



Temple Lodge No. 16 - Chartered 1790
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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TRESTLEBOARD

A Message From the East

Brethren,

It is with deep gratitude and humility that I arrive at the East as Master of Temple Lodge No. 16. I thank you for the trust you have placed in me, and I look forward to serving this lodge and the brethren to the best of my ability.

Temple Lodge has a strong foundation - one built by those who came before us and sustained by the continued dedication of its members. My goal this year is not to change who we are, but to strengthen what already makes our lodge meaningful, while being honest about where we can continue to grow.

Over the past weeks, the officers spent time reflecting on the life of our lodge: what we do well, where we sometimes struggle, and how we can better serve our members, our widows, and our community. From those conversations emerged a clear and practical focus for 2026, along with a longer-term vision for the years ahead.

Our Work in 2026

This year, and hopefully in the future, the work of the lodge will be organized around six task-force groups, or committees, each focused on a vital part of lodge life:

- ^ Masonic Education & Ritual
- ^ Membership & Engagement
- ^ Community Outreach & Charity
- ^ Fellowship & Lodge Experience
- ^ Infrastructure & CMTA
- ^ Finance & Budget

Each group has been given clear, realistic goals for the year - goals that protect our strengths while addressing areas where improvement is both possible and worthwhile. These committees will be volunteer-based, and I encourage every brother to reflect on where he feels most called to contribute.

Looking Ahead

In addition to our goals for 2026, we have also outlined a Strategic Framework for 2026–2030. This framework is not a mandate, nor is it meant to limit the vision of future Masters. Rather, it serves as a shared point of reference, helping preserve continuity, encourage thoughtful planning, and ensure that the good work of one year carries forward into the next.

The strength of our lodge has always rested in its people. No single Master builds a lodge alone, and no single year defines it. What matters most is that we continue to move forward together with purpose, respect, and care for one another.

As we begin this new year, I invite each of you to take part in the life of the lodge - whether through committee work, attendance, mentorship, fellowship, or quiet service behind the scenes. Every contribution matters, and every brother has something of value to offer.

I am honored to serve as your Master, and I look forward to working alongside you in the spirit of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Fraternally,

Rodrigo Maltarollo
Master, Temple Lodge No. 16
2026

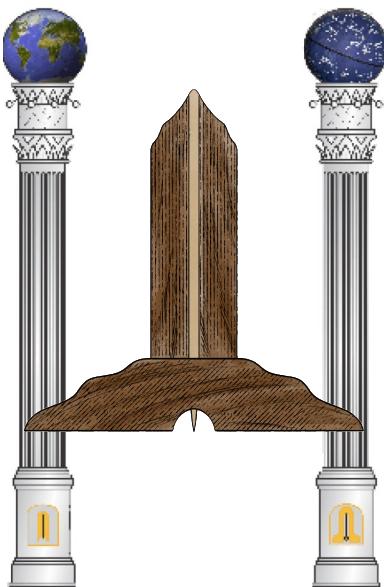


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Special points of interest

- Sneak Peek of upcoming Lodge Dinner Menus
- Fun Fact of the Month debut
- “Luminosity” feature article



Greetings From The West

I want to say congratulations to the 2026 line of officers. I have my full faith in our Lodge for this year and many years to come. On the topic of many years to come we are laying the groundwork for not only a great year but the next 5+ years. This year the line of officers have really put our heads together and have come up with a plan to make this a turnkey operation from one-year to the next. Each officer can build on

the next in line and make this lodge into something far more special than it already is. We all look forward to what the future holds for us and our second home we call temple lodge 16.

Fraternally,

Bro. Andrew Kazimer

Senior Warden—2026

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Lodge at Refreshment

News From The Scullery...

Mark your Calanders!

January 15, 2026—6:30PM

“Benihana Night” (fine Dinning)

Benihana Iceberg Salad with Ginger Dressing
Japanese Onion Soup
Hibachi Style Chicken
Hibachi Style Beef
Benihana Japanese Style Fried Rice
Japanese Vegetables
Authentic Dipping Sauces
Lemon Sherbet for Dessert

February 5, 2026—6:30PM

“No Soup For You” (Casual)

Jerry, Kramer, George & Elaine's Favorites!
Homemade Everything Bagel Bread
Mulligatawny Soup
Crab Bisque
Crème of Broccoli Soup
Half Sandwich—(Italian Combo)
Chips
Homemade Cookies for Dessert

February 19, 2026—6:30PM

**“When You're Here, You're Family”
(fine Dinning)**

Endless Salad & Breadsticks” (within reason)
Minestrone Soup
Toasted Ravioli and Marinara
Chicken Scampi
Homemade Italian Inspired Cake for Dessert

DON'T MISS OUT!

