



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



Chartered January 16, 1815
2016-2017
201st 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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2016-2017

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John Niccolls – Tiler
Jack McDuff – Marshal

From the East – Jim Bennett, WM

Brothers and Ladies,

There is a section of this trestle board that states “LADIES: Please Read”. We have numerous events planned this year for the Ladies as well as the brothers. In addition to our traditional Ladies night tentatively scheduled in May we will have a “paint night” in February in conjunction with our Stated Communication on 2/23/17. Other event planning is in the works to include events with and/or for our ladies this year. So I’ll say it one more time – LADIES: Please read!!!!!! (For those that receive the Trestle Board via email please consider forwarding the trestle board to your Ladies)

The 2016 – 2017 Officer team was able to get the year started opening and closing the lodge. From the East I felt a good job was done by all for our first time out. The Rusty Nail degree was also conferred in fine fashion. PM Michael Saba was the lucky candidate and was very attentive. Thanks to PM Tom McMurray and our Marshall Jack McDuff’s for their hard work in editing the degree. The final revision was complete on 9/3/16 and I think we “nailed” it!

As previously noted we have much degree work to complete in the near future. We have four Fellow Crafts to raise to Master Masons within the first couple of months. We have the pleasure of the Shield and Square team raising a Fellow Craft in October and we are working on a date for the Colonials to raise a Fellow Craft as soon as their schedule permits. There are Entered Apprentices to pass to Fellow Craft and candidates to initiate. Temple Lodge No. 9 is growing brothers – make sure you are a part of it!

As in years past, don’t forget the meal cards. You can buy the Gold Card, entitling you to meals for the entire year for \$75. There is also a Blue Card available, which entitles you to 5 meals and you get the 6th one free. These cards help ensure we can continue to offer great meals to you and save you money over the course of the year.

“Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.”
– Bro. Will Rogers

We are placing orders for member name tags, like the one pictured below. The cost for the name tag is \$14.00. Please send payment to the lodge and include how you would like your name to appear on the name tag.



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

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, PSGS – 2011

A. Daniel Doran, PGMAR. - 2012

Will Currey, PJGS – 2013

H. Roland Cohee – 2014

Stephen Walter - 2015



Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

President Andrew Jackson said: "Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind." These benefits are achieved through the diligent fulfillment of the duties of its members – faithful Masons who strive to live by a moral code exemplified allegorically through the degrees of Freemasonry and explained in its three Charges. In general terms, a Mason is obliged to abide by the constitution, laws, and edicts of the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction or where he is present, and the by-laws of his particular Lodge. He is to maintain and support the Landmarks and ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity. He is to be loyal to his Lodge and to the Fraternity, to pay his dues promptly; and to keep the obligations which he undertook during the degrees.

More specifically, the duties that are incumbent upon all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the oldest Master Mason are as follows:

1. To God: Although Freemasonry is not a religion, no atheist can be a Mason, and the Fraternity seeks to strengthen each Brother's reverence for God, the Creator and Architect of the Universe. In its rituals and symbols, Freemasonry encourages

us to seek greater understanding of the Creator, and seek also to improve our character so as to be more worthy of our Great Creator.

2. To Your Neighbor: The three main tenets of Freemasonry are: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Key to the first two tenets is the third: Truth. The Mason avoids deceit and hypocrisy. It would be expected that one would treat his friends and family fairly and honestly, but the Mason goes beyond this. He adopts this same standard in his dealings with everyone. He gives everyone a square deal and is always on the level.

3. To Yourself: A Mason also is taught that he has a duty to himself. He is to be industrious, to pursue a vocation, to increase in knowledge and understanding, and to provide for his family.

Freemasonry teaches us to temper our zeal when pursuing these first three goals. It is important to find a balance or equilibrium. This sense of balance brings us to the fourth duty:

4. To Keep your Passions within Due Bounds: The most recognized symbols of a Freemason are the Square and Compasses. The Square teaches the Mason always to act towards others as he wishes they would act toward him; while the Compasses teach the

Mason to temper his actions, to avoid excess, and not overstep his bounds in any of his endeavors. By keeping the lessons of these symbols in mind as we live our lives, we ensure our good reputation and uphold the honor of our Fraternity.

But being a good Mason does not stop at the door of the Lodge, nor are Masonic principles and duties limited to the Lodge. The Brother who carries his Masonry into the outer world and expresses its tenets in his daily life, most effectually promotes the great ideals we cherish.

In short, a Mason carries out his responsibilities of citizenship when he keeps faith with his fellow men, with himself, and with his God; when he shows the world that he is a man of honor and reputation, preferring his duty and the dignity and honor of his country to any degree of popularity and personal advantage. And by doing all of this, a Mason also carries out his responsibilities to the Craft, for he will have, by his exemplary character, both in public and private life, convinced mankind of the goodness of Freemasonry, and of what it means to be a Master Mason.

