Temple Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M.

Chartered January 16, 1815
2026-2027
212th Year of Fellowship

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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From the East – Stephen Walter, WM

My Brothers, Senior Warden, Worshipful Christopher Fitzgerald completed his article before me, so I will attempt to provide you with some additional light.

First, congratulations to Brothers Eisenbrey & Singletary; Welcome and glad you are here, we are here for you when we are needed. October 8's importance cannot be overstated, it is a Stated night for us, but we have received dispensation to forgo our meeting and Install our Grand Master, please don't miss it.

Since we are busy for our first Stated of the month, we will be conferring the Fellowcraft degree on some worthy brothers on 15th. There will be no business that evening, just the degree, so I encourage everyone to come out and show support for our Entered Apprentices.

On October the 22nd at our Stated Communication, we will host Worshipful Brother Chris B. Ruli who is the Director of the Library, Museum and Archive of the House of Temple in Washington D.C. who will give us a lecture. Brother Ruli is an accomplished Author and will have his newest book with him for purchase and dedications.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

From the West – Chris Fitzgerald, PM

October brings with it several reasons for Temple Lodge No. 9 to celebrate.

First, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to our newest Master Masons, **Brothers Thomas Eisenbrey and James Singletary**, who have been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brethren, welcome to the fraternity in its fullest sense. Your journey through Masonry is only beginning, and I look forward to seeing you continue to learn, participate, and find your place within Temple Lodge No. 9. I encourage all of our Brothers to take the time to welcome them, get to know them, and help them along their Masonic journey.

October also brings with it a particularly proud moment for Temple Lodge No. 9.

On October 8, our own Right Worshipful Brother Matthew W. Thompson, Past Master of Temple Lodge No. 9, Deputy Grand Master and Grand

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Master-Elect, will be installed as Grand Master of Masons in Delaware at Carlisle Fire Hall.

Brethren, this is an "all hands on deck" occasion for Temple No. 9.

This isn't simply an installation that happens to involve one of our Past Masters. This is one of our own Brothers being called to the Grand East, and I believe Temple Lodge should make its presence felt in a significant way. If you are able to attend, please make every effort to be there. **Let's fill that room with Temple No. 9.**

Temple Lodge will also have a special role in that evening. Our Lodge furniture, including our Volume of Sacred Law, will be transported and used for the installation. There is something particularly meaningful about that. The same furniture that has served the Brethren of Temple Lodge through generations will be present as one of our own is installed as Grand Master.

Of course, getting those pieces from Milford to Carlisle will take some work.

We will need volunteers for a moving committee. If you have a truck, can help with loading and unloading, or simply have a few hours to spare, please consider volunteering. This is one of those occasions where Brotherly Love is demonstrated not by words, but by showing up and helping.

As we move into another busy Masonic season, I would encourage each of us to find our own way to contribute to the Lodge. Attend a degree. Visit another Lodge. Help with a project. Support a Brother. Take the time to get to know a newer Mason. There is always something that needs to be done, and there is always a place for another set of hands.

I am fortunate to serve in the West alongside Worshipful Master Stephen Walter, PM, as he leads Temple Lodge through this Masonic year and prepares to continue that leadership into the next. My goal is simple: to support our Worshipful Master, support our officers and Brethren, and do my part to make Temple Lodge No. 9 as strong and active as it can be.

Temple Lodge has been entrusted with more than two centuries of Masonic tradition. We are temporary stewards of something much bigger than any one of us. What matters is what we do with that stewardship while it is in our hands.

So, Brethren, on October 8, **let's answer the call. All hands on deck.** Let's stand together as Temple Lodge No. 9 and show Brother Matthew Thompson the support and pride of the Lodge that he has served.

Let's fill that room with Temple No. 9.

I hope to see you there.

Dates to Remember:

October 6, 2026
Grand Lodge
Annual Communication
Atlantic Sands
9:00 AM

October 8, 2026
Grand Lodge Installation
Carlisle Fire Company
7:00 PM

October 10, 2026
Union Lodge No. 7
Outdoor Degree
Al Johnson's Farm
8:30 AM

October 21, 2026
Grand Visitation
Gethsemane Lodge No. 28

October 22, 2026
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

October 23-25, 2026
Seawitch Festival
Rehoboth Beach

October 27, 2026
Grand Visitation
Franklin Lodge No. 12

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"Let's Go to Lodge Tonight"
Author Unknown

My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight;
You haven't been for years.
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white
And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see,
to climb those creaky stairs;
I know it'll be a thrill for me
to lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door
and though he'll hesitate,
we'll hear him say just as before,
"Come in or you'll be late."

I'd like to get out on the floor--
Come on, let's get in line;
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign.

I want to hear the gavel rap
the Craftsmen to attention
and see the Master don his cap;
a night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,
or your wrestling bout or fight;
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!
Let's go to Lodge tonight.

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
Curtis A. Perry, PATGM - 2025

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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