From The Sunny South

Brothers,

I'd Like to wish you and your families a very happy and healthy new year!



I am humbled and honored for the trust you have placed in me to serve the craft from the South this year. Rest assured, that I will do my level best to carry forth our Lodge culture of fine refreshment and meaningful fellowship that, as brothers we all value and appreciate.

As with every new year we begin our next trip around the sun with excitement and a sense of renewal in the many aspects of our personal, professional and fraternal lives.

As we all dine together this year I challenge you all to do something different. Sit near a brother you may not have before. Bring up a masonic topic with those around you to foster discussion. Ask a brother to share a story from their masonic journey, or ask how you can help to contribute to theirs. As Masons, our biggest strength lies within our brotherhood. We can all benefit from truly sharing, imparting wisdom and learning from each other.

I look forward to putting my spin on refreshment with a thematic menu and whimsical approach. Other than a Table Lodge or special event, the first meeting of each month will feature a casual meal with a lower cost in mind. The Second will feature a more robust menu and a “finer dinning” experience. It is my goal to provide quality at the most affordable price. To do that I will need your help, so that I may purchase and plan properly. If you plan to attend lodge for dinner, please place it front of mind to kindly RSVP in a timely fashion. If websites are not your thing, you may call, text or email me directly as well. **PHONE/TEXT: 617-803-6462 EMAIL: papershark2003@gmail.com.**

Lastly, if you have special dietary restrictions or allergies which prevent you from partaking in lodge dinners, please contact me privately in advance and I will be sure to make proper accommodations (*on the level*) so that you don't have to miss out. **WE WANT YOU THERE!**

Respectfully,

Bro. Phil Sharkey, Jr. - Junior Warden ~ 2026

Upcoming Lodge Events

JAN 8th: 7:30PM CMTA Meeting

Fellowcraft Room

JAN 15th: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner

7:300PM Lodge Meeting

FEB 5th: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner

7:300PM Lodge Meeting

FEB 12th: 7:30PM CMTA Meeting

Fellowcraft Room

FEB 19th: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner

7:300PM Lodge Meeting

MAR 5th: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Lodge Meeting & FC Degree

MAR 12th: 7:30PM CMTA Meeting

Fellowcraft Room

MAR 15th: TABLE LODGE

6:30PM Open on E.A. Degree

2025 Breakfast with Santa

December 13, 2025

Once again Temple Lodge No. 16 put on our Breakfast With Santa event to much success.

We Served a hearty breakfast of Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, and copious amounts for bacon to over 76 guests from both our lodge and the public.

Our charity this year was [The Cheshire Community Food Pantry](#). Several Brothers were on hand to collect food and cash donations as well as to take orders and serve our guests.

Of course, no breakfast would be possible without SANTA! Many thanks to Bro. Jeffrey Summers for once again, stepping up by growing out his beard, putting on the suit and bringing smiles to many of our community's children.

(some adults too). Of course, the second cast were the brothers who got an early start prepping, cooking, and cleaning up.

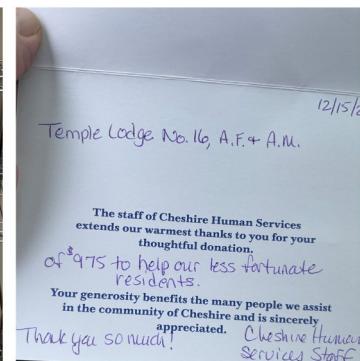


Bro. Jeffrey Summers working that Santa Magic!

This year Temple Lodge No. 16 was proud to present [The Cheshire Community Food Pantry](#) with \$975.00 worth of food and cash donations.



(Pictured Left)
The Santa Crew
WB Phil Sharkey, III
Kevin Ferguson
John O'Reilly
WB Bruce Taylor
Phil Sharkey, Jr.
Jeff Summers
WB Steve Blake
RWB Dave Stewart
WB Eric Desmond
(missing from photo)
Bro. Sam Stuckal



Bro. Jonathan Hartman dropping off the donations... Thankyou card from The Cheshire Community Food Pantry!

“Ladies at Table” Dinner and Lodge Meeting Event Held

December 18, 2025

Temple Lodge No. 16 put on a special holiday dinner planned by WB Eric Desmond after the last Stated Communication in December.

A delicious meal was prepared by WB Desmond consisting of Potato Leek Soup, Ballymore Spiced Beef, Honey-glazed carrots, Creamed spinach with a Chocolate Hazelnut Semifreddo dessert to top it off.

Many brothers, their wives and children attended to partake in the meal and the sharing of some holiday spirit to end our year at lodge.



*Photos courtesy of
Bro. Jon Fischer*

Thinking of an Event?

Have you ever thought of an event you would like to see take place at our Lodge?

If so...

