

September 2021



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 2021-2022

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*Bob Yerkes
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Keith Geise – Senior Deacon

Rob Watts – Junior Deacon

Curtis Perry – Senior Steward

Ronnie Joseph – Junior Steward

Roland Cohee, Jr., PGC - Chaplain

Max Robichaud – Tiler

Pete “Ringo” Ringenary – Marshal

Tom McMurray – Lodge Instructor

Chartered January 16, 1815
2021-2022

207th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Michael O. Nichols, WM

It is truly an honor to have been selected Master of Temple Lodge No. 9. for the 2021-2022 masonic year. We have a great officer line and one of the best lodges in the state. Our officers and brethren have been hard at work preparing for the ensuing year and as we continue to work through the challenges of the pandemic, we hope that the worst of it is behind us and we look forward to the lodge being filled with brothers in the future.

We had a great installation in June and I would like to express my thanks to PJGW Tommy Ventura and Grand Tiler/PM Rick McTheny for performing the ceremony. I'd also like to thank Brother JW Chris Fitzgerald for hosting the post ceremony luncheon at Park Place.

While at this time we are no longer required to wear masks in the lodge we still encourage proper social distancing, and will have hand sanitizer on hand. Additionally, given the fact that there are still variants of Covid -19 in the community, we ask that if you do not feel well please refrain from coming to lodge until you are well, so that as we continue moving forward, we can keep our brothers safe and healthy. Should protocols change in the future we will inform the brethren as soon as possible and adapt on the fly, however in the meantime we are enjoying the sense of normalcy and are looking forward to a great year.

We have a number of candidates who are hard at work on their catechisms and that means there will be lots of degree work in the near future as Temple 9 continues to grow and thrive.

Our first big event this year is our 14th Annual Crab Feast to be held at JP's Wharf on 09/12/2021 from 1PM to 4PM and we are pleased to report that it is sold out. Thank you to all who helped sell tickets or purchased them. The proceeds go to support Temple Lodge No. 9's distressed Master Masons and their families. This is always a great event that could not be possible without the support of JP's Wharf and their awesome food!

We have a number of events planned for this year, such as the annual Christmas party for the kids, Grand Masters visitation, Bowling Tournament, Sporting Clays Shoot, Golf Tournament, Bunker Degree and many others. More information on these events will follow in future trestle boards and can also be found on the Temple9.org website and on our Facebook page.

There are going to be many other great events coming this year from the Grand Lodge and MW Jeffrey D. Haass, such as The Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team will be coming in June 2022 (rescheduled due to COVID), the Grand Master's cruise in March 2022, the Polar Bear Plunge in February 2022, as well as food drives and blood drives and other fun times and worthy causes.

Dates to Remember:

September 9, 2020

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

September 12, 2020

14th Annual Crab Feast
JP's on the Wharf
1 PM to 4 PM

September 23, 2020

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

October 4, 2020

Grand Lodge
Annual Communication
Atlantic Sands Hotel, Rehoboth

October 7, 2020

Grand Lodge Installation
Evergreen Farms, Dover
7:00 PM

October 9, 2020

Union 7 Outdoor Degree
Al Johnson's Degree
9:00 AM

October 14, 2020

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

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

We look forward to seeing the lodge filled with brothers this year and should you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about something, please feel free to contact me. You can email me at mp-nich613@comcast.net or call or text me at 302-242-0238.

May the coming year bring health, happiness and blessings from the Grand Architect of the Universe to you and your family.

A BROTHER'S HAND

By George B. Staff

When you're feeling all downhearted,
And life's hard to understand,
Say, it's fine to feel the pressure
Of a brother's friendly hand.

Just to know he sympathizes,
Though he doesn't say a word;
How it starts your courage climbing,
As your heart is touched and stirred.

With an arm across your shoulders.
And a grip you love to find,
How it makes you feel the bounding
Of the hearts of humankind.

It is just a little token
Of an ever-growing band,
For there's faith and hope and courage
In a brother's friendly hand.

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, 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

Affiliated Past Masters

Thomas McMurray – 1977
James Cooke – 2008
John Marinucci, PGM – 2011
Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
James G. Sutton – 1994
M.W. Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., GM – 2015

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