



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)*

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**Chartered January 16, 1815
2018-2019**

204th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Steve Kerr. WM

Brethren, I hope you had a great summer and were able to spend time with your families. Thank you to everyone that was able to come to the Lodge picnic. Temple Lodge was able to bring the Traveling Gavel back home with your support of Grand Lodge and Temple with having the most people at Grand Lodge Day. September 9th we are having the 11th annual crab feast @ J.P's Warf and it is going to be another great get together. Please come and have some great crabs. Tickets are \$45.00 each or \$400.00 for a table of 10. Contact any Lodge Officer or P.M Currey, you can also buy tickets online on our website.

From the South – Mike Brittingham. JW

Brethren, it is indeed a great pleasure to address you from the South for the first time as J.W., I thank each of you for trusting/guiding me through this amazing journey! Our first last month of summer break is underway and we must remember how time flies and time is the only thing we can't get back! We must make the best use of our time and create amazing memories. I want to look back and remember the Brothers whom we have lost recently and remind ourselves that although we miss them, their time here on earth was spent wisely.

The beginning of our year is shaping up to be a busy one! W.M. Kerr has an amazing year planned and we cannot do it without each and every one of you. I am positive this year will be FUN. I am looking forward to seeing our EA and FC members further their masonic knowledge.

I'll leave you with a quote from Benjamin Franklin... "Masonic Labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic Wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a mason are the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason". Stay cool, Stay safe and most important Stay IN MOTION!

In Memory

In our lives, short as they are, there are just a few times we are brought from absolute darkness into the light. Once when we are born. We experience the world for the first time, the sights, sounds, and the other noise of the world. During this we remember nothing and cannot make any sense of the who, what's, or why's. Such is true when entering Masonic light for the first time with the exception we can remember the occasion and thereby can share with others. This starts our journey through our life in search of our place and time. During this travel it is up to the person how they view others and how they are viewed.

On July 9, 2018 Brother Jimmie Quillen took his last step on this life's journey. When at deaths door step we often hear it described as a bright light which draws us near. I prefer to think of it in this manner. For the second time in his life Brother Quillen has found light. Brother Quillen worked the majority of his life in retail sales where he forged the basis of how others saw him. He built a loyal customer base by including the tenants of Masonry and was a light for others.

Time is the great equalizer of all things as there is no stopping it or slowing it down. How will your light shine during your time?

*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 T. Robinson, GMar. – 2011
A. Daniel Doran, PGMar. - 2012
Will Currey, GSB – 2013
H. Roland Cohee, GT – 2014
Stephen Walter – 2015
Jim Bennett – 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, GM – 2011
Dover, Delaware

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

Mentorship Corner - Tom McMurray, PM

I want to ask each of you, what does the term “Masonic Behavior” mean to you?

What pattern of conduct should we, as Masons, pursue in order to be positive examples of our Fraternity in the minds of the general public, as well as a standard of behavior for our fellow Brethren within the Craft?

How do we know when our actions and reactions to situations and events truly reflect Masonic ideals? Our conduct as Masons begins to be quickly formed from the point of the very first instruction in Freemasonry. Instruction in the Masonic catechism and experience in the ritual quickly begins shaping our Masonic behavior with virtually all of the guidance that we need. If we live according to the Tenets of Freemasonry, practice the Cardinal Virtues of the Craft, and properly employ the Symbolic Furniture of the Lodge, then we can be sure that we have started to make a good man better and that the Rough Ashlar has lost some of its imperfections. Then each successive step we take and instructive lesson that we receive in Freemasonry serves to refine and perfect the living stone that we are preparing by living the lessons of Freemasonry.

Through our Tenets, there is no better example of what Freemasonry provides to the world than when we promote Brotherly Love, support the Relief of others, and encourage Truth. Through the Cardinal Virtues; when we are constantly seeking to live justly, with a Temperate demeanor, a Prudent attitude, and the Fortitude to withstand the light of self-examination and self-improvement, then we are living testaments to the value of Freemasonry. By following the teachings of our Volume of Sacred Law, applying the Square of Virtue to our behavior, and checking our actions against the limits defined by the Compasses, we will have clearly defined a pattern of behavior that can be considered a shining example of Freemasonry's teachings.

It has been said that the essence of practicing ethical behavior is often choosing to do the difficult right over the easy wrong. Similarly, the pattern of behavior expected of us as Master Masons is choosing to measure ourselves and our actions against the speculative Plumb, Level and Square, instead of by the flexible scale of behaviors accepted by current trends and fashions. This is no mere academic exercise or lofty ideal to hold ourselves up to these Working Tools. It is a constant challenge that we must apply in our daily lives; examining and improving our interaction with mankind, being watchful for instances when we step outside the bounds circumscribed by the compasses, being aware of times when we do not find ourselves Masonically perpendicular, horizontal and parallel. For the measure of Masonic behavior is not only exemplified by maintaining our conduct within our due bounds – it is also being aware of those instances when we have failed to live up to our obligations and duties, and when we must seek to heal a wrong and correct our behavior in the future. Taking action to quickly correct an offense done to either a Brother or to a non-Mason is also an example of Masonic behavior, since by this action we can show that our consideration for another person is a greater goal than preserving our pride or ego.

