



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



Chartered January 16, 1815  
2019-2020  
205<sup>th</sup> Year of Fellowship

## From the East – Matthew Thompson, WM

Brethren, Happy St. Patrick's Day and I hope you are ready for a busy March.

I would like to begin by thanking all those that came out and took part in our February activities. From the Polar Bear Plunge to the Youth Table Lodge to the Bowling Event, it was awesome to see all the Masonic service and fellowship. I am particularly proud of all the effort that went into the Grand Master's Visitation. Thank you all for coming out and welcoming our Grand Master and for bringing your lady. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

I am excited for our March events!! We have the Sporting Clay Shoot early in the month and that is always a good time. Thanks to PM Stephen Walter for his efforts in organizing it. Let's not forget our degree work coming up this month, particularly our Master Mason degree on March 19<sup>th</sup> – come on our and support our new brothers!

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to share some very special events this month for me. I am so proud of my wife, Robbin, and her campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) Woman of the Year. The effort is entirely to raise money for LLS research. I hope you will consider coming out and supporting one of her events:

- March 7 - Beef and Beer, Carlisle Fire Company, 6 PM
- March 12 – Guest Bartender, Milford Tavern, Come after lodge
- March 25 – Community Dinner Night at Grotto's in Milford (see me for a coupon)

If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to call me (302) 684-2862.



**Blue Lodge - The Foundation of Freemasonry**

### 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 2019-2020

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Chris Fitzgerald – Senior Steward  
Keith Geise – Junior Steward  
Roland Cohee, Jr., PGC - Chaplain  
Michael Richards – Tiler  
Jim Barlow – Marshal  
Tom McMurray – Lodge Instructor*

## Dates to Remember:

**March 7, 2020**

Ritual and Education Workshop  
Union Lodge No. 7  
9:00 AM

**March 7, 2020**

Sporting Clay Shoot  
Owens Station  
9:00 AM

**March 12, 2020**

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

**March 19, 2020**

Special Communication  
MM Degree  
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

**March 20, 2020**

Brotherhood Night  
Nur Shrine  
5:00 PM

**March 26, 2020**

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

**March 28, 2020**

Semi-Annual Communication  
Newport Masonic Temple  
9:00 AM

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## Mentor's Corner – Tom McMurray, PM

I have been remiss in keeping up my Mentor's corner of knowledge in the monthly trestle board. Below is a short article I found for your reading, I hope you enjoy it.

"We must ever remember that Masonry is men who are Masons. The good of an institution must always result from the acts and deeds of the members of such an organization. The Masonic Institution is the achievement of Masons.

Many times, the question is asked: "What degree are they going to work tonight?" Perhaps the brother who asks the question is interested in witnessing a particular degree and prefers not to attend unless that degree is going to be conferred. Still, there is a mighty impersonal ring to the word "they." Many other times the question is: "What are they going to do tonight?"

We cannot leave ourselves out of the lodge. Whether or not we attend regularly, we are forever a part of the lodge. We are its success and its failure. We contribute, or we fail to contribute to its welfare.

The degree that is to be conferred, the business meeting that is to be held, or the program that is to be presented - all are important, but they are secondary to the question: "What will I bring to lodge tonight?"

The spirit of brotherly love, the warm and friendly handshake, the smile that reflects the Mystic Tie - all that I am capable of bringing to lodge - are the important factors."

## Living Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

Jehu M. Davis, Jr. – 1966  
John L. Watkins – 1973  
Franklin S. Wilkins – 1974  
Louis S. O'Day – 1978  
Frank H. Beebe – 1981  
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 Andraea, PSGD – 2002  
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005  
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009  
Martin F. Hogan, III, JGD – 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

## Affiliated Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

Thomas McMurray – 1977  
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008  
Roan Oak, Texas

John Marinucci, PGM – 2011  
Dover, Delaware

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

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