Reach out to our Worshipful Master, Rodrigo Matarollo and let him know your thoughts and ideas!

Brotherhood and community only make us better!

Installation of Temple Lodge No. 16 Officers

January 3, 2026

Many thanks go out again this year to our returning installation team; RWB Gary Cohen (Installing Master), RWB Gary Matican (Installing Marshal), and RWB David Berger (Installing Chaplain). As always, in the presence of several brothers, family and friends, the team did a fabulous job presenting us with a well executed and meaningful installation ceremony.

We thanked and applauded our outgoing Master, WB Eric Desmond for a fantastic year of shepherding the craft of Temple Lodge as our “humble caretaker” for the past year and welcomed in our newly installed Worshipful Master, Rodrigo Maltarollo to the proclamation... “Brothers Behold Your Master.”

The lodge is indebted to WB Desmond for his service to our lodge and a great year of fellowship, education and leadership. May all of you look back fondly on the past year, and support our new Master in all his endeavors throughout the coming year.

The suite of officers installed after the Worshipful Master are all listed on the last page of this Trestleboard. All elected and appointed officers were installed with the exception of Treasurer and Junior Steward which will take place at a future Stated Communication.

“Brothers Behold Your Master”



Fun Fact of the Month

"PULL THE WOOL OVER SOMEONE'S EYES"

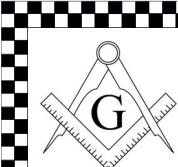
Generally, this expression can be traced to the powdered wigs which were the custom in the early nineteenth century—the “wool” having fallen down over a man’s eyes, would temporarily blind him. While today’s British Judges favor horsehair and would never be caught dead in an ill-woven rug, their predecessors often wore poorly fitted wigs, and many a barrister boasted about pulling the wool over the judge’s eyes.

Side note: WB George Washington did NOT wear a powdered wig. It was his own hair and he had a very involved daily regimen to powder it and maintain it.

... and now you know

Lodge Building Monthly Meeting Schedule

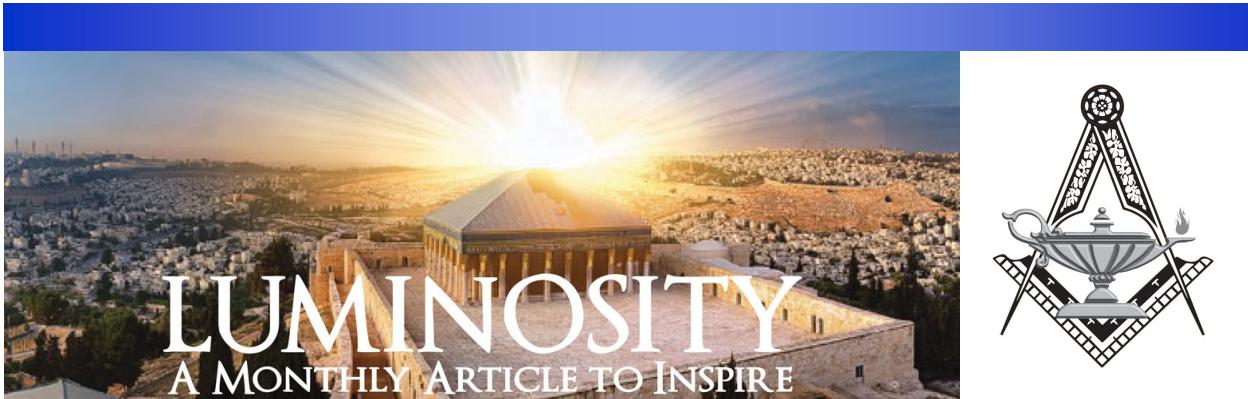
Rainbow Girls:	First and Third Sunday
Amaranth:	Second Monday
Order of the Easter Star:	First and Third Tuesday
Day Spring #30 Masonic Lodge:	First Wednesday
Temple Lodge No.16:	First and Third Thursday



Brothers Preparing for Fellowcraft Degree

Brother Manny Blyden & Brother Moises Saliva





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Tending the Craft: The Labor That Sustains Us.

All things made by the hands of men will one day return to dust if those same hands do not preserve them. This is true of temples, of relationships, of reputations, and of our Lodges.

There is a common mistake made by those who confuse beginnings with permanence. They believe that once something good has been created, it will last on its own. But we know better.

Nothing remains great by accident.

It must be cared for, preserved, and labored over.

The Moment of Creation Is Not the Measure of Its Worth

We place great value on moments of beginning. The laying of a cornerstone. The founding of a Lodge. The raising of a Brother to the Sublime Degree. These moments are powerful. But they are only the start. Creation is the spark. It is the commitment that follows which keeps the fire alive. Even the most masterful building will crumble if the roof is not patched and the walls not tended. Even the most devoted marriage will fray if affection and attention are neglected. Even the most vibrant Lodge will decline if its members stop showing up to care for it. We must never mistake the start of something for its endurance.

