

December 2025



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 2025-2026

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Roland Cohee, Jr., PGC – Lodge
Instructor*

**Chartered January 16, 1815
2025-2026
211th Year of Fellowship**

From the East – Curtis A. Perry, WM

As we enter this joyous season of fellowship, reflection, and giving, we extend warm fraternal greetings to all. December is a time to celebrate the bonds that unite us as Masons and to remember the true meaning of brotherly love.

Upcoming Stated Meeting

Date: December 11th
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Gavel Drops: 7:30 PM

We will be conferring the Master Mason Degree on Brother Jeff Shockley. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend and support our brother as he reaches this important milestone in his Masonic journey.

Lodge Christmas Party

Date: December 20th
This year's Christmas celebration will feature:

Potluck dinner – please bring a favorite dish to share rsvp with JW Chris Fitzgerald to coordinate your covered dish.

Fun activities for the kids

A special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus

Families and friends are warmly welcome. Let's gather in fellowship and enjoy an evening of holiday cheer.

In Remembrance & Support

During this season of gratitude, let us keep in our hearts:

Our brethren who are facing illness or hardship

The families of those who are no longer with us

All who may be in need of comfort or companionship this time of year



From the East – Cont.

A call, visit, or kind word can mean more than you know.

Season's Message

May the spirit of the season remind us of our duties as Masons—charity, brotherly love, and relief. Thank you, brethren, for your continued dedication to the Lodge and to each other.

Wishing you and your families a warm, safe, and joyful Christmas season.

From the South – Chris Fitzgerald, PM

Merry Christmas, Brethren!

As the festive season approaches, it is my pleasure to invite you all to our annual Lodge Christmas Party! This joyous event will take place on the 2nd floor of the Masonic Temple at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 20th.

Join us for a delightful evening filled with good food, laughter, and fellowship. As tradition has it, this year's party will be a covered dish style gathering, so please bring your favorite dish to share. There will also be a range of activities for the children, ensuring they have a wonderful time. And be sure to look out for our special guest, Past Master Santa Claus, who will be spreading holiday cheer!

As we celebrate this season of giving, let us also take a moment to reach out to our brothers who may be in need of relief or just someone to talk to. Your kindness can make a meaningful difference in their lives during this festive time.

As we gather together in the spirit of brotherhood, let us close with a prayer to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, asking for happiness, peace, love, and joy to fill our homes and hearts this holiday season.

Wishing you and your families the warmest of fraternal holiday cheer!



Dates to Remember:

December 1, 2025

Masonic Happy Hour
Bayview Tavern
6:00 PM

December 2, 2024

Grand Visitation
Union Lodge No. 7

December 11, 2025

Stated Communication
Master Mason Degree
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

December 20, 2025

Lodge Christmas Party
5:00 PM

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.temple9.org

Old Master's Words to the Young Mason By: Landon Hendricks

For Many years I've had the right,
To wear an apron made of white.
And it still fills me with delight
To see a Lodge perform a Rite.

For I remember Oh so well,
The Ancient legends they did tell.
Once I had knocked upon the door,
And knelt to pray upon the floor.

Examinations quite complete,
When approached the Master's seat.
And then I took an ancient vow,
Almost the same as it is now.

And then received my Badge of white,
Which marked a very special night.
My father and grandfathers too,
Were members of a Lodge of blue.

And when a kinsman gives to you,
The oath that all of us took too.
It means as much to him as you,
double bond between you two.

So we celebrate tonight,
That you have seen the Masonic Light,
And that your kinsman in the chair
Had such a chance extremely rare.

Congratulations I give you
And to the Brother, Master, too.

Living Past Masters of Temple Lodge No. 9

Louis S. O'Day – 1978
Gilbert H. Emory – 1983
Steven L. Rogers – 1984
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
George Andrae, 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
Stephen Walter, PGSB – 2015
Jim Bennett, PJGS – 2016
Brandon Smith – 2017
Steve Kerr – 2018
Matt Thompson, DGM – 2019
John Cannon – 2020
Michael Nichols – 2021
Christopher Fitzgerald – 2022/23
Keith Geise - 2024

Affiliated Past Masters

James Cooke – 2008
John W. Marinucci, PGM – 2011
Matthew D. Hovatter – 2007/08
James G. Sutton – 1994
Jeffrey D. Haass, Sr., PGM – 2015
William C. Thompson, PJGD – 2018
Charles Randy Wood - 2000

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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.