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)

Lodge Officers 2026-2027

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Roland Cohee, Jr., PGC – Lodge Instructor

From the East – Stephen Walter, WM

As we begin another Masonic year, I share my excitement and anticipation with you. Temple Lodge No. 9's officer line is mixed with some seasoned veterans and some young blood; we have 6 Past Masters with 4 Brothers who have never sat as an officer before, and we also have 3 Brothers who have been progressing through the line. As a group, the officers have met and gone over the calendar for the year and expectations for accomplishing the work that I have laid out.

Our first order of business will be our Annual Crab Feast held at JP's Wharf on Labor Day. By the time you are reading this, it may not be too late to buy tickets, so please contact me or Worshipful Brothers Curtis Perry or Chad Robninson to purchase tickets. It is definitely NOT too late to show up and help (FREE) with the activities of the day; you may contact me for that.

Our first stated meeting in September with be Thursday the 10th; dinner will be at 6:30pm on the second floor, the gavel drops at 7:30pm. The work for the evening will be the Rusty Nail degree for which we have a worthy candidate. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. This degree serves as a good refresher for all brothers, from the youngest MM to MMs who were raised 50 years ago. Attire for the evening will be Masonic Coat & Tie for ALL. I look forward to a packed Lodge Room.

On Thursday September 17th we will have a SPECIAL Communication for the purpose of Raising Fellowcraft Eisenbrey. The degree will be performed by the Delaware Shield & Square Club Degree Team. Brother Eisenbrey is Volunteer Firefighter with the Carlisle Fire Department here in Milford and one of our newest members. There will be no regular business that evening, but we will have dinner at 6:30pm on the second floor. I would like to encourage all our brothers who have served, in any capacity, to wear their uniform to the meeting. Officers will be in tuxes that evening and all other brothers should be in Masonic Coat & Tie.

For our second stated meeting in September on Thursday the 24th, the work will be a "Tour of the Lodge Room". The program is intended to make newer brothers more familiar with the stations of the officers, their duties and the furniture of the Lodge. This program is open to all Master Masons and the attire for the evening is Masonic Coat & Tie. As usual, dinner will be served on the second floor at 6:30pm.

To our Entered Apprentice & Fellowcraft Brothers, it is my hope that, even though our first 3 meetings are for Master Masons only, you will make an

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effort to join us for dinner before Lodge meetings and come to our social functions. We will have plenty of meetings and social events that all brethren are welcome & encouraged to attend. Also, I will keep in touch with the local Worshipful Masters and make you aware of any EA or FC degrees happening around our jurisdiction.

Should any brother need anything from me or the Lodge, please do not hesitate to contact us.

From the West – Chris Fitzgerald, PM

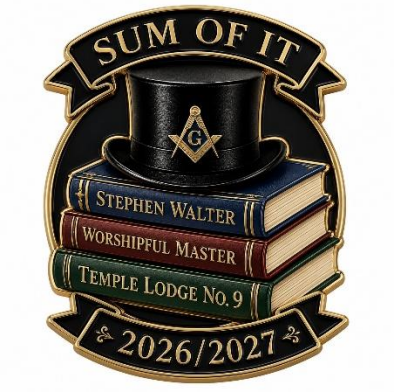
September always feels like a fresh start. As our Lodge returns to its full schedule, I'm excited about the work ahead! It's an honor to serve Temple Lodge No. 9 as your Senior Warden, and I'm eager to begin another year of meaningful work, fellowship, and personal growth with all of you.

We're beginning this year under the leadership of Worshipful Master Stephen Walter, P.M., P.G.S.B. His dedication to the Craft and willingness to serve continue to set an inspiring example for us all. I encourage every Brother to support him by attending our communications, taking part in degree work, and enthusiastically getting involved in the life of our Lodge.

Freemasonry is at its best when every Brother pitches in. That might mean mentoring a newer Mason, helping with ritual, serving on a committee, or simply enjoying fellowship around the dinner table before Lodge. Every effort makes Temple Lodge stronger, and every contribution matters. None of us builds this Lodge alone—we each add another stone to the foundation laid by those who came before us.

As we head into the fall, I hope we come to each meeting with energy, enthusiasm, and a genuine excitement for all that lies ahead. We have plenty to accomplish in the months ahead, and I'm confident that, by working together, we'll continue the proud traditions that have shaped Temple Lodge No. 9 for generations.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge and sharing in the fellowship, purpose, and progress that make our Lodge so special.



Dates to Remember:

September 7, 2026
Lodge Crab Feast
1:00 PM
JP's on the Wharf

September 10, 2026
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

September 17, 2026
Special Communication
Master Mason Degree
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

September 19, 2026
Grand Master's Ride
Masonic Brotherhood Riders
9:00 AM

September 24, 2026
Stated Communication
Dinner 6:30 PM/Lodge 7:30 PM

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

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

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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 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, PJGD – 2018

Charles Randy Wood - 2000

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