



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



Chartered January 16, 1815
2018-2019

204th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Steve Kerr, WM

November is going to be a busy month. We have a packed full schedule of degree work I am looking forward to and very proud of candidates and their coaches for getting them through their degree work. I couldn't be prouder of Temple Lodge on how strong we are getting and how excited our new candidates are to keep progressing. Looking forward to the rest of the calendar year, December we will be having a float in the Harrington Christmas Parade on 7 December, our Christmas party (Date TBD). Lastly, I need your assistance and need a couple people that will be willing to step up and help take over the Golf Committee. This Committee is a very important Committee were by all of it profits go to our scholarship fund and allows us to hand out the scholarship to our local teens.

The tickets for the George Washington Memorial Degree for April 20, 2019 are in. We have a limited amount and family are welcome to come.

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Long Range Planning Committee

WM Kerr's theme this year is "Preserving Our Past, While Building Our Future". In keeping with this theme the Hall Corporation together with the finance committee decided to set aside a portion of the lodge's monthly rent to be earmarked for a future building for Temple Lodge No. 9. A motion was brought to the floor where it passed. The long range planning committee has set a goal to have \$100,000 in the account by 2028. The funds set aside is a great start in achieving that goal but that goal won't be achievable without additional fund raising. There are several ideas in the works. The first idea will be seen will be on your upcoming dues notices. There will be an additional line on the dues notice for a voluntary contribution to the building fund. For those paying via PayPal you will have an opportunity to contribute online as well. Please consider giving as liberally as your means will permit. For the brothers that contribute \$50 or more to the building fund they will receive special recognition for their generosity.

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 2018-2019

Worshipful Master
Steve Kerr
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John Cannon – Senior Deacon
Mike Nichols – Junior Deacon
Dan Trader – Senior Steward
Jeff Spatz – Junior Steward
Keith Geise - Chaplain
Chris Fitzgerald – Tiler
Jack McDuff – Marshal

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
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 Robinson, PGMar. – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, PGSB – 2013
H. Roland Cohee, PGT – 2014
Stephen Walter, GSB – 2015
Jim Bennett, JGS – 2016
Brandon Smith - 2017

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

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

I thought you might enjoy this short fable about “LOVE” which I would translate to be “brotherly love”.

Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge Author: Unknown

Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived: Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge and all of the others, including Love.

One day it was announced to the feelings that the island would sink so all repaired to their boats and left.

Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to persevere until the last possible moment. When the island was almost sinking, Love decided to ask for help.

Richness was passing by Love in a grand boat. Love said, “Richness, can you take me with you?” Richness answered, “No, I can’t. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place for you.”

Love decide to ask Vanity who was also passing by in a beautiful vessel, “Vanity, please help me!” “I can’t help you Love. You are all wet and might damage my boat,” Vanity answered.

Sadness was close by, so Love asked for help, “Sadness, let me go with you.” “Oh... Love, I am so sad that I need to be by myself!”

Happiness passed by Love too, but she was so happy that she did not even hear when Love called her!

Suddenly, there was a voice, “Come Love, I will take you.” It was an elder. Love felt so blessed and overjoyed that he even forgot to ask the elder her name.

When they arrived at dry land, the elder went her own way. Love realized how much he owed the elder and asked Knowledge, another elder, - “Who helped me?” “It was Time,” - Knowledge answered. - “Time?” - Asked Love.” But why did Time help me?”

Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and answered, “Because only Time is capable of understanding how great Love is”.

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Scottish Rite of Delaware – Brother Jack McDuff

Delaware's second reunion of 2018 will be held Nov. 17th, at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, DE. Doors will open at 08:00 AM with meeting beginning at 09:30 AM on the 4th floor. The Valley of Lower Delaware will be conferring two degrees, 7th (Provost and Judge) and 14th (Grand Elect Mason) with live presentation and new candidates will have 4th degree (Master Traveler) by video available. This will be completed by 01:00 PM (lunch will be provided). All officers are expected to attend with dress for officers, 33rd and MSA-tux required with hat and jewels. All others-coat and tie; hat and jewel as appropriate. Interested ... please contact me at johnmcduff@comcast.net or 302-632-5802.

The Three Degrees Offered:

The 4th degree (Secret Master) is a first step in your journey which spans twenty-nine degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The 4th degree reviews some of the reunions which offer new experiences on your path of personal growth in harmony with man's faith.

The 7th degree (Provost and Judge), has for its chief lesson the great principle of justice. Those with the power of judgment should judge impartially, without personal consideration, prejudice, preconception, or haste.

The 14th degree (Grand Elect Mason) is the last of the Lodge of Perfection degrees. You will have reached the point where each individual Mason must discover the secret of Masonry for himself. Perfect Truth is unattainable, yet we must ever press on, more nearly approaching it.

From the Senior Deacon – Brother John Cannon

Brothers, from time to time I stumble across nuggets of masonic wisdom, advice, and encouragement that really grab my attention. I like to save them up in my notes so that I can have things to brainstorm over and tuck them away as possible topics or presentations for the future. I read a great masonic poem this past week, and I thought it was just too good not to share.

I See You've Traveled Some Masonic Poem Author Unknown

I SEE YOU'VE TRAVELED SOME
Wherever you may chance to be
Wherever you may roam,

Far away in foreign lands;
Or just at Home Sweet Home;

It always gives you pleasure,
it makes your heart strings hum

Just to hear the words of cheer,
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get a brother's greeting,
And he takes you by the hand,

It thrills you with a feeling
that you cannot understand,

You feel that bond of brotherhood
that tie that's sure to come

When you hear him say in a friendly way
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,
In strange lands all alone

If fate has left you stranded
Dead broke and far from home,

It thrills you--makes you numb,
When he says with a grip of fellowship,
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,
To take a last long trip,

Adorned with Lambskins Apron White
and gems of fellowship

The tiler at the Golden Gate,
With square and rule and plumb

Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",
"I see you've traveled some."

Source: <https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/i-see-youve-traveled-some.html>

Dates to Remember:

November 1, 2018

Special Communication
Master Mason Degree
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

November 5, 2018

Grand Visitation at
Doric Lodge No. 30
7:30 PM

November 8, 2018

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

November 15, 2018

Grand Visitation at
Harmony Lodge No. 13
7:30 PM

November 20, 2018

Grand Visitation at
Hope Lodge No. 4
7:30 PM

April 20, 2019

George Washington National
Masonic Memorial
Degree Trip

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Congratulations Brother Dave Penney

Temple Lodge No. 9 is proud to congratulate Brother Dave Penney on receiving the Grand Lodge Award of Honor at the recent Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware. This is an honor very few ever receive and according to Grand Lodge Code, the "purpose of the award shall be to honor and recognize outstanding service to Freemasonry by Master Masons of Delaware who are not members of the Grand Lodge of Delaware." Pictured below is Brother Penney receiving his apron from M.:W.: John W. Marinucci.

Congratulations Brother Penney on receiving the well-deserved recognition!



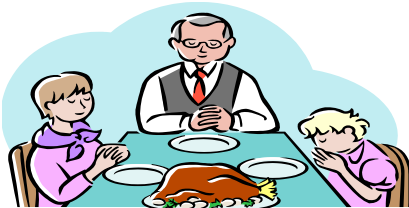
Updated Information Request

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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