



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

Chartered January 16, 1815
2018-2019

204th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Steve Kerr, WM

I hope I find everybody safe from all the flooding in the wet September we had, but thank God we were spared from the hurricane. Please keep the Carolina's and the Southern East Coast in your prayers as they are trying to get lives back and rebuild.

I'd like to thank everyone that came out for the crab feast and made it another outstanding event. 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.

October 4, will be Grand Lodge Installation at the Nur Shrine... come out and support the ensuing Grand Master and also Temple Lodge No. 9 brothers that were asked to be part of his Grand Staff.

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny. -Carl Schurz

Thank You EM Way, Inc.

The officers and members of Temple Lodge No. 9 would like to thank EM Way Inc., and its owner Christine McKinney for her very generous donation of \$500 for a scholarship in memory of her grandfather. He was a Past Master of a lodge in Philadelphia. She also donated \$100 sponsorship for our crab feast and finally she donated the entire officer line new aprons. Brother Mike Brittingham, Junior Warden, has worked with Christine for 3 years and Brother Jim Barlow has worked with her for 6 years. They both agree her generosity and willingness to help others in need is unmatched. We look forward to showing off our new aprons!



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
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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
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 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 this month I might give you a few words of wisdom in the form of a poem I found, which I feel expresses my feelings. I have travelled through many lodges, but I know now I've found my home lodge.

Though my Lodge may lack the splendor
Of a temple or a shrine,
Or possess the gaudy fixtures
That are classed as superfine-
Yet the fellowship it offers
Is in price beyond compare
And I wouldn't trade it ever
For life's treasures-rich or rare!

When all my earthly travels end,
And at last I'm borne to rest
Where mortal hands no longer toil
And I cease life's endless quest
Why there's nothing I'd like better-
Should I join the heavenly throng-
Than to meet with all the brothers
Of the Lodge where I belong!

The hand-clasp firm, the word of cheer,
Oh, such meanings they impart:
The mystic ties of brotherhood
That links us, heart to heart!
You'd really have to travel far,
For the friendships quite so strong
As those one always finds right here
In the lodge where I belong.

THE LODGE WHERE I BELONG
by Arthur R. Herrman

Temple Lodge No. 9 Awards Scholarships

Temple Lodge No. 9 A. F. & A. M. awarded seven scholarships at their June 14th meeting. The Lodge was pleased to distribute their annual scholarship awards for 2018 to Brianna Wells, Milford High School - \$1,000 who plans on attending Virginia Tech, to Lauren McNulty, Cape Henlopen High School - \$500 who plans on attending University of Delaware or Coastal Carolina University, and to Katelyn Brown, Lake Forest High School - \$1,000 who plans on attending Salisbury University. Additional winners were awarded Henry C. Coleman scholarships. The Coleman scholarships are provided by Temple Lodge No. 9 for students that are part of the extended Masonic family. The winners were each awarded \$750. They are Ryan Swain from Calvert Hall High School - who plans on attending Towson University, Jeremy Mahoney from Poly Tech High School - who plans on attending Delaware Technical Community College, Morgan Abbott from Milford High School - who plans on attending University of Delaware, and Emily Hogan who is currently attending Washington State University. The applicants were required to write an essay. Lauren McNulty read her essay on Benjamin Franklin to the members of the Lodge in attendance. The money for the scholarships is raised at Temple Lodge No. 9's annual golf outing in May. For information about next year's scholarship awards, contact Gerald Swain at 302.424.1516.

**“Masonry aims at the promotion of morality and higher living
by the cultivation of the social side of man, the rousing in him
of the instincts of charity and love of his kind. It rests surely
on the foundation of the brotherhood of man and the
fatherhood of God.”**

William Howard Taft

Scottish Rite of Delaware – Brother Jack McDuff

The State of Delaware has lost a special Scottish Rite Brother, James T. Elliott, Jr. who passed away on August 14, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carolyn Elliott.

He was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 2 A.F. & A.M. in New Castle where he served as Worshipful Master in 1988. Jim was an active 33rd Degree member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Wilmington. He was a member of the Supreme Council and Past Deputy for Delaware. Jim will be deeply missed.

Upcoming events:

Delaware has two lodges, the Valley of Wilmington (VOW) and the Valley of Lower Delaware (VOLD), which meets at Endeavor Lodge in Milton. The VOLD meets every other month with the first meeting in the Fall of 2018 on September 10th (next meeting Nov. 12th) at 7:00 PM in Milton, Delaware. This upcoming 2018/19 year we will have six dates for reunions:

October 20th, 2018: 4th degree digital and 11th degree live in Wilmington.
November 17th, 2018: 14th degree live and 7th degree digital in Wilmington.
February 2nd, 2019: 12th degree digital and 16th degree live in Wilmington.
March 2nd, 2019: 6th degree digital and 18th degree live in Wilmington.
March 30th, 2019: degrees TBD (Location will be Lewes, Delaware, Jefferson Lodge)
May 11th, 2019: 26th degree digital and 32nd degree live (location TBD).

The location for these reunions in Wilmington will be at the Grand Opera House at 818 Market St, 4th floor, Wilmington, DE 19801. Free ground level parking is at the corner of 8th and Orange St. Any questions ... please contact me at johnmcduff@comcast.net or 302-632-5802.

Who can join Scottish Rite of Delaware?

A Delaware Master Mason can petition 60 days after receiving their MM degree. Since a candidate for the Scottish Rite is already a Master Mason, he can petition and most assuredly be accepted for membership. The process of going from a 3° to a 32° differs substantially from the MM. Most of the degree work is done by observation and participation. Most candidates can receive their 32° in a relatively short period of time with a group of other Masons and quite often several Brothers from the same Lodge going through the Degrees together. Interested ... please contact me at johnmcduff@comcast.net or 302-632-5802.

Delaware's first reunion of 2018 will be held October 20th, at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, DE. Doors will open at 8:00 AM with meeting beginning at 9:30 AM on the 4th floor. The Valley of Wilmington and Valley of Lower Delaware will be conferring two degrees, 4th (Master Traveler) by video and 11th (Sublime Master Elected) with live presentation which will be completed by 1:00 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.

Hope to see you soon.

Temple Lodge No. 9 Hosts a Successful Crab Feast

The 11th Annual Crab Feast was a success despite a washout on the scheduled date and the threat of a hurricane for the rain date. The Crab Feast Committee chair PM Will Currey and Brother Pete Russo put their heads together and provided a perfect solution. The feast was held on Monday, 9/10/18 and well over 100 brothers and guests were able to attend for a great feast and fellowship. It was the first time the feast had weather issues in its 11 years and we hope it is 11 more years before it happens again.

Temple Lodge No. 9 would like to thank Brother Russo, his wife Roberta and their staff for all of their hard work in hosting the event.

Please see pictures on the back page.

Dates to Remember:

October 11, 2018

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

October 17, 2018

Grand Visitation at
Gethsemane Lodge No. 28
7:30 PM

October 23, 2018

Grand Visitation at
Franklin Lodge No. 12
7:30 PM

October 25, 2018

Grand Lodge Nominations
Meeting
ONLY OPEN TO MEMBERS
OF GRAND LODGE
6:00 PM

October 25, 2018

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

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Crab Feast Pictures



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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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.