



# 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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2014-2015

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Ryan LaBeau – Tiler  
Dave Birch – Marshal*

## From the East – Roland Cohee, WM

Let me just jump right in and say that this going to be a busy year for Temple Lodge No.9. It is going to take all the brothers to make it a great year, by this I mean that we will be needing volunteers for all the events.

In closing remember if you ever need to talk to me please call 302-335-3211, I want you to put in your 2 cents worth.

Our next big event will be on Jan.16th,2015. At this time Temple Lodge No.9 will be 200 hundred years old. For those of you who have been here from the beginning that is a long time. So to celebrate this special occasion, which also happens to be The Grand Masters visitation, we are planning what else but a big party. This event is open to all brothers and their Ladies.

More information to be announced soon.

We will still be having Fellowship Time before meetings this year. Starting with the first meeting a full meal (entree,drink,dessert) will be provided for a contribution \$5.. What a deal! A better deal is to purchase a dinning card for \$25. for six meals or \$75. for the Masonic year.

Finally we need brothers to volunteer to help mentor (instruct) other brothers.



*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,

As I begin my second lap around the lodge room I would like to thank you for the honor and privilege of sitting in the south for the ensuing masonic year. I am excited to get the year off and running and already look forward to the 7th annual crab feast September 7th. We have parades, a pancake breakfast, holiday parties, a sporting clay shoot and numerous other activities and events in the works for the upcoming year. One event that should be on everyone's calendar is our Grand Master's visitation on January 16, 2015. Our lodge was chartered on January 16, 1815 - so this will mark our bicentennial anniversary. More

information will follow as arrangements are finalized. Remember that it will be another one hundred years before our 300 year celebration – so you probably shouldn't miss this one! We read numerous petitions and conferred many 1st and 2nd degrees before going dark in June. The Masonic year will begin with much "WORK" to be done. Although it is termed "WORK" in lodge your officers actually enjoy the "WORK" preparing for the conferrals. Our reward for the "WORK" is welcoming a new brother to the fraternity and entertaining the brethren with our degrees. Let's all support the officers and make sure to welcome the new brothers into the greatest

fraternity in the world! Nothing further from the south. (Except this) I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. –Maya Angelou

## Chaplain Roland Cohee, Jr.

Brothers,

We have been blessed by God with Brotherhood and fellowship. With the holiday season approaching, we are all going to be asked to give to a slew of charities. Mostly what they will want is money.

The requests will come from TV, radio, and over the phone that will tug at our heartstrings. My request to you is to look at our community needs. In the past, we have supported the Food Bank, Home of the Brave, and the local Toys for Tots campaigns. If any of these don't appeal to you, ask any of our brothers if

they're involved with an organization and how can you help. Our lodge is full of talents that can be tapped. Brothers, we as members of this community have a duty to provide service. Also, don't forget that your help isn't just for the holiday season, but throughout the year.

The Lodge can use your help with pancake breakfasts, the shotgun shoot, golf tournament, crab feast, and building of the floats for the parades that we participate in. All these provide monies for scholarships to the well-deserving young people. We also must look after

our shut-ins, widows, and children. These Brothers and loved ones will appreciate the time that you give them. It's we, brothers that keep this fraternity thriving and helping our community. We do not do this for the glory of public praise, but for the glory of the One who built that Temple, not made with hands. God be with you,

# General Torbert Chapter, Order of DeMolay

Greetings Brothers, as I write this short note about the happenings of DeMolay it is my duty to inform you that the chapter may not be open much longer. With only six (6) active members it is hard to get enough together to open a chapter correctly for our business meeting. However, when I started this chapter with Bro. Dave Coady, he and I both stated that we would do whatever we could with what we have. We participated in our Tournament of Champions for Ritual work this year and did very well for the first time. We have won a few ribbons in the past and really hope to continue on winning. We also have our Brotherhood weekend at Cape Henlopen State Park in October. We will also be having an open house game night in December to hopefully get some new members to join the chapter. With all this being written I am asking you all to help us

in achieving our goals of membership and getting back up to the level that we had just a few short years ago. Back then we had quite a few members that have relatives that are in the Masonic Fraternity, now we only have two (2). I know in looking through the membership list of the Lodge that there are a few young men between 12 and 21 that could join our chapter and benefit from it. Yeah I have heard all the excuses that there is not enough time, or they are in another group or that they do not have transportation to and from events. You need to talk to some of the older members that have aged out what they did. We have had members that played sports, belonged to other groups and did school activities and they still had time for DeMolay. Before we went dark for the summer I asked a couple of the Lodge Brothers about DeMolay and

they had never heard of it or had heard of it and knew nothing about it. What I am asking is to give your son, grandson, nephew or cousin the opportunity to see what we are all about. If you know someone that is between the ages of 12 and 21 tell them about DeMolay and remember our motto, "Building tomorrow's leaders today". If you have any questions about DeMolay please feel free to contact me at either [deldemolay@aol.com](mailto:deldemolay@aol.com) or 302-284-8631. Looking forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Dad Dave Penney  
Chapter Advisor

## Upcoming Dates

**October 23:** Stated Communication

**November 13th:** On November 13, 2014 a meeting of Grand Lodge Members will be held at temple lodge No 9 ascertain if the lodge has any nominees for the offices of grand lodge. This meeting will be at 6:00 P. M. before our stated meeting.

**November 27: Thanksgiving no meeting.**

**December 11:** Stated Communication

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Dates to Remember:

**Please see the  
calendar contained  
within this  
Trestleboard!**

**On behalf of the Officers,  
we wish you a safe and  
happy summer and  
we look forward to  
seeing you back in  
Lodge in  
September.**

**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  
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The Order of the Eastern Star (OES) is a volunteer-based organization. Its existence is due to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (Masons), a very similar organization, which began many years ago (History of the Order of the Eastern Star, n.d.). No one knows the Masons' exact origination date (FAQ's, n.d.). A chapter covers a geographical area (How GGC is organized, n.d.). The OES has a hierarchal structure that will not change (How GGC is organized, n.d.).

However, the cultural goals are clear in its traditions

(FAQ's, n.d.). Each chapter determines how to accomplish the organizational goals and vision. A group of prior members, of a local chapter that closed its operation, is in the process to attempt a new chapter in that same city. A new OES chapter has not occurred since the 1960s (OES DE GC Leader-5, personal communication, July 11, 2013). This read provides organizational background information, the problems with the former local chapter, and the work toward the changes to create a new chapter.

### *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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