



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 2024-2025

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– Marshal
Roland Cohee, Jr., PGC –
Lodge Instructor*

Chartered January 16, 1815
2024-2025

210th Year of Fellowship

From the East – Keith Geise, WM

I had the pleasure of attending our Grand Lodge communication and sharing fellowship with great brothers. One topic that came up was the continued decline in our membership. In Delaware our rolls are being reduced yearly by approximately 100 members and our membership is not getting younger. This is not a new trend as it has been happening for years. Even in our lodge there is a noticeable lack of candidates. To my knowledge we do not have any petitions in the pipeline, and I honestly cannot remember when the last petition was read.

Since entering our lodge several years ago, I mainly see the same approximately 20 brothers.

Brothers we are now to a point that a lack of attendance and participation is a direct threat to the officer line. For the past several years we have had brothers step up and go above and beyond to keep the line moving. This is not sustainable or is an enjoyable experience. It just becomes another job. The progression through the line is supposed to be a learning experience and creates memories that brings us all closer.

Temple Lodge #9 has lodge meetings bi-weekly for 10 out of 12 months. That's 24 meetings (with some exceptions), in my experience if something is important to you, you will make time. Brothers we all have the exact same 24 hours in a day as measured by the 24-inch gauge. It is understandable that things do occasionally get in the way, or life demands we go in a different direction but without your support and attendance the lodge will eventually fail.

There are districts less than 50 miles from us where the same people have been sitting in the chairs for years on end. Brothers that's not a lodge it's a business meeting.

I am asking each of you to take a serious look at your dedication to the craft. Reexamine your reasons for joining the fraternity and relight that fire.

Dates to Remember:

November 12, 2024
Grand Visitation
Delaware Lodge No. 37

November 14, 2024
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

November 19, 2024
Grand Visitation
Hope Lodge No. 4

November 19, 2024
Grand Visitation
Harmony Lodge No. 13

December 2, 2024
Grand Visitation
Doric Lodge No. 30

December 3, 2024
Grand Visitation
Union Lodge No. 7

December 12, 2024
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

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From the East (cont.)

The lodge is not asking you to attend every meeting or be in the line but without your support we simply can not go on. The lodge is a building, but the craft is the people that meet there to spread light and learn.

Brothers if you attend regularly thank you for all you do.

Brother if you have not attended lodge in years, I am imploring you to endeavor to make the time to attend at least one meeting per year.

The fate of the craft is in your hands.

Thank you, so Mote it Be.

REMINDER: There will only be one stated communication in November due to Thanksgiving.

Officer Opportunities - In December we will hold a "workshop" of sorts to explain the officer line, what is involved, and how to become involved. All Mason's interested in taking a more active part in their lodge are invited. Date to be announced later. Current openings in the officer line. Jr. Warden, Sr. Deacon.

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 Andreea, 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
Matt Thompson, JGW – 2019
John Cannon – 2020
Michael Nichols – 2021
Christopher Fitzgerald – 2022/23

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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