



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

Brothers and friends, welcome back to lodge. I'm looking forward to our first meeting on September 11th, with a wonderful dinner prepared for us beforehand by the stewards at 6:30 and the gavel will drop promptly at 7:30. I hope you all had a fantastic summer filled with relaxation, adventure, and cherished moments with loved ones. As we step into this new Masonic year, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead.

I want to take a moment to reflect on our recent crab feast. What an incredible turnout we had! Thank you to all the brothers who lent their hands and hearts to make it a memorable event. And a special thanks to all of those in the committee for the crab feast, ESPECIALLY to Pete and Roberta because they definitely help bring it all together. It is in these moments of camaraderie that we truly embody the spirit of brotherhood that defines us.

This year, my theme is "Blue Lodge: The Mechanics of Freemasonry." Together, we will explore the fundamental principles and practices that uphold our great organization. Freemasonry is not just about the rituals we perform, but about the values we instill in ourselves and each other. It is about building a foundation of integrity, charity, and respect. As we navigate this journey together, I encourage each of you to engage fully. Share your ideas and insights. Let us remember that every voice matters in our lodge, and together we can create a vibrant and thriving community. Looking ahead, we have some exciting events planned that I believe will strengthen our bonds and enrich our understanding of Freemasonry. Let us embrace this opportunity to learn and grow together. Let us make this year one of connection, inspiration, and achievement. Together, we can shine the light of Freemasonry bright in our lives and in our community.

From the West – Stephen Walter, PM, PGSB

WM Perry has asked the Wardens to comprise articles for this Trestle Board and offered to receive articles from the brethren as well for future Trestle Boards; so if you are so inclined, write a short article, preferably Masonic related, and submitted it to the Master for approval and it's inclusion in a future Trestle Board. Due dates for Trestle Board articles is the 20th of each month.

What inspired you to become a Mason? What caused you to Petition Temple Lodge No. 9? What was the driving force behind completing your



From the West – Cont.

three degrees? Who was your Mentor? What is/was your favorite part of coming to Lodge? What keeps you from coming to Lodge? What things would you like to see YOUR Lodge provide?

My Brothers, I, like so many, was inspired by Dan Brown's Book "The Lost Symbol". I knew my Grandfather was a Mason, but he died before I was of an age where I would have asked him about it. I noticed someone close to me wearing a Masonic ring at Church one Sunday and asked if we could speak at coffee hour. Roy Lafontaine and I spoke that Sunday and he was overjoyed to get me a petition. Once I was Entered, I was somewhat consumed with learning the ritual and the meanings behind it. My Mentor was Worshipful Mike Saba. He made sure I got an equal dose of Delaware and Pennsylvania ritual mixed together, but I was able to pass off on my work with all his help. As soon as I was able, Worshipful Martin F Hogan III put me in an officer chair and my journey through the chairs was underway. My favorite part of Lodge meetings is the comradery that we share. Whether it's a handshake, a pat on the back, sharing a meal or lending a sympathetic ear, Temple 9 always feels warm and welcoming to me. We all know that our duties outside of Masonry should never be neglected, so I understand that Family, Work and other life events get in the way of Lodge meetings, but I would implore you to be mindful of the 24 inch gauge and try to be present at Lodge. We regularly have 18 meetings a year and sometimes call special communications. I often get wrapped up in whatever I have going on and miss meetings, but I try to make sure that I don't schedule things on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, so that I can make every effort to attend our communications.

Lastly, I would like to know what YOU want out of YOUR Lodge experience. Are we missing something? Is there something that YOU need?

From the South – Chris Fitzgerald, PM

Brethren,

I am happy to welcome you all back to Lodge as we gather once again in fellowship and brotherly love. It is a joy to see familiar faces and to strengthen the bonds that unite us. As we embark on a new season of meetings and activities, let us approach our work with an open heart and a spirit of collaboration.

May our time together be filled with learning, camaraderie, and growth. I look forward to sharing meaningful experiences and fulfilling our commitments to one another and our community.

Welcome back to Temple Lodge No. 9.

Dates to Remember:

September 11, 2025

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

September 25, 2025

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

September 27, 2025

Delaware Lodge of Research
Table Lodge
Union Lodge No. 7
5:30 PM
Contact For More Info:
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October 6, 2025

Grand Lodge
Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth
9:00 AM

October 9, 2025

Grand Lodge Installation
Clayton Fire Company
7:00 PM

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Brothers All By: Silas H. Shepherd

In the Lodge we meet the fellows,
Who, in other walks of life,
We would seldom ever contact,
And then perhaps in strife.
They are men of every leaning
Whom we good and honest call,
And the splendid thing about it
Is, that we are Brothers All.

They are men of every station
Some are rich and some are poor
But they all are full of friendship
And of service have a store.
We may differ in our methods,
But our objects we recall
And it binds us in a labor
And it makes us Brothers All.

They are men of truth and honor
Trusting always in the right
Seeking always further light.
What a power for perfect justice!
How can failure e'er befall
Such a firmly founded body
For the Lodge makes Brothers 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 Andrae, 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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