



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

Chartered January 16, 1815
2017-2018
203rd 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 2017-2018

Worshipful Master
Brandon Smith
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Senior Warden
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(302) 853-2181

Junior Warden
Matt Thompson
(302) 684-2862

Secretary
Jeff Hague, PM
(302) 422-0233

Deputy Secretary and
Webmaster
Chad Robinson, PM
(302) 270-4391

Treasurer
Bob Yerkes
(302) 422-4741

Mike Brittingham – Senior Deacon
John Cannon - Junior Deacon
Mike Nichols – Senior Steward
Dan Trader – Junior Steward
Roland Cohee, Jr. - Chaplain
Shane Young – Tiler
Jack McDuff – Marshal

From the East – Brandon Smith, WM

Oh, how time flies! I cannot believe we are coming upon the start of another Masonic year. I can say that I am looking forward to this year just as much as any year since I have joined Temple Lodge No. 9! I cannot begin to express my sincere gratitude for everyone who has extended their hand and offered to help support me and our lodge throughout this year.

This year we will continue with the format of lodge meetings. Our first stated meeting of each month will be Casual Attire and we will only be performing a business meeting with

some other fun and interesting activities. Hopefully we might be able to Polish our Minds a little and enjoy ourselves while doing it! Our second stated meeting of each month I will try to schedule degree work and will be business as usual. We have a busy year planned out with something seemingly going on in each month. For the very first meeting we will be conferring the rusty nail degree. This is a great opportunity for all Master Masons to come out and learn a little about the degrees that they might have forgotten!

We also have plenty of degree work coming in the near future! Be on the lookout for information regarding special communications! Attendance at these special communications makes the night even more special for the candidates. I would love to see everyone come out to Lodge and participate! Remember the Crab Feast is on September 10 and we cannot sell tickets at the door! Finally, remember that the lodge is here for you! Do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call me should you need anything.

**“There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet.”
– Bro. Dave Thomas**



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
John E. Holland – 1980
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 T. Robinson, PSGS – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, PJGS – 2013
H. Roland Cohee – 2014
Stephen Walter – 2015
Jim Bennett - 2015

Affiliated Past Masters of
Temple Lodge No. 9

Thomas McMurray – 1977
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008
Roan Oak, Texas

John Marinucci, DGM – 2011
Dover, Delaware

Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
Glen Burnie, Maryland

From the DeMolay – Dad Dave Penney

Brethren,

As some of you may know, the DeMolay of Delaware mans a concession booth at the University of Delaware football games. Each chapter is required to provide at least 4 people to work the booth. Our chapter is lacking in membership and I am in need of some of the lodge brothers that would like to step up and help the chapter by manning the booth from time to time. If you can help us out please let me know and I will send you the paperwork that the concession company requires us to fill out prior to working the games.

I am including the rest of the games to find out if anyone would be interested in helping out with these and I will also include the report time. Thank you in advance for considering this and I hope that I can get some brothers that are willing to help out.

Games:

Cornell	16 September	1:00pm
JMU	30 September	1:00pm
W&M	14 October	1:00pm
Richmond	21 October	1:00pm
Albany	11 November	TBD

Please keep in mind that these times are subject to change. If you would like to help us out or if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at home 302-284-8631 or cell 302-745-6984 or by email deldemolay@aol.com.

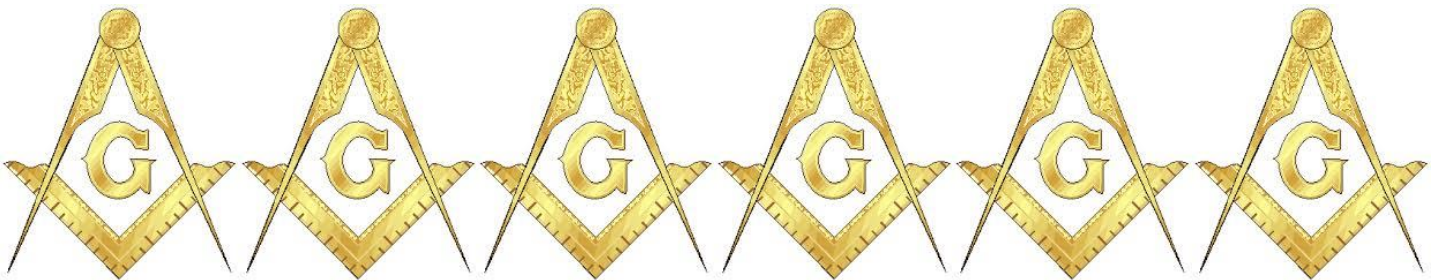


Past Master's Corner – Jim Bennett, PM

It's hard to believe that I'm submitting an article for "Past Masters Corner". It really doesn't seem that long ago that I was sitting in front of PM Currey (JW at the time) in the South as a new Master Mason and Steward. It was a great journey through the chairs and I look forward to seeing the brothers that are in line now progress in their journeys! My plan to stay active in the fraternity is to help out the different committees in place. This is a great help to the staff and helps the lodge in moving forward. Any member from Entered Apprentices to Master Masons are welcome and encouraged to help in one, or more, of the many committees formed in the lodge. If you would like to join a committees just notify one of the Wardens or Past Masters and they will help you join a committee. On another note if you need a ride to a meeting please do not hesitate to call me for that purpose.

