



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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Instructor*

Chartered January 16, 1815

2025-2026

211th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Curtis A. Perry, WM

As we enter the month of May, I would like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the continued growth of our Lodge.

First, I would like to congratulate Brother Jeremiah Hastings on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft at our second meeting in April. This is an important milestone in his Masonic journey, and we look forward to his continued progress in the Craft.

We also have several important events approaching this month. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend and support these opportunities for fellowship and learning.

Our golf outing will be held on May 20th at Dover Air Force Base. This is always a great time for the brethren, and more importantly, it helps support our scholarship fund. I look forward to seeing a strong turnout and an enjoyable day for all involved.

On May 14th, we are honored to welcome Right Worshipful Eric Downs, Junior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania, as our guest speaker. He will be presenting on the significance of the Tun Tavern in the founding of our country, and the important role it played for our military as well as Masonry in the early days of our nation.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM, and the Lodge will open promptly at 7:30 PM. Please plan accordingly and arrive early and ready to eat a great meal prepared by our stewards. The dress will be Masonic (coat and tie) looking forward to a great evening of fellowship and brotherhood.

Brethren, let us also remember that Masonry is not confined to the walls of the Lodge. It is not just about attending meetings—it is about being living examples of integrity, kindness, and strength in our communities. The world looks to good men to lead by example, and as Masons, that responsibility falls upon each of us.

Let us continue to walk uprightly, act justly, and support one another in all aspects of life."

Dates to Remember:

May 14, 2026

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Right Worshipful Eric Downs
Guest Speaker
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

May 15, 2026

Flag Distribution for
Memorial Day
Bear Veteran's Cemetery
8:00 AM

May 16, 2026

Henlopen Chapter of
the DeMolay
Chili and Corn Bread Cook Off
Temple Lodge No. 9
12 Noon to 2 PM

May 20, 2026

Scholarship Golf Tournament
Dover Air Force Base
11:00 AM

May 28, 2026

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Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

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From the South – Chris Fitzgerald, PM

I send you my warmest wishes for good health and high spirits this delightful month of May. It is with gratefulness and pride that I address you from the South, where our labors in the Craft daily remind us of the values we hold most dear: faith, hope, charity, and the enduring bond of fraternal friendship.

I am deeply gratified by the progress of our candidates who have begun their journey this year. Their diligence, curiosity, and steadfastness reflect the enduring promise of our craft, and I am confident that they will honor the trust you have placed in them as they advance along this path of light and knowledge.

It is with equal anticipation that I look toward the end of this month, when I expect to confer one or two worthy petitioners, at the pleasure of Worshipful Master Curtis Andrew Perry. May these ceremonies be a testament to our commitment to growth, learning, and the service we render to one another and to our community.

I would also remind you of the Temple Lodge No. 9 Scholarship Golf Outing, scheduled for May 20th at the Dover Air Force Base. Registration is due by May 5th. Please note an important detail for players: add your date of birth to the form along with the other required information to facilitate access on base. Your cooperation in this matter helps ensure a smooth and enjoyable outing for all.

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
Matthew 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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