



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

Chartered January 16, 1815
2011-2012
197th 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)

Lodge Officers
2011-2012

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Deacon
Stephen Walter – Junior
Deacon

Jim Bennett – Senior Steward
Phil Webb – Junior Steward
Harold Rothermel - Chaplain
Harold Brode – Tiler
Dayn Carter – Marshal
Michael B. Saba, PM – Aide to
the Master and Lodge
Instructor

From the East – Chad Robinson, WM

Brethren, I must say it is an incredible honor to serve as your Worshipful Master. I am truly humbled by the immense responsibility that you have entrusted in me and I hope I can live up to your expectations. I have some big plans for this lodge and I hope I can count on your support. I cannot do this alone. My theme for this year is "Spreading the Cement" and I hope you will join me

in spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection across this lodge and this grand jurisdiction.

We are going to do a few new things this year. Among them, we are going to have a few additional events and get involved in some new projects. I hope I can count on your support. You will also receive this newly updated Trestleboard more frequently to keep you up

to date with what is going on in your lodge. The phrase, "I didn't know" will not work this year. I encourage you to read each page of this Trestleboard as it contains valuable information. I also encourage you to get involved. I was told early that you get out of Masonry what you put into it. I look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to stretch forth a hand to support a brother in need!

From the West – A. Daniel Doran, SW

Well the summer may be winding to a close but our Masonic year is just beginning!

I'd like to take a moment and let you know what our Scouts have been doing. To date, we have two of our Scouts who have completed their Venturing Silver Awards which is the highest award in the Venturing Program. Four have completed their Ranger Award and these same youth are in the middle of their Quarter Master Award, which is the highest award in Sea Scouts. Currently, one of our Sea Scouts is working on his Eagle Scout Project

and William T. Hornaday Conservation Award, which involves that wonderful bucket of used batteries outside of our Lodge Room. He has set up collection buckets in several schools and churches and has collected nearly 200 lbs. of used batteries. Another one of our Scouts is also working toward his award Hornaday Award and has collected, with the help of other youth and adult leaders, nearly 7,000 plastic water bottles, keeping them out of our landfills. I am so proud of what our youth are doing in our community and grateful for the support our

Lodge is showing towards them.

Our Worshipful Master has put a lot of time into planning a really great year for us and with your support I know that it will be one of the best years yet. There's a lot going on this year with activities, degree work, visiting other Lodges, even helping out our Scouts with a service project or two and I am looking forward to seeing you come out to enjoy fellowship and working together. Have a great summer and we'll see you soon.

Living Past Masters

Herschel Billings – 1950
Chester C. Coffin – 1960
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 W. 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 – 1989/2007
William A. Dudley, Jr. – 1990
PGM William T. Wadkins, Jr. – 1992
Bruce K. Ney – 1993
Marlin A. Gillespie – 1994
Maurice C. Barnes – 1996
David F. Coady – 1997
Clarence R. Jackson – 1998
Donald C. Adams – 1999
Joshua J. Willey – 2000
J. Edward Hudson – 2001
George Andreae – 2002
Samuel C. Johnson – 2004
George G. Jester, Jr. – 2005
Gerald K. Layne – 2006
Michael B. Saba – 2008/2009
Martin F. Hogan III - 2010

From the South – William T. Currey, IV, JW

As I look forward to serving this great lodge from the south as your Junior Warden for this ensuing Masonic year, I deemed it necessary to reflect upon my short but amazing time as a mason. In doing so, I realized that it has been just a short few years since my raising and although I have learned a tremendous amount about our fraternity, I still feel that there is an enormous amount of light yet to gain. I fully recognize that without the help and support of my brothers, I would never have ascended to the South in such a short period of time, and for that I am eternally grateful! Thank you for everything you have done and for your confidence in my ability to serve you and this lodge.

First, let me extend my congratulations to WM Robinson on an excellent officer initiation evening

and assuming the East. With Brother Robinson as WM, It is bound to be another exhilarating year packed full of Fellowship, knowledge, and camaraderie that every brother will enjoy and grow from.

One point that I drive home to my FFA officers when they are elected to an office and throughout the school year is that we are here to serve the organization, not for the organization to serve us. As an officer of the lodge, I plan to follow this philosophy and serve this lodge to the best of my ability. As we move forward with this exciting year that Worshipful Master Robinson has planned for us, I sincerely hope that I will come to know and serve every brother and, in turn, for you to continue to offer your opinions and counsel to me. We will only be as

strong as our weakest link. We need ALL our brothers to come out and support our lodge. I would like to challenge each and every one of you join us in at least one function this upcoming year. Whether it is a stated communication, a meal event, or a social gathering, we would really enjoy your fellowship and hopefully allow you to reconnect with your lodge and brothers.

I truly look forward to working with each and every one of our Temple Number 9 brothers. It is going to be an exciting and challenging year, no doubt, but the rewards will be even greater as we strengthen our bonds and serve OUR lodge. I will see you in the South come September.

New Plans for Fellowship Time Before Meetings

There is one thing we know for sure about Masons and that is that we love to eat. PM Marty Hogan changed our fellowship time to prior to our stated communications last year. This has proved to be a positive change and WM Robinson plans to continue with that concept this year. It is

disheartening though that the Stewards Fund has been stretched in previous years. Beginning with the first meeting, a full meal (entrée, drink and dessert) will be provided at each meeting. At each meal, you will be asked to contribute \$5 for your entire meal. What a deal! If you plan on attending multiple meetings (which

everyone is), you may purchase a dining card that will give you a discount on each meal. They will be available at the first and subsequent meetings. The prices for those cards will be available at our first meeting. We hope you enjoy our fine meals this year.