Masonic behavior is living by all of the implements of Freemasonry, and especially the Trowel. Can our behavior be found wanting if we live a balanced life according to the 24 inch Gage, improve our hearts and consciences with the common Gavel, stand uprightly with Square actions, be on the Level with our fellow man, and spread the cement of brotherly love and affection? We define our behavior, especially our Masonic behavior, by how we act when no one is watching, when no credit or glory may come our way, when we have to answer to no one but ourselves and the Grand Architect of the Universe. That may well be the time when we are tested to choose the difficult right over the easy wrong. It will also be a time that will determine if Freemasonry has truly been a positive influence on our character and our behavior. The goal of making a good man better is a Winding Stairway that has no “middle chamber.” We do not reach the top and end our journey, for there will always be another step of improvement waiting for us. There will always be an adjustment needed to keep ourselves within our due bounds, to improve and correct our actions when necessary, and thereby seek harmony with our Brethren and society in general. In this way, our Masonic behavior will be an example to society of what Freemasonry represents by meeting our duties to our God, our neighbors and ourselves.

Originally presented by Paul Miller DEO for Masonic District 35-A, Grand Lodge of Virginia

Demolay Report – Dad Dave Penney

Good day Brothers, just got back from our annual DeMolay Sessions in Alexandria, VA with DeMolay from all over the world. What a fantastic experience, I have attended many sessions in the past all these United States but I have got to admit that I have come home from this one more fired up than ever before. The organization as a whole has increased membership by over 1000 members in 2017 and we are on track for an even larger growth in 2018. So here is my plea to you my brothers, help our chapter to be a positive influence on this growth by telling any young man between the ages of 12 and 21 about DeMolay. If you need me to talk to someone about it just let me know whom I need to get in touch with and I will be glad to. Or you can have them contact me at either 302-284-8631 or deldemolay@aol.com and I can get some information to them.

Now on to some other news, in order to help with the growth of our chapter I have been given permission to open a Squire Manor which will meet the same nights as the General Torbert Chapter. The Squires are for young men between the ages of 9 and 12 and is basically a predecessor to becoming a DeMolay. They have their own ritual and floor work, hold the meetings in the same way and can participate in some of the same activities as their older counterparts. I know that some of the Brothers have contacted me about DeMolay because they have sons that may fall into this age category or be getting awful close. That is why I am pursuing opening a Squires Manor at Temple Lodge. I will be discussing this with the incoming officers of the lodge and I hope that they will go for this with the same enthusiasm that I am.

Established in 1995, Squires is a program for boys ages 9 to 11. It teaches important lessons about Justice, Truth, and Wisdom while participating in a variety of fun events and developing lasting friendships. A great starting point for any youth interested in becoming a DeMolay at 12 years old, or who is just looking for something to get involved in. Squires hold “professional” meetings, attend fun events, and interact with DeMolays. A Squire is part of a Manor, and members hold an office within their Manor. Each meeting and event has Advisors present who ensure safety, and work closely with the Squires. Active DeMolays give the Squires positive role models, and love interacting with their “little brothers”. Parents are welcome to attend all events, and contribute to the success of the manor.

I have been involved with the Masonic Youth for the last 20+ years and I am a firm believer about what these organizations can do for our young men, I have seen firsthand how some of these young men have turned out and some of the things that they have achieved. Quite a few of them credit what they have done to the teachings that they learned while in DeMolay. We have young men that have gone on to own their own businesses; some have made careers in the Military and have credited what they learned from DeMolay to help them succeed. As you can tell I am on fire with passion for these young men's groups and I hope that you all will help me to achieve great things with this endeavor and to continue the legacy of Dad Frank Land and the order of DeMolay. This year marks the 100th year of DeMolay and they will be having celebrations throughout the year culminating with what I believe will be one of the greatest International Sessions in Kansas City, MO the home of DeMolay and you can guarantee that I will be there to witness it. So, again if you have a young man between the ages of 9 and 21 I have a group for them that they can belong to, be in charge of, and do what they want within reason. Just let me know. In closing I would like to state the closing that many Chapters use after the closing prayer, God Bless Mother, God Bless Father and God Bless the Purposes of DeMolay. As always may God Bless America.

Congratulations to our New FC



Congratulations to Brother Lyons on being passed to the degree Fellowcraft. Brother Lyons received a very special middle chamber lecture from Brother Cannon. Brother Cannon stepped up from the JD chair to fill in for the SD to deliver the middle chamber lecture for the first time. What made this extra special was the fact that Brother Cannon added the full explanation of the 7 liberal arts and sciences to the lecture. Great job!

Dates to Remember:

September 9, 2018

Crab Feast
J.P.'s on the Wharf,
Bowers Beach
1 PM to 4 PM
\$45 per person

September 13, 2018

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Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

September 22, 2018

Freedom from Seizures 5K
for Kameryn Kerr
148 Anglers Road, Lewes, DE
9:00 AM

September 27, 2018

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

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Temple Lodge No. 9 Bunker Degree



The officers initiated two new brothers in fine fashion in the bunker at Ft. Miles. A good time was had by all during the conferral in this historical location. Please sure to welcome brothers Therien and Hughes to the greatest fraternity in the world!



Our newly initiated brothers with members of the Grand Staff. From left to right Temple Lodge No. 9's own PM Chad Robinson, Grand Marshal; EA Hughes; EA Therien; RW Jeff Haass and Temple Lodge No. 9's own PM Roland Cohee, Grand Tiler.

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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