

November 2017



## 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

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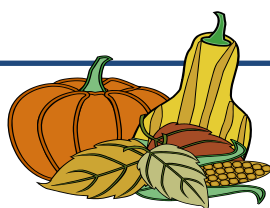
*Secretary  
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*Deputy Secretary and  
Webmaster  
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*Mike Brittingham – Senior Deacon  
John Cannon - Junior Deacon  
Mike Nichols – Senior Steward  
Dan Trader – Junior Steward  
Roland Cohee, Jr. - Chaplain  
Shane Young – Tiler  
Jack McDuff – Marshal*

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



## From the East – Brandon Smith, WM

I'd like to start by offering my apologies for not sending an October Trestleboard. I lost track of time and completely missed the deadline.

We have a packed month ahead of us with the holiday season fast approaching and some great degrees to perform! I am extremely excited to raise Brother Usher on October 26<sup>th</sup> and we have Brother Geise who will be raised at a special communication on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also,

be on the lookout for the Masonic Brotherhood of Riders who will be raising Brother Glendenning on December 14<sup>th</sup>!

We have also received several petitions recently so we can all look forward to JW Matt Thompson being able to give the Entered Apprentice degree on some new Brothers! It is always nice to see the Lodge grow!

I would like to take this time to remind all brothers that there will be no

communication on November 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the observance on the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Finally, remember that the lodge is here for you! Do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call me should you need anything.

**"There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet."  
– Bro. Dave Thomas**



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 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 want to read you a poem that was written many years ago by a well known American poet and Masonic brother named Edgar Guest. He wrote several books, was syndicated in newspapers across the country, and even hosted a folksy radio show during the 1940s and 50s. I think this is a great poem, and it delivers a simple, yet inspiring message. I hope you'll agree.

"I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.  
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam, and the side wall fell.  
I asked the foreman: "Are these skilled--  
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"  
He gave me a laugh and said: "No, indeed!  
Just common labor is all I need.  
I can wreck it in a day or two  
What builders have taken a year to do."  
And I thought to myself as I went my way,  
Which of these roles have I tried to play?  
Am I a builder who works with care  
Measuring life by a rule and square?  
Am I a builder who works with care,  
Patiently doing the best I can?  
Or, am I a wrecker who walks the town  
Content with the labor of tearing down?"

So... no matter what prompted you to become a Mason, your obligation made you a Mason, and your conduct and demeanor now defines you as a Mason

Ask yourselves, my Brethren, these three simple questions:

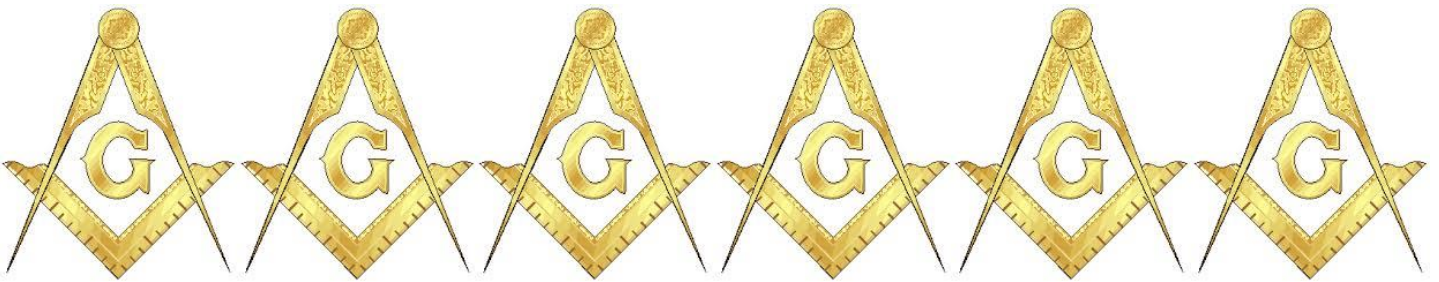
- Are you the kind of builder who measures your life by a rule and square?
- Are you doing the best that you can do – for you and your family, your community, and this great Fraternity of ours?
- And finally, how well are you staying on the path to make you a better man?

*Courtesy of The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Virginia, Committee on Masonic Education*

## Don't Forget Those that Are Less Fortunate

As we round the corner to the holiday season, please remember that we usually sponsor a family for Thanksgiving and would appreciate your support. This is an important opportunity to show the community what Masonry is truly all about. We will be accepting canned goods at both of our stated communications. You will receive more information in an email from the Lodge!

Did you know that according to the Feeding America 2016 Map the Meal Gap study, there are over 114,000 food insecure Delawareans? That means there is hunger right here in our own community and we can help in seeing that number go down right here in our own backyard. Please be generous if you are able.

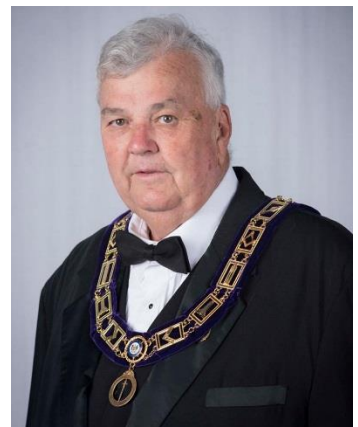


## Congratulations to New Grand Staff Members

Temple Lodge No. 9 is pleased to announce that four of our brethren are serving the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. Delaware in various capacities.

The Grand Lodge Installation was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 in a beautiful ceremony at Woodbridge High School in Bridgeville, DE. This school was special to the incoming Grand Master John Marinucci, as this was the last school he was responsible for building in his career in school construction.

That evening Most Worshipful Brother John W. Marinucci was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Delaware. Most Worshipful Marinucci is a dual member of Temple Lodge No. 9. In addition, Worshipful Brother Chad T. Robinson was installed as Grand Marshal, Worshipful Brother William T. Currey, IV as Grand Sword Bearer and Worshipful Brother H. Roland Cohee, Sr. as Grand Tiler. What an exciting night for Temple Lodge No. 9! Our lodge wishes to congratulate all those brothers of the Grand Staff.



## Dates to Remember:

**October 26, 2017**

Stated Communication  
and Discussion of Redistricting  
of Delaware Lodges  
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

**November 9, 2017**

Meeting of  
Grand Lodge Members  
6:30 PM

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and Discussion of Redistricting  
of Delaware Lodges  
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**November 23, 2017**

NO LODGE MEETING  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**December 14, 2017**

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

**December 28, 2017**

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)**

## Lodge Crab Feast

On Sunday, September 10, 2017, Temple Lodge No. 9 held its 10th Annual Crab Feast. The event began with seating at 1:00 PM, at JP's on the Wharf, Bowers Beach. JP's on the Wharf is owned and operated by Brother Pete Russo and his lady, Roberta. Those in attendance enjoyed crabs and clams, hush puppies, corn and a variety of beverages ☺! All proceeds will benefit Temple Lodge No. 9's distressed Master Masons and their families.

The lodge would like to thank all those that helped make the day possible, specifically Brother Pete and the whole team at JP's. In addition, thanks are due the Frederica Volunteer Fire Company for letting us borrow their tables and chairs for the event. Finally, it would not have been possible without the hard work of many brothers who took time out to help.



## 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. Having updated information means we can get good information out more quickly to all of our members!

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## Address Correction Requested



**TO THE FAMILY OF THE BROTHER NAMED ON THIS DOCUMENT:** Should he become ill or in need of assistance, please notify the Secretary or Worshipful Master. Their names and contact information are contained within.