

October 2021



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

### 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 2021-2022

*Worshipful Master*

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*Rob Watts – Junior Deacon*

*Curtis Perry – Senior Steward*

*Ronnie Joseph – Junior Steward*

*Roland Cohee, Jr., PGC - Chaplain*

*Max Robichaud – Tiler*

*Pete “Ringo” Ringenary – Marshal*

*Tom McMurray – Lodge Instructor*

Chartered January 16, 1815  
2021-2022

207<sup>th</sup> Year of Fellowship

## From the East – Michael O. Nichols, WM

Well brothers the new Masonic year has begun, and September was a busy month. We had the 14th Annual Crab Feast, and it was a huge success with over 250 in attendance, perfect weather and amazing food!

For those who have never been a part of this event, it is a huge undertaking that requires a great deal of work from many brothers to pull it off each year. Special thanks need to go to PM's Will Currey and Chad Robinson for all their help in organizing this event. Additionally, I'd like to give a huge shout out to Brother Pete Russo, his wife Roberta, and their staff at JP's for allowing the lodge to use their facilities and for their help with the event, we could not do this without them. Last, I'd like to thank the officer line, every officer at Temple 9 was there to help throughout the event.

Unfortunately we had several brothers pass away in September - L. Donald McKnatt, Dan Trader, and Frances Quillen, which resulted in two Masonic Services. While we mourn the loss of our departed brothers, it is heartwarming to see so many brothers turn out to pay their respects to these brothers and their families.

October is shaping up for another busy month at Temple 9, and Brother JW Fitzgerald along with the help of other brothers, is preparing the float for the Milford Community Parade on 10/20/2021. We can't wait to see it!

PM's Jim Bennett and Steve Walter are working hard organizing the Temple Lodge No. 9 Bowling Tournament on 02/19/2021 and the Temple Lodge No. 9 Sporting Clay Shoot on 03/06/2021. These are always highly anticipated events the brothers throughout the state look forward to each year, so be sure to look for the flyers and start getting your teams together now.

Grand Lodge held the 216th Annual Communication on 10/04/2021 in Rehoboth Beach, and the incoming Grand Lodge staff for 2021 – 2022 were installed on 10/07/2021 at Evergreen Farms. We, along with the other lodges, look forward to another great year of Masonry in Delaware under the leadership of Most Worshipful Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr.

In closing I'd like to remind everyone that while we would all love to see the COVID 19 Pandemic be a distant memory it is unfortunately still here and we are still having brothers, friends and family members being affected by it. So please continue to be safe and look after those brothers and their families that have been impacted by this.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about something, please feel free to contact me. You can email me at mp-nich613@comcast.net or call or text me at 302-242-0238.

Until we once again meet on the level my brothers.

## Dates to Remember:

**October 14, 2021**

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

**October 20, 2021**

Milford Community Parade  
Downtown Milford  
6:30 PM  
See Junior Warden for More  
Details

**October 26, 2021**

Grand Master's Visitation for  
Franklin Lodge No. 12  
To Be Held at Millsboro Fire Hall

**October 28, 2021**

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

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Let's Go To Lodge Tonight!  
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Let's Go To Lodge Tonight  
My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight  
You haven't been for years.  
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white  
And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see,  
to climb those creaky stairs  
I know it'll be a thrill for me  
to lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door  
and though he'll hesitate,  
we'll hear him say just as before,  
Come in or you'll be late.

I'd like to get out on the floor  
Come on, let's get in line  
I want to face the East once more  
And give the same old sign.

I want to hear the gavel rap  
the Craftsmen to attention  
and see the Master don his cap  
a night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,  
or your wrestling bout or fight  
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!  
Let's go to Lodge tonight.



## Living Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

Jehu M. Davis, Jr. – 1966  
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  
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, PJGD – 2010  
Chad Robinson, PGMar. – 2011  
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012  
Will Currey, PGSB – 2013  
Roland Cohee, Sr. PGT – 2014  
Stephen Walter, PGSB – 2015  
Jim Bennett, PJGS – 2016  
Brandon Smith – 2017  
Steve Kerr – 2018  
Matthew Thompson, SGD – 2019  
John Cannon - 2020

## Affiliated Past Masters

Thomas McMurray – 1977  
James Cooke – 2008  
John Marinucci, PGM – 2011  
Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08  
James G. Sutton – 1994  
M.W. Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., GM –  
2015

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