I can be reached at 302-228-1228.

"Courage is the first of human qualities, because it is the quality which guarantees all the others."
-Winston Churchill



About Our Lodge...

The seeds of Masonry were well planted in the hearts and minds of the good people of Milford and began to grow in earnest beginning in 1814, when plans began to be formulated for the establishment of a Masonic lodge.

In 1806, a charter had been granted to form a lodge in the neighboring town of Laurel, known as Hope No. 4. It is to the brethren of this lodge that we are indebted to for sponsoring a lodge in Milford. A petition from the following brothers; William Brinkle, Jr., John W. Redden, John Oliver and Benjamin Hudson, all of whom it is believed were members of Hope No. 4, was submitted to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, itself only chartered in June of 1806, asking that a charter be granted for a lodge in Milford.

On January 16, 1815, Grand Lodge granted a charter for a Masonic Lodge to be located in Milford, Delaware, to be known as Temple Lodge No. 9. It was further authorized that James Derickson, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and the Worshipful Master of Hope Lodge No. 4 in Laurel to institute the new lodge.

On March 15, 1815, the first regular meeting of Temple Lodge was held. The following officers were installed by the Junior Grand Warden, James Derickson:

Worshipful Master Jesse Green, Senior Warden John Mitchel, Junior Warden James Millechop



The First Worshipful Master of Temple Lodge No. 9, Jesse Green

Dates to Remember:

September 10, 2017

Crab Feast
J.P.'s on the Wharf,
Bowers Beach
1 PM to 4 PM
\$40 per person

September 14, 2017

Stated Communication
and "Rusty Nail" Degree
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

September 28, 2017

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

October 2

Grand Lodge Communication
Rehoboth Beach

October 5

Grand Lodge Installation
Woodbridge High School,
Bridgeville
7:00 PM

October 7

Union Lodge No. 7
Outdoor Degree
Al Johnson's Farm, Magnolia
9:00 AM

We're on the Web!

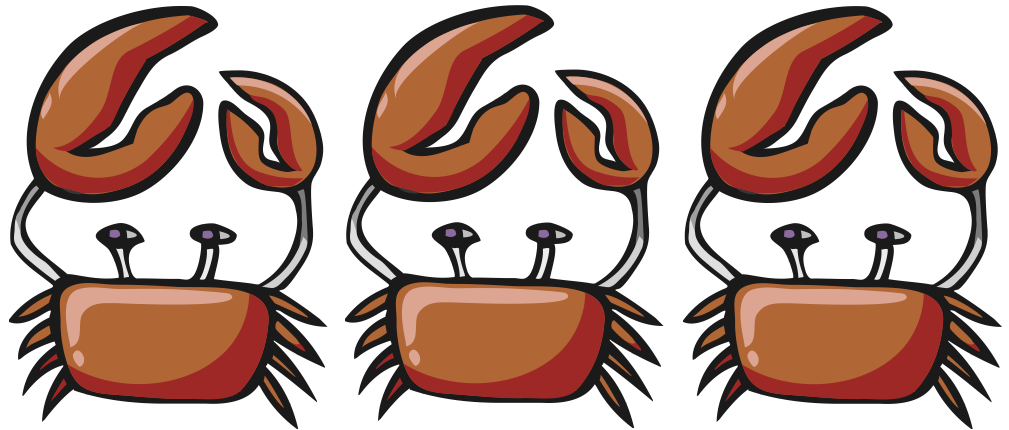
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www.temple9.org

Lodge Crab Feast

On Sunday, September 10, 2017, Temple Lodge No. 9 will be holding its 10th Annual Crab Feast. The event will begin with seating at 1:00 PM, with seating until 2:30 PM at JP's on the Wharf, Bowers Beach. JP's on the Wharf is owned and operated by Brother Pete Russo. The event will end at 4:00 PM. There will be crabs and clams (until they are gone), hush puppies, corn and other fixings! RESERVED TICKETS PAID FOR IN ADVANCE WILL BE THE ONLY TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!! This is necessary to prevent any conflict between the restaurant customers and our guests. Reserved tables will be available to those purchasing 10 or more tickets. All proceeds will benefit Temple Lodge No. 9's distressed Master Masons and their families.

We would like to invite you to join us, on that day, for our festivities. Tickets are available for only \$40.00 and a limited number are available. Please get yours before they are sold out. Tickets are available from WM Brandon Smith, PM Will Currey or by visiting the Lodge website at <http://temple9.org/10th-annual-crab-feast/>



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. Having updated information means we can get good information out more quickly to all of our members!

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Address Correction Requested



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.