E-mail Addresses and Lodge Website

You might not be aware, but each time we send a trestleboard by postal mail it costs the lodge over \$100. That is a lot of money if we want the type of communication we all desire. Think about it – to send the trestleboard out each month lodge is in session it would cost over \$1000 for the year. This is why we need your help.

Over the past year, we have attempted to acquire as many e-mail addresses as possible from brothers. Currently, we have 116 e-mail addresses, which is barely half of our total membership. We are confident that more of you have e-mail addresses. **If you have an e-mail address, please share it with the lodge.**

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. We are also going to begin sending the Trestleboard in e-mail (you might have even received this one that way). Your e-mail address will save the lodge much needed funds and be environmentally friendly at the same time.

Also, we will soon be launching the new lodge website – www.templelodge9.org.

There will be more information about this forthcoming, but it will be a place for you to go and get information about the

lodge and upcoming events. The idea is that the website will serve as a resource for you, but also be available for you to share with other men you think might be interested in the Fraternity. Please be on the lookout for more information and we will let you know when we “go live” with the site.

You can also **find the lodge on Facebook** by searching Temple Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M.! We use this popular social network for posting event announcements and news!!

We hope these avenues of communication will bring us into the 21st century and keep you more informed about what is going on at YOUR lodge!!



The above picture is the profile picture for the Facebook page – look for it!!!

Great Time Had by All at Summer Events

The lodge hosted a couple great events this summer and we wanted to make sure you were aware in case you couldn't attend.

On July 16, the lodge hosted a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's in Milford. This is a great fundraiser for the lodge. Thanks for SW Roland Cohee for his hard work in organization. We had brothers from across this Grand Jurisdiction join us, as well as the Scottish Rite Valley of Lower Delaware. They hosted a

morning out with their ladies at our event. Thanks to all those that came out, the lodge made over \$800 from that particular fundraiser. Also, many thanks to the brothers who donated their time to help work it. Without you, we could not have been nearly as successful as we were.

On August 20, 2011 we had our annual Lodge Picnic. Thanks to PM Michael Saba for again donating the use of his home and pool for our

event. The brothers in attendance had a great time in the pool and dining on great covered dishes provided by everyone. While the weather made us cancel the original date, it turned out to be a beautiful day on the 20th.

We hope everyone had a good time at these events and hope to see a few more of you out at similar events in the future. This is YOUR lodge and we look forward to seeing you. Enjoy the pictures at right from these events!!



PM Marty Hogan and his granddaughter enjoy the pancake breakfast!!



It took many hands in the kitchen to make the Pancake Breakfast a successful event!!

Dates to Remember:

September 8
Regular Communication
"Rusty Nail Degree"
6:30 Dinner – 7:30 Lodge

September 10
Milford Freedom Festival
Downtown Milford
Lodge Sponsoring Face Painting

September 18
Lodge Crab Feast
1 pm to 4 pm -- \$30 per ticket
JP's on the Wharf – Bowers Beach

September 22
Regular Communication
"Recognition of Birthday Brothers"
6:30 Dinner – 7:30 Lodge

September 27
Visit to Temple Lodge No. 128
Sister Lodge in Denton, MD
Contact WM Robinson for details.

October 3
Grand Lodge Annual
Communication
Atlantic Sands – Rehoboth

October 6
Grand Master's Installation
Dover Sheraton
7:00 PM

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.templelodge9.org

Hungry?? Come to the Lodge Crab Feast

Our biggest fundraiser and one of the liveliest events of the year is coming up quickly. What is that event you may ask -- the 4th Annual Temple Lodge No.9 Crab Feast. It will be held again this year at JP's on the Wharf in Bowers Beach. The restaurant is owned and operated by Brother Pete

Russo and he always makes sure we get the best food and have a great time.

The food is all you can eat crabs, corn on the cob, hushpuppies, fried shrimp and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$30 per person and it is open to

everyone. **TICKETS ARE GOING FAST – SO GET YOURS NOW!!**

To purchase tickets, contact PM Saba at (302) 465-0914. He will be happy to sell you as many as you like. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Canned Food for the Community and Batteries for Recycling

Do you have an extra can of green beans or peas sitting in your pantry? Usually, those extra canned goods find a way to make it on to our shelves. Don't forget that there are many in our community that are in

need and would benefit from those canned goods. Please consider bringing them to the lodge and putting them in our canned food drive box. They will be donated to local charities for distribution in our

community for those in need. This is a great way we can give back.

Also, don't forget the bucket for your used batteries. Let's support our Scouts in their effort and fill that bucket!!!

About Our Lodge...

After helping form the Grand Lodge of A.F & A.M. of Delaware, in 1806, Jesse Green was instrumental in forming Temple Lodge No. 9 in Milford. On January 16,

1815, a warrant was issued to our lodge at the State House in Dover naming Jesse Green as WM, John Mitchell as SW and James Millchop as JW. On June 24, 1816,

there were 45 members reported to Grand Lodge. We continue to serve our community to the best of our ability and always provide warm welcome and fellowship.

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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.