

October 2022



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 2022-2023

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Tom McMurray – Lodge Instructor

Chartered January 16, 1815
2022-2023

208th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Christopher W. Fitzgerald, WM

Brethren,

We've had a very successful start to this Masonic year. Our Annual Crab Feast at JP's, both September Stated Communications, the Fellowship Fishing Charter, the Spaghetti Dinner (to benefit the GWNMM), and most recently our new Masonic Book Society were all well attended. Freemasonry in Delaware is up and running on all cylinders throughout our great state, District No. 3 and Temple Lodge No. 9 and it feels great!

Coming in October:

The 217th Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be 10/03/22 for the members of the Grand Lodge of Delaware at the Convention Center at 9:00 AM.

The Installation of the Grand Master & Grand Staff will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Clayton Firehall on 10/06/22.

At our first Stated Communication on 10/13/22 we will be passing a few of our brothers to the degree of Fellow Craft and a few petitioners will be initiated at our second Stated Communication on 10/27/22.

Our Wardens, W.B. Walter & Brother Geise, are heading a float committee as we participate in this year's Milford Community Parade on 10/19/22. If you'd like to lend a hand, please let one of the officers know.

To join in the haunted holiday fun, W.B. Danny Doran and his team are putting on a Masonic Trunk & Treat event at the lodge building on Halloween; complete with chili cook off & prizes for best decorative trunks. Hot dogs & sodas will be offered by the lodge. This event is pet friendly, so dress up your fur baby and bring them out.

Join the fun, whether it be in lodge or at one of our Masonic Fellowship programs. Until then my Brothers, take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

Meet you on the LEVEL!!





Some Wise & Serious Truths – Masonic Education

Why Men Love Freemasonry

Bro. CARL H. CLAUDY, Honorary Past Grand Master of New Hampshire
from “The Master Mason”, August 1925

THE QUESTION, “Why do men wish to become Freemasons?” is of little importance. But the subsequent query, “Why do Freemasons remain such – why do Freemasons love Freemasonry?” is of such great and far-reaching importance that almost every Masonic writer and philosopher has tried to answer it; a perfectly normal procedure, as there appear to be almost as many reasons as there are men to give them. No answer which seems adequately to cover the whole question has as yet been formulated. Although the reasons given are very numerous, they fall naturally into certain broad classes. We are told that men love Freemasonry because it teaches the brotherhood of man, and that man is hungry for fraternity. There is none to question the truth of the statement, yet it seems to lack much as an adequate explanation for the love of the Order which we find everywhere. Freemasonry is not the only organization which teaches the brotherhood of man. There are many fraternal orders, the teachings of which are founded wholly or in part upon this basis. All churches teach the fatherhood of God and, either directly or by implication, the brotherhood of man. Freemasonry’s hold upon her members is from some quality she possesses, or service she renders, which many men do not easily find elsewhere. As brotherhood and its teachings can be found in many other orders, it seems inadequate as an explanation of a Freemason’s devotion to his Craft. We are told that the hold which Freemasonry has upon men comes from the sense of the mystic which is common to all men; that the search for That Which Was Lost is intriguing to the detective instinct in us all; that from the dawn of history the hunt has been a passion of men; the man hunt, the beast hunt, the food hunt, the hunt for gold, for power, for truth, for discovery; and that to seek is implanted in our blood. Therefore, argue these philosophers, Freemasonry’s hold upon her initiates is due to her holding ever before them an endless search after an unknown something of value which was once possessed and has now passed beyond mortal ken. But Freemasonry is but one of many activities in which man can search. The most ardent Freemason is no more energetic in his search for That Which Was Lost than is a churchman for that peace of God which passeth understanding. The most ardent Freemason is no more anxious to find the Lost Word than is the physician to discover the cure for cancer, the remedy for old age, the fountain of youth. The most ardent Freemason has no more ardor for his quest than the scientist in his laboratory, the business man after material success, the pleasure-hunter after joy. Freemasonry is but one of many activities in which the hunter may find an elusive quarry. Inasmuch as it requires some philosophic preparation and some background of Masonic knowledge really to engage in such a quest, it may well be doubted if this reason is one which affects the majority of those who love the Order.

For the remainder of this exciting article, please click [HERE](#) for a PDF edition.

From the West – Stephen Walter, PGSB

Dates to Remember:

October 3, 2022

Grand Lodge
Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth
9:00 AM

October 6, 2022

Installation of
Grand Lodge Officers
Clayton Fire Company
7:00 PM

October 13, 2022

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

October 19, 2022

Milford Community Parade
Lodge Float In
6:30 PM

October 27, 2022

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

October 31, 2022

Trunk or Treat
Temple Lodge No.9
6 PM to 8 PM

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In order for something to have value to you, you must know it, understand it and practice it regularly. That something is Freemasonry. Knowing it requires studying it. Understanding it suggests discussing it with informed brothers. Practicing it requires the discipline to apply what you know and understand. This is the mathematical formula for making good men better to which we claim to provide to our fraternity. It is for this purpose that W.M. Fitzgerald and I have started the Masonic Book Society. Our goal is to work on polishing our rough ashlar by reading, studying and discussing Masonic literature. We will be reading a selected book each month and meeting to discuss it with other Master Masons who may have interest. The October meeting will be held on the 24th at 7pm on the second floor of Temple Lodge No. 9. You may bring your own light refreshments as we discuss "A Masonic Evolution: The New World of Freemasonry" by: Brother Michael R. Poll.



Living Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

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 Andraee, 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
Michael Nichols - 2021

Affiliated Past Masters

Thomas McMurray – 1977
James Cooke – 2008
John Marinucci, PGM – 2011
Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
James G. Sutton – 1994
Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., PGM – 2015
William C. Thompson, JGD – 2018
Charles Randy Wood - 2000

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