

February 2026



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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Mike Wessell - Marshal
Roland Cohee, Jr., PGC – Lodge
Instructor*

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

From the East – Curtis A. Perry, WM

First and foremost, I hope everyone made out as well as possible through the recent snow and that you and your families are staying safe and warm during this cold weather.

We have several important events coming up that I encourage everyone to attend and support:

The 9th annual Temple Lodge #9 bowling event – Saturday, February 7th
This is always a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. I hope to see a strong turnout.

Entered Apprentice Degree – February 12th
Degree work is the foundation of our Craft. Your attendance helps make the evening meaningful for our candidate. We will be entering 3 worthy candidates so let's come together and show our support.

Grand Visitation – February 26th
Brother Steve Walter has tickets available. This promises to be a great evening. The ladies are invited to attend, and there will be a special program for them while we are in Lodge.

Thank you, Brethren, for your continued support and dedication to the Lodge. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

P.S. If you guys have read this far please do me a favor and send me a text or a call that you have read this. I'm trying something new this month to see how many brothers the Trestleboard touches every month.



Dates to Remember:

February 7, 2026

Temple Lodge Bowling Event
Milford Bowling Lanes
2:30 PM

February 12, 2026

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Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

February 23, 2026

Masonic Happy Hour
Bayview Tavern
6:00 PM

February 26, 2026

Grand Visitation
Temple Lodge No. 9

February 28, 2026

Grand Master's Youth
Table Lodge
Union Lodge No. 7
3 PM

March 1, 2026

Grand Lodge
Polar Bear Plunge
Cape Henlopen State Park
12:00 Noon

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www.temple9.org

From the East – Chris Fitzgerald, PM

As we prepare to embark upon another exciting month at Temple Lodge No. 9, I am filled with enthusiasm and pride as we look forward to conferring the Entered Apprentice degrees upon three worthy candidates. This moment marks not only their initiation into Freemasonry but also the strengthening of our brotherhood and the continuation of our rich traditions.

On February 12th, I encourage all members to come out for dinner prior to the degrees! This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie as we gather to support our candidates. Let us break bread together and forge even stronger bonds as we celebrate this special occasion.

February promises to be a pivotal month for our lodge as we welcome these new brothers into our esteemed fellowship. Their journey is just beginning, and it is our responsibility to guide them through the principles of our craft, instilling in them the values of honor, integrity, and charity.

Let us all come together to offer our support and encouragement to these new candidates as they take their first steps into Freemasonry. I urge everyone to attend our dinner and degree work; let's make this a memorable occasion for all involved!

Mark your calendars, prepare your hearts, and let's create a truly special night for our newest members!

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 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
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, SGW – 2018
Charles Randy Wood – 2000

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