November/December 2012



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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Chartered January 16, 1815 2012-2013 198th Year of Fellowship

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

From the East – Danny Doran, WM

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Joyous Holiday Season to each of you and your families my brothers! As we approach this Holiday Season, I would encourage that each of us think about what we are thankful for. The Great Architect of the Universe has blessed us with so much and during this season we have that opportunity to pay a small portion back by giving to others. "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God." (Mosiah 2:17)

I would encourage each of us to donate a little something to those who were affected by hurricane Sandv and are still without power, who lost their homes and are in real destitute circumstances. Maybe we have an extra sweater, winter coat, or food. We will have an extra box for accepting your donations of food and goodies at our lodge meetings. Remember the little kids in our community who would love to have a Christmas this year and bring a little gift. Remember that the best way to forget our own worries, problems and trials is to serve at earliest "INCONVENIENCE."

That's right, putting others before ourselves.

I wanted to thank all those who have made this year as successful as it has been. The next few months have a lot to offer our Lodge. There a few activities we would like to bring to your attention. Some of these are for our families and friends to come out and enjoy. While I'll mention them here I would like you to look at the calendar and put them in your activity book. On December 20th at 6:30pm Temple Lodge No.9 will be hosting our Christmas and Holiday Season Party. This will be held on the 2nd floor of the Lodge Building. The Lodge will have some delicious Creamy Chicken Noki Soup, Sandwiches, and other light food. If vou could please bring a desert or your favorite Holiday cookies. There will be music, a coloring station and games for the Kids and a chance to get their picture taken with Santa Clause! I hope to see our brothers. families and friends come out and join us for a fun night of Christmas Spirit.

We have our Grand Lodge Visitation on January 24th. Please contact WM Doran for your <u>*TICKETS*</u> which

are only \$25 ea. This is open to all Masons! If you are a new Entered Apprentice or haven't been out to Lodge this is a great chance to come out and fellowship, have a scrumptious meal provided by our Super Chef Walter and shake hands with Most Worshipful Berry Hughes. We will also have the opportunity to recognize some of our brothers who are celebrating their 50th Masonic Birthday's this year!

A few other keys dates to think about are our 1) Past Master's Night on February 28th which will be a Table Lodge. 2) The 1st Annual Sporting Clay Shotgun Shoot on March 17th "St. Patrick's Dav" at Owen's Station. 3) And to continue with a SUPER FUN evening with our Ladies Night on May 2nd at the Harrington Race Track. Keep an ear out for this information in future issues of Temple Lodae No.9's Trestle Board and on our Lodge web site

www.Temple9.org.

I pray that we can have a Happy, Safe holiday Season. Remember those is need and may God bless you and your homes this season.

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. Nev – 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, PGT-2010 Chad T. Robinson, SGS -2011



From the Chaplain – Roland Cohee, Jr.

Women (10) - nail polish,

eye shadow, perfume, etc.

Money or gift cards to

I am asking that your

generosity be shown on

special communication

December, when the

items will be collected.

Then, I, along with any

attend, will go to the

Secondly, to fulfill our

obligation for Masonic

arranged for the brothers,

of Temple No. 9, to attend

Church of Jesus Christ of

church services at The

Church Day, I have

our gift.

brother who would like to

veteran's home to present

November 26, during our

and during the months of

Wal-Mart, Peebles, etc.

the volunteers will do the

shopping for the residents

Brethren, during the month of October we lost two brothers, Dean and Warrington. Though those of us in our probationary state remain, we should find solace in the fact they have been received in that Temple, not made with hands – eternal in the heavens. We should rejoice in them being received in their new celestial home. Now, we still have work here to do.

Firstly, is for Veterans Day. After contacting the Delaware veterans home in Milford, they are requesting the following items:

Men – body care products, like Old Spice, Ax, or any after-shave or cologne

Spooky Good Fun!!!

The 2nd annual Temple Lodge No. 9 Halloween party was Spooktacular! Brothers invited their spookiest family members and dug up some their scariest friends to join them for a SPOOKY good time at the Milford Skating Center.

First, many thanks are in order to Mrs. Carmen Kemper, owner of the Milford Skating Center and her staff for all of their hard work, great food, and support. We could not have asked for a better location to hold an event that was safe, friendly, and fun for kids of all ages. The party was a huge success with family and friends enjoying the recently renovated skating facility. While pizza and pretzels were devoured by our little monsters in the snack bar; the Scary Scavenger Hunt was monster good fun as young and old alike participated. The costumes were really over the top this year...especially the "BIG TOP." Clowns, Clowns everywhere CLOWNS!!!!

This event would not have been possible without the donations, support, and love of our brothers. We thank everyone who donated, attended, and

Latter-Day Saints located off of the Milford-Harrington Hwy. (110 E. Lucky Estate Dr., Harrington, DE 19952). This is the spiritual home of our Worshipful Master, Danny Doran. The service will be on November 18 and begins at 10:00 AM. If you cannot attend, please attend a church of your own choosing. Though we will not be together physically, we all can be together spiritually.

Finally, remember this is the month of Thanksgiving. Be thankful for what you have. Don't forget those less fortunate than you.

