



# 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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Dave Birch – Marshal**

## From the East – Roland Cohee, WM

Brothers:

I have a lot to talk about this month so I am just going to jump right in. First I want to thank all those who worked to make the crab feast such a success. Next, thank you to those who worked on the Halloween float which took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Milford Halloween parade.

I would also like to thank everyone who has bought or sold raffle tickets for the pistol which will be raffled off at our meeting on Nov.13th. Good luck to everyone who bought a ticket.

We have a lot going on this year and as usual we are looking for volunteers. To begin we are looking for brothers willing to give rides to our brothers who want to come to lodge but for one reason or another can't drive. We also are looking for help with a float for the Harrington Christmas Parade. See the Senior or Junior Wardens if you can help.

I am asking that when you come to lodge you bring canned goods so we can put together food boxes for 2 or 3 families for Christmas. This is something we do every year and I think it is a great idea.

Talking about something we do every year our

Christmas party will be held on December 19th at 6pm on the second floor. This is a family affair so be sure to bring your children as we will have a very special guest.

I would like to take this time to talk about our 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Grandmaster visitation on Jan.16,2015 at the Carlisle Fire House.

The Bicentennial Committee has been working very hard on this event, so please get your tickets and remember our wives are welcome to come. Contact Brother Senior Steward Matt

Thompson for tickets we would hate to see anybody miss out on this event.



*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*

## From the Junior Deacon – Jim Bennett

Brethren,  
I would like to thank everyone involved in getting this year off to a great start. The crab feast was another huge success thanks to the efforts of the crab feast committee and all of the brothers that helped with this event. A special thanks to the owners and staff at JP's Wharf for their help and hospitality. I predict an early sellout next year!

The float committee did it again and brought home the 1st place trophy to Temple No 9. The weather wasn't the best because of the rain but parade watchers along the entire route were entertained with the "Great Houdini" (SW Stephen Walter) pulling a rabbit (Chaplain Roland Cohee Jr) out the hat. When asked how he handled the rain Brother Cohee was heard stating

that only a "hare" got wet! The parade committee would also like to thank the members of DeMolay that braved the weather and helped with the float along the parade route. Great job Brothers!

We have three new brothers that were initiated. Brother William Lyons and Brother Norman "Jay" Jones were initiated at our stated communication on 9/25/14. At a special communication on 10/2/14 the officers initiated Brother Christophe



Christophe Carmean. Brother Carmean is endeavoring to become 5th generation Mason. It was "special" to have his father, Brother

Richard Carmean and his Grandfather, PM Hank Jackson, present for the conferral. Please make every effort to welcome these new brothers to the greatest fraternity in the world!



Next up Christmas parades and the lodge Christmas party on 12/19/14. Please make plans to attend!

I would like to wish everyone and their families a happy and joyful holiday season! Nothing further from the south! ...but this - The starting point of all achievement is desire. -Napolean Hill

## Save the "Tabs"



Save the Tabs. Families that utilize the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Children's Hospital in Newark, Delaware, need your help. The hospital substitutes donations of aluminum can "tabs" to reduce families' costs for family overnight stays. Suggestion: clip a sandwich baggie to a refrigerator magnet and hang it on your refrigerator. Then, bring the baggie to a lodge meeting or event and give it to the Chaplain. He will pass it along to those persons in need of this help.

# Chaplain Roland Cohee, Jr.

commanded: love thy neighbors as ourselves.

With this in mind brothers, you have an obligation to pay to our Creator. On November 16, it is Masonic Sunday. A day that all brothers should take time and thank God for blessings that He has bestowed on us.

The Worshipful Master is asking you brothers and your families to join him on Sunday, November 16, at Christ Episcopal Church, at 200 Church St., Milford, DE. This is a chance to worship together and give thanks together for brotherly love that has kept us in existence for 200 years.

My brothers,

This is a season of Thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for. First, to God - that force that has made everything possible. Next, to our families - it is they that support us in our travels and to the fraternity. We Band of Brothers that not only have brothers in our home lodge, but anywhere we travel are surely going to meet a fellow traveler.

Then, there are the blessings that have been given to us. The main blessing is love - without which nothing we do for our family, friends, community, country, and our Creator would mean a thing. For God

The service starts at 10:00 AM with a chance of fellowship afterwards. If you cannot come to the service, please try to attend a service and, that way, even though we will not be together physically, we all can be together spiritually.

May the blessings of heaven continue to shine on us and our brotherly love prevails.

By the way - the reason behind the float's theme:

On March 25, 1874, Ehrich Weiss was born in Budapest. The man who became famous as Harry Houdini joined St. Cecile Lodge #568 in New York in 1923, shortly before his death in 1926.

Harry Houdini was initiated in St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, N.Y., July 17, 1923, Passed July 31, and Raised August 21. In 1924 he entered the Consistory. Houdini gave back to the Masonic fraternity of which he was so proud, including giving a benefit performance for the Valley of New York which filled the 4,000 seat Scottish Rite Cathedral and raised thousands of dollars. In October 1926, just weeks prior to his untimely death on that Halloween, he became a Shriner in Mecca Temple. In truth, there were two Houdinis, Harry Houdini, the performer as the world saw him, and Bro. Ehrich (Eric) Weiss, the man and Freemason, a personality obscured from view by the public persona. His success allowed him to be amazingly generous and thoughtful of retired or destitute magicians or their families, often paying their rent or otherwise extending aid. He also gave benefit performances at charity hospitals and orphanages. His generosity, while often kept in the shadows, was legion. Possibly he felt he, too, would someday be in need, possibly he was simply implementing the Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love and Charity, or perhaps it was a bit of both.



## Upcoming Dates

**November 27: Thanksgiving, no meeting.**

**December 11: Stated Communication**

**December 19: Christmas party**

**December 25: Christmas, no meeting**

Dates to Remember:

Please see the  
calendar contained  
within this  
Trestleboard!

On behalf of the Officers,  
we wish you a safe and  
happy Holiday season

We're on the Web!  
Visit us at:  
[www.temple9.org](http://www.temple9.org)

## Order of the Eastern Star Mispillion Chapter

**Carolyn A. Cohee**

**Wilmington University**

The formation of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) Mispillion Chapter is gaining ground. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Worshipful Master, Roland Cohee, or email Carrie Cohee at [oes.mispillionchapter@outlook.com](mailto:oes.mispillionchapter@outlook.com).

We will exist to assist Temple Lodge #9, in addition to follow the OES Grand Chapter of Delaware, with

our own local flair. Some of the charitable endeavors the OES Grand Chapter of Delaware and its Subordinate Chapters support are:

Special Needs Children of Delaware

Cancer Research Fund

ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards in Religious Leadership)

Charitable activities within the local community.

Additional information will continue to come in the Trestleboard.

### *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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