



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
2025-2026**

211th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Curtis A. Perry, WM

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Stewards and our Junior Warden for the outstanding dinner they prepared for Past Masters Night on May 28th. The fellowship and excellent meal made for a memorable evening enjoyed by all in attendance.

I would also like to thank all of the Past Masters who joined us that evening, and offer a special word of appreciation to those who took part in conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree upon our two newest Brothers. Their dedication and commitment to our Craft helped make the degree a meaningful and memorable experience.

Congratulations to our two newly Entered Apprentice Brothers. I look forward to watching your progress and growth within this great fraternity as you continue your Masonic journey. As our Masonic year begins to draw to a close, we still have several important events ahead of us:

June 11th – Our Regular Stated Communication. We will conduct elections for the coming year and confer the Fellowcraft Degree upon two worthy Brothers.

June 25th – Our final meeting of the Masonic year, during which we will raise Brother Jeremiah Hastings to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

As we wrap up this year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the trust and confidence you placed in me by allowing me to serve as Master of this Lodge. It has truly been an honor and a privilege. The friendships, fellowship, and shared dedication to our Craft have made this a wonderful and rewarding experience that I will always cherish.

Thank you for your support throughout the year, and I look forward to finishing our term together in the true spirit of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

From the South – Chris Fitzgerald, PM

As the sun reaches its highest meridian and we welcome the warmth and vitality of June, I find myself reflecting on the incredible energy currently flowing through Temple Lodge No. 9. It is a season of growth, both in nature and within our beloved Craft.

First and foremost, I wish to extend a hearty and sincere welcome to our newest Entered Apprentice members, Brothers Jason Fannin and Kyle Koegle. Your journey into the mysteries of Masonry has just begun, and it



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is a privilege to have you among us.

I also want to offer a profound word of gratitude to my fellow Past Masters who sat in the chairs for our recent Past Masters Night. Seeing the wisdom and experience of those who have led us before come together to confer these degrees was a powerful reminder of the continuity and strength of our tradition. Thank you, Worshipful Brothers, for your steadfast dedication.

As the days grow longer and the weather turns to the beautiful warmth of summer, I hope you all find time for refreshment and joy with your families. However, let us also remember that June is Mental Health Awareness Month. The internal qualifications of a man are what we value most, but we must also care for the internal well-being of our Brethren. I encourage each of you to reach out and check in on a Brother you haven't spoken to in a while. A simple phone call or a shared cup of coffee can make a profound difference. Let us continue to be the support system we pledged to be.

Looking ahead, June promises to be a cornerstone month for our Lodge year. We are hard at work preparing for our upcoming Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees. Watching our craftsmen advance is a testament to the labor we put in as a collective unit.

Our annual election on June 11th is fast approaching, and I encourage all members to attend as we elect the leadership for the year ahead. We are also proud to present our Golf Scholarships this month, a tradition that perfectly reflects our commitment to the community. I would like to specifically thank W.B. Martin Hogan, PM, and the Scholarship Committee for their careful selection process, and Brother Michael Wessel and the Golf Committee for a fantastic fundraiser. Your dedication to the Craft and our community's youth is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing each of you on the level very soon.

From the West – Stephen Walter, PM

Closing out the Masonic year is always a busy time, and this year will not disappoint! We are excited that we have 3 Entered Apprentices receiving their Fellowcraft Degree on June 11th.

The officer line has been working hard to present this degree in exemplary fashion, so please join us in congratulating our brothers on their preferment.

Tables and tickets are now available for the Lodge's annual Crab Feast being held on Labor Day at J.P.'s Wharf. Tickets are \$75 each and Tables of 10 are \$700. There will be Live and Silent Auctions and much more. Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

I'd like to give a quick shout out to Bro. Mike Wessel and the Golf Tournament Committee on putting on another great event. The weather was perfect and we had a great day!

Dates to Remember:

June 11, 2026

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

June 25, 2026

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

August 8, 2026

Grand Lodge Picnic
Killen's Pond State Park
11:00 AM

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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 Andraae, 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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