Chip Bennet, Area Provost-Mason, Division VI, Virginia Grand Lodge

DeMolay Off to Successful Start of Year – Dad Dave Penney

September has turned out to be a busy month for DeMolay in Delaware. We started out by working one of the concession stands at the University of Delaware football game and have been going ever since. The following weekend we had our annual ritual tournament and this was held in Gettysburg, PA., unfortunately we did not have anyone from our chapter competing this year but we will next year. We also had the Legion of Honor Investiture done on four recipients that were very well deserved of receiving this honor. We still have the remainder of the month to go. So as you can tell we hit the ground running and have not stopped.

Our chapter has a couple of prospects that I will be meeting with soon so I hope they decide to join the

ranks of DeMolay and it they do then I hope we are on a rebuilding phase of the chapter. There are a couple of things that I will need help with from the lodge, right now there are only two advisors for the chapter, Brother Walter PM and myself. With DeMolay getting a little more rigid in the standards we are in need of one more advisor, so if any of you would like to step up and help with the chapter just let me know. I will be glad to take more than one advisor if we end up having a couple of you then that would be fantastic. Also right now we are sitting with 11 members on our roster and again by DeMolay standards we need to have a minimum of 15, like I stated earlier I will be speaking with a couple of prospects and I hope they join but that will

still put us short of our goal. So if you know of any young men between 12 and 21 that you think would be interested in DeMolay let me know I will be glad to meet with them.

The DeMolay Legion of Honor is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an adult. The 2 classes of membership are Honorary or Active, Active is for a member that is a Senior DeMolay and Honorary is for an adult

that was not a member of DeMolay. In the picture Below, you will see that there are 2 Active and 2 Honorary. Behind them are the 7 DeMolay that were Preceptors for the Investiture and the Investiture Team behind them. Congratulations to the recipients and also to the Degree team for doing an excellent job. Left to Right-Brother Evan Moody, Herb Atkinson PGM, R.W. Dale Irwin and Dean Disharoon PGM.



Online Masonic Resources – John Cannon, SS

As I attempt to improve myself in masonry, I often look online for resources as my regular vocation is intimately involved with technology and the Internet. I have found many wonderful corners for discussion, research, and masonic fun. Below are a few of my favorites.

<http://www.reddit.com/r/freemasonry>

Reddit is a website with a community for everything you can imagine, and it also includes a very active one full of Brothers and those seeking light. I have spent many hours here looking through pictures of someone's trip to a Grand Lodge in an exotic or historic location, found some cool new masonic jewelry websites, checked out impressive masonic tattoos, read some really neat masonic history from all over the world and much, much more. You'll find lively discussion on all things Masonry in a relaxed atmosphere. If you are new to Reddit, however, please read the community rules on the sidebar before posting and commenting.

<http://masoniclibrary.com/books/> & amazon.com

If you like to read as I do (I'm the son of a librarian), you may have an e-reader device like a Kindle or an iPad with the Kindle app or iBooks app. At masoniclibrary.com, you can download a humongous trove of masonic books, all free of charge in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. I like loading a few of these up in my iBooks app on the iPad for long trips or flights. There are also a number of free masonic texts available on amazon.com for the Kindle (or Kindle App), like Washington's Masonic Correspondence as found among the Washington Papers in the Library of Congress (<https://amzn.com/B004TQH2NY>) and The Principles of Masonic Law A Treatise on the Constitutional Laws, Usages and Landmarks of Freemasonry (<https://amzn.com/B0084C4PDY>), and The Symbolism of Freemasonry Illustrating and Explaining Its Science and Philosophy, Its Legends, Myths and Symbols (<https://amzn.com/B00AQM8FFE>). These are all completely free of charge digital downloads and there are hundreds of other very low cost volumes available for purchase if you search amazon.com.

Dates to Remember:

October 6

Stated Communication and
Birthday Party
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

October 10

Grand Lodge
Annual Communication
Rehoboth Beach

October 13

Grand Lodge Installation
Clayton Fire Hall
7:00 PM

October 19

Milford Halloween Parade

October 20

Special Communication
MM Degree
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

October 27

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

November 10

Grand Lodge Members Meeting
6:00 PM – Third Floor

November 10

Stated Communication and
Birthday Party
Dinner 6:30 PM//Lodge 7:30 PM

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Birthday Brother Celebration

Here's a "mug" shot of the birthday brothers for September! Not pictured is Birthday boy Dan Doran, PM. He got away before we could get his picture. (he's so shy) We celebrated 181 years in September. We are having a birthday party every month and I promise the cake itself is worth the visit!



LADIES

Please take time and read the Trestleboard. We have several events planned for you to attend throughout the Masonic year.

Important Announcement about October Communication

In order for members of Temple Lodge No. 9 to attend the Grand Staff Installation on October 13, 2016, the first stated communication in October will be rescheduled a week earlier to October 6, 2016.

The business meeting time will start as normal at 7:30 PM with dinner and fellowship on the 2nd floor at 6:30. Please note this important change.

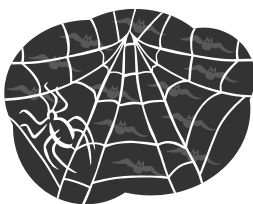
The Grand Lodge Installation for RW

Worshipful Dale T. Irwin will be held at the Clayton Fire Hall (212 Railroad Ave, Clayton, DE 19938) at 7:00 PM on October 13, 2016 and is open to all.

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