

September 2020



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

Stated Communications

Second and Fourth
Thursday of Each Month

7:30 PM

Due to COVID-19, dinners
prior to our meetings have
been suspended.

Meetings are not held in
July and August or on
Thanksgiving or Christmas
(when those holidays fall
on a Thursday)

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Tom McMurray – Lodge Instructor

Chartered January 16, 1815
2020-2021

206th Year of Fellowship

From the East – John W. Cannon, WM

I hope everyone is settling into September well. Many of us are adjusting to distance learning with our children, and cooler weather has been teasing us that Fall is near. We've had our first meeting already and there is lots of masonic work to be done. I hope you can join us on September 24th, as we confer two Entered Apprentice degrees. It's always a special night when we get to bring new brothers into our great fraternity. Another can't miss event this month is the 7th Annual Grand Master's Ride hosted by the Masonic Brotherhood Riders of Delaware-Southern Chapter on Saturday, September 26th. This is a police escorted ride starting at Georgetown Airport Arena's and ending at the Milford Arena's parking lot. Registration is only \$20 per bike and is a rain or shine event. I have done this ride a few times and it's a TON of fun. I also understand that if you have a street rod, you can ride and bring up the rear of the convoy. If you have any questions, see Most Reverend Roland Cohee Jr. or any MBR member for more information or check out their Facebook page (where you can also pre-register for the event).

<https://bit.ly/3mksjZv>

On a somber note, we will be performing a Masonic Funeral Service for our dear departed Brother, William (Bill) Dudley, Sr. on October 9th at 2pm. I worked with Bill at i.g. Burton for several years, and he was a kind, gentle soul who always left you smiling. He will be greatly missed. Please come out and join us as we give a Masonic farewell at Rogers Funeral Home on Oct. 9th. We ask that anyone participating in the service arrive at least 15 minutes early.

Please let me know if there is anything your lodge can do for you. I have a unique role as Master of the lodge to mobilize volunteers and make sure that even in these challenging times, Temple 9 can help take care of its brethren, widows, and orphans. You can email me at johnwcannon@gmail.com or call or text me at 302-242-5002.

Words That Made A Difference

(Excerpt from STB September 1992)

"One Saturday afternoon, after working in my garden, I went indoors to lie on the bed and listen to a Penn State football game. The telephone rang, and the caller was a representative of the Women's Aid Society, calling from Texas. She told me that a young lady was on an airplane scheduled to land at the Philadelphia airport in one hour. Her sister, who lived in New Jersey, had been injured in an automobile accident, and she was arriving to take her home to Texas. She knew no one to contact and had no way to get to New Jersey. The only thing she could tell the Women's Aid Society was that, "her daddy was a Mason."

This lady called the Grand Lodge of Texas who referred her to my office. One of the employees who happened to be in the office on Saturday gave her my home telephone number.

Dates to Remember:

September 24, 2020

Stated Communication
7:30 PM
Temple Lodge No. 9

September 26, 2020

7th Annual Grand Master's Ride
Check In - 9am
Kickstands Up - 11am
Georgetown Airport – Arena's

October 3, 2020

Annual Communication
Newport Masonic Temple
Open to Select Officers Only

October 8, 2020

Grand Lodge Installation
Cheswold Fire Company
7:00 PM

October 9, 2020

Masonic Funeral Service
For Brother Bill Dudley, Sr.
Rogers Funeral Home
2:00 PM
(Please arrive at least 15
minutes prior to the service)

October 22, 2020

Stated Communication
7:30 PM
Temple Lodge No. 9

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Words That Made A Difference (cont.)

I went to the airport and after a two-hour search was able to locate the young lady. I learned from a Brother Mason who was a security officer how to get to the small town in New Jersey. On the way there, the young lady told me that she needed to rent a truck to carry her sister's furniture and clothing to Texas. They wanted to leave the next day.

I was unable to rent a truck that late at night, however being close to the Delaware border I called the Grand Secretary of Delaware at his home. He in turn made arrangements for four Members of one of Delaware's Lodges to come over Sunday morning, rent a truck, load it and get the young ladies started for Texas. I stayed until 3 a.m. helping them pack their belongings in boxes which I was able to obtain from a local store.

It is not significant that I was involved or, for that matter, that any single person was involved in this episode. The individual is not important. What is important is our feeling of the need to respond due to a Masonic obligation. What is important is that five words, "My daddy was a Mason," given to a non-Masonic organization in Texas precipitated a response that involved four states across a continent. What is important is that it reveals the continuing essence of Freemasonry, "The Brotherhood of Man." As long as we, as individual Members, feel the need to respond to this assumed obligation, we carry on the proud tradition credited to the Craft. We justify our existence. We give reason for an interest by others. We really maintain a reason for being. If each Brother would express and respond to this motivation to practice this "essence "--what a giant step for our survival!"

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, JGD – 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 - 2019

Affiliated Past Masters

Thomas McMurray – 1977
Augsburg, Germany

James Cooke – 2008
Roan Oak, Texas

John Marinucci, PGM – 2011
Dover, Delaware

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

James G. Sutton – 1994
Washington, DC

Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., DGM – 2015
Dover, Delaware

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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.