

May 2018



## 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 2017-2018

*Worshipful Master  
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Dan Trader – Junior Steward  
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Shane Young – Tiler  
Jack McDuff – Marshal*



**Chartered January 16, 1815  
2017-2018  
203<sup>rd</sup> Year of Fellowship**



## Night at the Races for Feast of St. John

On behalf of Grand Master John W. Marinucci, we are excited to announce a Night at the Races to Celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist. The Feast of St. John, open to Freemasons and their ladies, will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Harrington Raceway and Casino (18500 S. Dupont Highway, Harrington, DE 19952) in the Clubhouse. The evening will feature a buffet meal, while enjoying fellowship with other Masons and their ladies from across our Jurisdiction. There will be a full card of harness horse racing taking place on the half-mile track. Harrington Raceway is one of the nation's oldest racetracks and has run a race meet every year since 1946.

The Grand Master and Grand Lady have a love for horses. Their small farm is less than five miles from the track, where they own horses themselves. While they don't race these horses, they do enjoy caring for them and the Grand Lady rides and shows them throughout the year.

The Feast of St. John the Baptist has always been an important time for Freemasons. The first Grand Lodge was formed on June 24, 1717, the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist. For many lodges throughout the world, the Feast of St. John the Baptist is used to end a Masonic year and install a new Worshipful Master. For these reasons, the Grand Master thought this would be an ideal time to celebrate our Night at the Races.

The Night at the Races to Celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist will begin at 5:00 PM, the post time of the first race of the evening. The event should conclude between 8:00 – 9:00 PM, however you may leave earlier if your schedule requires. The cost of the ticket will be \$40 per couple or \$25 for an individual. The ticket price includes a dinner buffet and one drink ticket per person, as well as a race program. Only 200 tickets are available, so please get yours fast before they sell out.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware will be sponsoring a race that evening. Should your lodge wish to sponsor a race, as well, that opportunity is available. The cost is \$200, which includes a blanket to present to the winning horse in the Winner's Circle, a picture for your lodge of the presentation and a notification in the program of your race sponsorship. Please contact me to set up your lodge's race or with any questions.

You may purchase your tickets online by following this link - <http://temple9.org/night-at-the-races/> or by calling me at (302) 228-1228. We look forward to seeing you at the Night at the Races to Celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

Sincerely,  
Jim Bennett, PM

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  
Frank H. Beebe – 1981  
Ronald Jester - 1982  
Gilbert H. Emory – 1983  
Steven L. Rogers – 1984  
Robert Clendaniel, PSGD – 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, PSGD – 1994  
David F. Coady – 1997  
Clarence R. Jackson – 1998  
Donald C. Adams – 1999  
Joshua J. Willey – 2000  
George Andreae, PSGD – 2002  
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005  
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009  
Martin F. Hogan, III, PGT – 2010  
Chad T. Robinson, GMar. – 2011  
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012  
Will Currey, GSB – 2013  
H. Roland Cohee, GT – 2014  
Stephen Walter – 2015  
Jim Bennett - 2015

Affiliated Past Masters of  
Temple Lodge No. 9

Thomas McMurray – 1977  
Augsburg, Germany  
  
James Cooke – 2008  
Roan Oak, Texas  
  
John Marinucci, GM – 2011  
Dover, Delaware  
  
Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08  
Glen Burnie, Maryland

## Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

I thought that this month I would like to pass along to you quotations from three of our well-known and respected brothers.

It is not what we eat, but what we digest ... that makes us strong.  
It is not what we earn, but what we save ... that makes us rich.  
It is not what we read, but what we remember ... that makes us learned.  
It is not what we profess, but what we practice ... that makes us Masons!  
(Brother Pete Rasmussen)

Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason. [Brother Ben Franklin]

Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man.  
[Brother Douglas MacArthur]



## Respect for the Holy Bible - George Andreae, PM

As we pass thru our years in Masonry, do we look back at the beginning when we took our obligation in the EA degree as we placed our hands on the Bible and said I will?

The Bible is the rule and guide for our faith and practices. We should be going to it for guidance when we have trouble times; such as a death in our family, trouble in our marriage, trouble with our children, etc. There are sixty-six books in the Bible which we can draw from for any trouble we may have or wonder about.

There is an old saying ask and it shall be given to you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall open until you. The Bible is there for you to find your answers. Always treat the Bible with respect, it is your past, your present, and your future. Love it and don't forget it. Always treat the Bible with reverence as you open and close it in the Lodge and in your Home,. Remember its meaning.

## What Could it Be???

Do you want to know??? Find out during our stated communication on May 24, 2018.

Hint: It's a piece of the lodge history. Brother Secretary W. Jeff Hague has researched the item and will have a presentation to be given during the meeting. Don't miss it!



## Past Master's Night

Good fellowship was had by all during Past Master's Night. The Stewards prepared a great meal for the numerous Past Masters in attendance. The Past Masters assumed the officer stations to confer the Entered Apprentice degree. EA Brother Romansky was initiated as Temple Lodge No. 9's newest member in fine fashion. MW Grand Master John W. Marinucci was in attendance along with many visitors and members. Another great day to be a Mason!



## Dates to Remember:

**May 10, 2018**

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

**May 19, 2018**

Ritual Education Workshop  
Open to all MM's  
Union Lodge No. 7  
9:00 AM

**May 24, 2018**

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

We're on the Web!

*Visit us at:*

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

## From the Jr. Steward's Chair – Brother Dan Trader

Greetings Brothers!

We've had a great Masonic year so far and it's been a wonderful first year for me. Just a few days ago, I celebrated my 1st year Masonic birthday and thought about the journey it's been. I never would have thought I'd be sitting in a chair, participating in some of the events I have, and honored with opportunity to be a part of future projects. It truly has been a blessed and unique experience!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our lodge Brothers of 2 projects that I have taken on; Officer Portraits and Fellowship Meals.

May 17th, an off Thursday for us, will be our portrait day. I invite all Officers, past, present, and future to attend. Masonic dress will be required. I also encourage you to bring your better halves and I'll be sure to get a couples portrait as well. Provided the weather is fitting, we may do couples portraits across the street at the pond. Please make a point to attend. I think it's particularly important to build a visual library of our officer line through the years so future generations of Freemasons will have reference to those that served before them! Just an FYI, I know there's a lot of folks that hate to have their picture taken... Ask anyone that has ever worked with me, I make it PAIN FREE so no excuses for not attending!

As many of you know, I've done my best to provide a hot and hearty meal for our Brothers to enjoy before lodge along with fellowship that second to none. I plan on continuing this effort because I feel if we can get a Brother to a meal, we can get a Brother to a meeting. Though we will have to address the growing cost of food and materials in the ensuing Masonic year, you will no doubt find that our fellowship meals are the best deal in town! I also feel like it's an opportunity to bring prospective candidates or any other individuals, which are interested in gaining the light of Freemasonry, to experience the fraternity and comradery that we, as Freemasons, have come to know and love.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Updated Information Request

Brethren, as the lodge endeavors to communicate better with our members, it is essential we have good information. Please share any updates with the WM or Secretary. Particularly, please let us know if you have an e-mail address you would like us to use to send lodge communications.

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## Address Correction Requested



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