



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 2011-2012

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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

My year is almost over, but can I tell you how much I enjoyed the month of April.

It was absolutely an amazing month for memories of my year. From being able to participate in a Master Mason degree with all of the other Worshipful Masters of District 3, to meeting potential new brothers at the Brother Bring a Friend Night, to sitting with two Grand Lodges at the Gold Collar

Night, to the painting faces at the Bug and Bud Festival, to supporting out youth at the Youth Table Lodge, to the awesome degree work we completed at our lodge on great candidates, to the increase in membership at the DeMolay Open House, to the awarding of a Grand Lodge Award of Honor to an amazing Mason in Brother Jerry Swain. How could it get any better!!!!

The only thing that made it

more exciting was my distinct honor to share with my brethren of my appointment to the Grand Lodge for next year. I will be serving as Senior Grand Steward and I am so excited!

I have loved serving as WM this year and I am so proud of all of OUR accomplishments. We still have a couple months left so here is to more success.

So mote it be!!

Reaching Out to the Community at the Bug and Bud

The 9th Annual Bug and Bud Festival was held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 all over downtown Milford. It was a great day for a spring event, as the weather was nice. It was a somewhat cooler day, but the crowd was heavy throughout the day. The lodge sponsored a table as part of the event on South Walnut Street across from the Georgia House.

The day started early as WM Robinson arrived in downtown Milford to help with vendor check-in. The Worshipful Master assisted with helping many vendors find their spots throughout the City. When the festival began,

the lodge set up our table and our new banner was displayed on the back of the space.

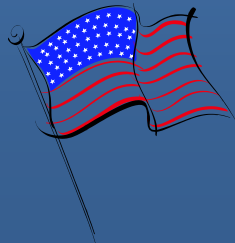
Many thanks are due to all the brothers that worked the day and helped with the booth. Particular thanks are given to Brothers Dayn Carter for his help in arranging for the face painting and his donation of the paints and supplies. Thanks are also given to Brother Danny Doran who helped with the painting of faces for the kids. The kids all walked away very happy and all kinds of designs were given. Many suns, ladybugs, flowers, etc. ended up on the faces of multiple kids.

This was a great outreach for the community and a great way for those that stopped by to see the good work done by Masons. The Bug and Bud Festival is a wonderful gathering for the community and a great way for the lodge to be a part.



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
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



Important Events - Hospital Fair and Golf Tourney

There are two big events coming up that should be marked on your calendar. These are events that Temple Lodge No. 9 will participate in, so we hope you will come out and help the lodge at these important events.

The first event is the 55th Annual Milford Memorial Hospital Fair. This event has been ably led by Brothers Jerry Swain and Michael Saba, PM for the last few years. The lodge has volunteered our services in the recent years to assist with set-up and working the concession areas of the event. This year, the Fair will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 10 AM to 4 PM at Milford Middle School. It is not entirely certain where the lodge will be working quite yet, but it is a sure bet that we will need help. Please consider volunteering some time to help the lodge at this important event, even if it is just an

hour or two. It will be fun for us and service to our community. The funds from the fair all support the Milford Memorial Hospital, and while none of us like to make use of their services when we need them we want to be sure they are there and functioning. This is truly and important outreach.

The other event is one that seems a little ways off, but will be here before we know it. The Annual Lodge Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at Shawnee Country Club. Registration begins at 10:30 AM, lunch at 11:30 AM and start at 1:00 PM. The fee per golfer is \$65. There are tee signs for sale, as well. The tee signs are available for \$75 and please consider buying one from yourself or your business. You can also recruit businesses to buy tee signs. These are where the lodge makes the

majority of the revenue and are a great way to advertise.

All of the profits of the golf tournament go to fund the Lodge Open Scholarships, which are available to students from Lake Forest and Milford High Schools to help fund their college expenses. If you have any questions contact Brother Jerry Swain at (302) 424-1516. Please consider playing (if you are able), volunteering at the event and buying a tee sign. If we all do one or more of these things – it will surely be a great event.

These are important events for the lodge and I hope everyone will consider being a part of making them successful. The success of all of our events depends on us being good stewards, and I have no doubt you will follow through on that obligation.

Busy Month for Degree Work at Lodge

April proved to be another busy month for degree work at lodge. This year, as of the printing of this trestleboard, we have initiated eight candidates, crafted five candidates and raised six candidates to the sublime degree of Master Mason. All total that is nineteen degrees this year, which is over a degree a month!! That is great news and more petitions are coming in and we have more degrees to come. Temple Lodge No. 9 is back on

the upward swing in membership!!

This month we conferred the Master Mason degree on Brother Chris Currey on April 12. He was supported by his brother, Brother Will Currey, JW and three uncles that were there to see him raised.

On April 16, we initiated Brother Mark Scribner. We had good attendance for a special communication and Brother Mark is well on his

way to advancement.

We closed the month by conferring the fellowcraft degree on Brother John F. Horsman. His father was in attendance and it was another good night.

We also awarded the Grand Lodge Award of Honor to Brother Jerry Swain this month. An honor well deserved for all of his hard work. Congratulations on reaching this high honor in the craft Brother Jerry!!