May God bless you and keep you, your families, neighbors, and your brothers.

helped to make our 2nd Annual Lodge Halloween party a MONSTER BASH!!!



Very Important Upcoming Events

Grand Master's Visitation

Did you know that Delaware is one of the only Grand Lodges where EVERY Brother has the very special opportunity to meet his Grand Master each year! Every Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Delaware will to be paid an official visit by their Grand Master and Officers. On January 24th Temple Lodge No.9 will have that privilege of Most Worshipful Barry C. Hughes and the Grand Staff of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. &A.M. of Delaware including Worshipful Chad Robinson, Past Master of Temple No.9 and sitting Senior Grand Steward! How AMAZING is that! That evening several of our Lodge Brothers who will be presented with their 50 YEAR Masonic Pins and Certificates! Our

Grand Lodge Visitation will be open on the Entered Apprentice Degree and all of our Brothers are hereby invited! We hope that you all come out and enjoy a delicious meal provided by Master Chef Stephen Walter! Tickets are available by contacting our Lodge Officers and online at <u>www.Temple9.org</u>. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sporting Clay Shoot

It's time for some outdoors fun Brothers! March 17th 2013, Saint Patrick's Day at Owens Station in Greenwood, DE, will be the first Sporting Clay Shoot, co-hosted by Temple Lodge No. 9 and Sea Scout Ship 1776! This Clay Shoot will help our Lodge Charity's, Scholarships, Masonic Youth, Local Scouts, and MORE!! Put it on your calendar ~NOW~! Contact WM. Danny Doran (Dandoran83@aol.com or 302-270-6363) for your Brochure and Flyers. You can also pick them up at Temple Lodge No.9.

We are looking for Sponsors, Shooters and Donations!! Invite your friends and family, Coworkers and neighbors, even if you are not a shooter! A good time for one and all with Raffles, Games, Door Prizes and FOOD!! We want this activity to be exciting and successful to help our Lodge and community grow! Additional information will be available during Lodge Meetings and on the Lodge's website, www.temple9.org.



Brother of the Month

To make our Lodge move forward is no easy task. There are many of our brothers who continually give to our Lodge. While we can never really recognize all of those who have made a difference. The Worshipful Master. Senior Warden and Junior Warden have instituted the Brother of the Month Award, not as competition but as way of recognizing those brothers who put that extra foot forward, give more than is required, and have a desire to make a difference in the Lodge.

The Brother of the Month Award is NOT available to Past Masters, the Worshipful Master or sitting Senior and Junior Wardens, All other Brothers are eligible. We hope that this will encourage future participation in our Lodge and at our activities outside of Lodge. Thank you to all of you for your service in OUR Lodge. Our August Brother of the Month was Jim Bennett for his help with our Summer Time Activities, with Dayn Carter for his service with the Crab

Feast in September, and our 1st Place Trophy for our "Ghoulopolv" Float going to Jim Davenport. On November 8th Brother Keith Gramling for his service to our community in providing a wonderful and informative presentation, over the past few years, with his Historical Flags was named Brother of the Month for November. We want this to be something to encourage PARTICIPATION, SERVICE, and SELFLESSNESS! Come out on December 27th to

see who we award with the next Brother of the Month!!



Dates to Remember:

November 26 Special Communication EA Degree Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

> December 1 Lewes Christmas Parade

December 8 Harrington Christmas Parade

December 13 Stated Communication DeMolay Speaker – Dad Penney Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

> December 20 Lodge Christmas Party

December 27 Special Communication FC Degree Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

January 24 Grand Master's Visitation Temple Lodge No. 9 Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

> March 17 Sporting Clay Shoot Owens Station

May 2 Ladies Night Harrington Raceway and Casino

> We're on the Web! Visit us at:

> www.temple9.org

Hot off the OVEN

Remember now thy days of the create your own cold cut sandwich; or how about pizza night again and AGAIN???

Well, no more my brothers. Be sure to come out and enjoy a HOT HOME COOKED meal prepared by Chef Steve. That's right, before each stated communication there will be a delicious meal to rest and refresh vourself. Chef Steve has once again volunteered his services and this column will announce some of his upcoming goodies each month. Meals are available for only \$5.00 on the second floor starting at 6:30pm with Lodge starting at 7:30pm on the third floor.

So, be sure to come out for a delicious meal and stay for even better fellowship!

This month, be sure to join us

<u>December 13^{th -} Glazed</u> <u>Ham with Scalloped</u> <u>Potatoes and Roasted</u> <u>Apples.</u>

December 27^{th -} Braciole with Mixed Vegetables.

Other meals to be announced!!!

Also, be sure to take advantage of the Lodge's "MEAL CARD" programs. The Lodge offers 2 meal cards that allow you to enjoy a delicious meal without the hassle of

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 email 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 needing to carry cash.

\$25.00 Meal Card = Buy 5 meals and get a 6th meal free!!! \$75.00 Meal Card =

Covers meal costs for all "Stated Communications" now thru June 31st, 2013



lodge happenings. As you

know, the Trestleboard is

lodge much needed funds

and be environmentally

friendly at the same time.

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mail. Your e-mail

address will save the

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 Happy Holidays

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.