and his staff for their official visit. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 PM. The Grand Master will be officially received for his visitation at 7:00 PM. The lodge meeting will be open on the Entered Apprentice degree.

Don't forget to purchase your ticket to the Grand Visitation dinner on March 9, 2017. On the menu - Temple Lodge No. 9's signature crab cake along with a lemon butter chicken breast entrée, with assorted veggies and dessert. Tickets are \$25 and seating is limited. Please consider purchasing tickets via PayPal (highly recommended). A link can be found on the lodge website - <http://temple9.org/>

Happy February Masonic Birthdays

Our February birthday Brothers in attendance representing 668 years of Masonry. Please notice the newly initiated Entered Apprentices that had just received their degree. As "newborns" they didn't add to the year count but certainly will add to Temple Lodge No. 9 for years to come!



3 New Entered Apprentices

Temple Lodge No. 9 would like to welcome our new brothers to the greatest fraternity on earth. Brother JW Steve Kerr donned the Worshipful Masters hat for the first time and initiated all of the new brothers in fine fashion. Our newest brothers from left to right are Brother Daniel Trader, Brother Chad Weidlein and Brother Shane Harmon. Congratulations



Dates to Remember:

March 9, 2017

Grand Master's Visitation
and Birthday Party
Dinner 6:00 PM/Lodge 7:00 PM

March 23, 2017

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

March 25, 2017

Semi-Annual Communication
of Grand Lodge of Delaware
818 Market Street, Wilmington
9:00 AM

March 31, 2017

Brotherhood Night
TICKET REQUIRED
Nur Shrine, New Castle
5:00 PM

April 1, 2017

Pancake Breakfast
TICKET REQUIRED
Applebee's, Milford
8:00 AM

April 13, 2017

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

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

I have been asked by a few new Brothers the question, "What is the proper way to wear a Masonic ring? Should the points of the compass be toward or away from the body? ", so I thought I would give you the following as a possible answer.

"If you were hanging the American flag, would you put the stars down? The same holds true of the ring. Usually it is a gift, and has sentimental value for the wearer. It should look right side up to him. Rings are therefore worn with the points of the compass toward the wearer."

This subject is one on which Grand Lodges have made no regulation and popular opinion is divided. We must therefore reason from analogy. When the emblem of the square and compasses is displayed on a building, pennant, button, watch charm etc., universal custom requires the points of the compass point downward. When displayed on the Altar they point away from the Master. As the Master from his station views the compass from the Altar of his lodge, the points are from, not towards him. As the wearer of a compass watch charm views it, the points are down and away from his eyes. In a similar way as he views the emblem on his ring the points should be down or away from his eyes.

The square is the symbol of earthly, the compass of heavenly perfection. As a combined emblem the ends of the square point up as a symbol of man's aspirations toward God; the points of the compass are down to represent heavenly qualities coming down from God to earth. Therefore it would seem that the proper way to wear a ring would be that in which its symbolism is best expressed; namely, that in which, when the hand is held in its usual position the points of the compass are towards the earth and away from the wearer's eyes.

Thus it will be seen that our conclusion does not agree with the writer in Temple Topics. He truly says that in hanging an American flag we would not put the stars down, but in hanging a compass or a square and compass, he surly would put the points of the compass down. The same rule holds when worn as a ring or button or a watch charm; namely, they would be worn the same way with the points down. When so worn they all serve the same purposes, and by no means the least of these purposes is to announce to the world the proud wearer is a Mason.

I sure that was as clear as mud. However, I feel you will probably wear your ring as you always have and to my new Brothers, I would recommend points toward you.

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