Successful Statewide Grand Lodge Events

Thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Delaware and more importantly to Most Worshipful Richard W. Aydelotte, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware for having two great events in April that expressed the true brotherhood of our fraternity.

The first was the Gold Collar Night held on Thursday, April 19 at Armstrong Lodge No. 26 in Newport. The night was meant to honor all those who have worn or are currently wearing the gold collar of a Grand Lodge officer in the jurisdictions of Delaware or Maryland. Both Grand Lodges were well represented by Grand Lodge officers. As you can see from the picture at right, the Grand Masters of Delaware and Maryland sat together in the East at Armstrong, with Worshipful

Master Michael Ratcliff, and presided over a lodge meeting. The majority of the meeting was devoted to Brothers sharing their stories about how they became a Mason and Masonic memories. It was so great to hear these stories and fellowship with all of the brethren over dinner. Thanks to the Grand Lodges of Delaware and Maryland, as well as Armstrong Lodge No. 26 for a GREAT event.

The second event was the Statewide Brother Bring a Friend Night held on Friday, April 27 at the Dover Sheraton. It was an amazing night seeing all the faces of potential new members. Enough men were there to fill the ballroom, which was exciting. The dinner was phenomenal and the program was very well done. The members of the Grand Staff took parts

in representing Masonry through the ages from the operative stonemasons to the Masons of today working to improve the lives of ourselves and others. Our own Worshipful Brother Marty Hogan, GT portrayed Brother Benjamin Franklin and great form. The picture at right shows the representation of the four chaplains on the USS Dorchester in World War II.

Temple Lodge No. 9 was very well represented at the Brother Bring a Friend Night and I have no doubt petitions will come from the event. Everyone should be proud of this and excited for the opportunities ahead.

These events were well planned and an example of the "If We Want To, We Can" attitude of our Grand Master!!



Congratulations to Brother Jerry Swain on receiving the Grand Lodge Award of Honor!!



Master Mason degree by WM's of District 3, Gold Collar Night, Statewide Brother Bring a Friend Night, and Bug and Bud Festival – WOW, April was a busy month for Temple No. 9!!

Youth Table Lodge and WM's Master Mason Degree

Two great events were held in April that really brought into focus the future of Masonry in Delaware. While it may seem that Freemasonry is declining in membership and our membership is getting older, these two events proved that is not the case.

The first was a Master Mason degree performed by the Worshipful Masters of District 3. Each of the sitting Worshipful Masters in the district (9 of 10 were in attendance) assumed a station in the lodge and

conferred the Master Mason degree on 23 year old Brother Carson Bozman at Gethsemane Lodge No. 28 in Reliance, DE. Gethsemane is a struggling lodge and this degree proved they can come back. The lodge room was full of brothers (over 70) and was filled for the first time in quite a while. Hopefully this is the beginning of the resurgence of that lodge, we believe it is!

The second event was the Youth Table Lodge at Jackson Lodge No. 19. It

was hosted by the DeMolay of Delaware and the Job's Daughters International of Delaware. The leadership of both groups was there, including our own State Master Councilor Brother DJ Aspinwall. It was a great night of supporting the youth organizations and a fun time was had by all. There could have been more brothers in attendance, so the next time you see an event advertised for the youth organizations, please try to attend. They appreciate your support!

Dates to Remember:

May 3

Temple Lodge No. 9 Ladies Night
Harrington Raceway
Arrival 6:30 PM//Dinner 7:30 PM

May 10

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

May 12

Youth Paintball Challenge

May 19

Milford Memorial Hospital Fair
Milford Middle School

May 24

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

June 9

Grand Lodge Day
Highfield: The Masonic Home
10 AM to 3 PM

June 14

Stated Communication
Election of Officers and
Scholarship Presentation
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

June 28

Stated Communication
Last Stated of the Masonic Year
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

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DeMolay Open House

By: Dad Dave Penney
Chapter Chairman

The General Torbert chapter held an open house on April 21, 2012 and it seems as though it is a success. There were refreshments and food and presentations from other members of DeMolay. I would like to thank the Kent Chapter from Dover for coming down and helping us. We have already initiated one and have several more waiting. This is the start of the rebuilding of the chapter, however we still need more members to get up and running the way a chapter should be run. It takes between 14 and 18 members to successfully run the

chapter; we are on the upswing to get up and running. We will be meeting at the Lodge on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month all year starting at 7:00pm. If you have or know of a young man between the ages of 12 & 21 that might be interested in joining, let me know and we will get him to a meeting so he can see what we do.

There are some new programs coming forth from DeMolay and this is getting to be a very exciting time to be a member. In June I will be traveling with a delegation from Delaware to our annual International Sessions in Louisville, KY. And will be getting the

information on these programs. Once I have it I will share it with everyone. This is a great time to be a member of our Order and it will only get better. Travel, fun, fellowship and work are just some of the things we do. If you would like more information please feel free to contact me at (302) 284-8631, I will have pamphlets and information on DeMolay available at the Lodge, feel free to take it and give it to a young man.



Don't Forget to Send Us Your E-mail Address

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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