The Silent Threat: Neglect, Not Opposition

We often imagine threats to our institutions as something loud, external, and hostile. But in truth, the slow decay of a Lodge rarely comes from enemies. It comes from silence. It comes from absence. It comes from the slow fading of attention. The enemies of the Craft do not always come from outside. Sometimes they come from within, in the form of apathy, convenience, and forgetfulness. The men who say "someone else will do it. "The men who say "this is how it's always been." The men who say "it is just a meeting." But the Lodge is never "just" a meeting. It is the expression of all who labor to sustain it, and when enough stop laboring, it weakens. Not all at once, but slowly and inevitably.

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A Lodge Reflects the Spirit of Its Members

The character of a Lodge is shaped by the character of its men. Its reputation in the community, the tone of its meetings, the quality of its ritual - all of it begins and ends with the Brethren who form it. When you walk into a Lodge that is clean, welcoming, and full of life, you are not witnessing luck. You are witnessing effort.

Someone got there early. Someone learned the work. Someone called a Brother to check on him. Someone prepared the lessons and meals. Someone stayed behind to lock the doors and turn off the lights. These acts are not always seen, but they are always felt.

The Work That No One Notices Is the Most Important of All

It is tempting to believe that the real work of the Lodge is what happens during degrees or on festive boards. Those moments are important. But they are not the only things that matter. The quiet acts - showing up, checking in, cleaning up, planning ahead - these are the beams that support the structure. We often say that Masonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, but that system must be lived out. It must be carried in the heart and acted on with the hands. The labor of the Craft is not just symbolic. It is practical. It is embodied, and it is needed.

Commitment That Outlasts Excitement

When a man first joins our Fraternity, he is full of curiosity, hope, and anticipation. But over time, as the novelty fades, a choice must be made. Will he remain engaged? Will he deepen his understanding? Will he take on responsibility, or will he drift away, assuming that someone else will keep things running? True greatness in a Mason is not found in how excited he is on the night he is raised. It is found in how faithful he is in the years that follow. The ones who preserve the Craft are not always the loudest or the most visible. They are the ones who stay. Who return. Who serve without asking for thanks.

What the Lodge Teaches Us About Stewardship

We learn early in Masonry that we are builders, and that we must improve ourselves in Masonry. But as we grow, we learn another lesson. It is not enough to build only ourselves. We are also called to preserve the structure that formed us. You did not build this Lodge by yourself. But you are responsible for helping sustain it. The Brothers who kept it alive before you are not all present now. Some have moved. Some have passed to the Grand Lodge Above, and now it falls to you to keep the lights burning, the work progressing, and the spirit of the Craft alive.

When the Work Is Hard

There will be times when the labor feels thankless. When you are tired. When others seem uninterested. When it feels easier to step back and let things go on without you. But this is when Masons are most needed. This is when the true strength of character shows itself. The one who does the work anyway. The one who shows up, not because it is convenient, but because it is right. We are taught to meet on the level, to act by the plumb, and to part upon the square. These are not passive ideas. They are active commitments.

The Legacy We Leave Behind

Every Lodge has its stories. Moments of pride, of solemnity, of humor, and of accomplishment. But stories alone do not sustain a Lodge. Men do, and one day, someone will look back at this era and speak of what the Lodge was like when we sat in its chairs and stood on its floor. What will they say? Will they say we preserved the Light? That we carried the Craft with dignity? That we left the Temple stronger than we found it, or will they say we let it fade? The future of this Lodge - and the Fraternity itself - rests not in buildings, rituals, or regalia. It rests in the hearts and hands of men who still believe it is worth preserving.

Let Us Be Worthy of the Work

Brethren, we are not merely members of an organization. We are stewards of a tradition. A tradition that only lives when it is lived. A tradition that only thrives when it is practiced. Let us choose to be among those who serve without recognition. Who build without boasting. Who show up without being begged. Let us tend the Lodge like those who came before us so that those who come after us will still find a place of Light, a place of learning, a place of Brotherhood. Let us keep the fire burning so no Brother is ever left in darkness.

So mote it be.

Temple Lodge No. 16 ~ 2026 Officers

Worshipful Master: Rodrigo Maltarollo

Senior Warden: Andrew Kazimer

Junior Warden: Phil Sharkey, Jr.

Treasurer: WB Phil Sharkey III

Secretary: WB Mark Orsini

Senior Deacon Kevin Ferguson

Tiler Jeffrey Summers

Junior Deacon Jonathan Hartman

Organist WB John Lesky

Senior Steward Kevin Dwyer

Historian RWB David Stewart

Junior Steward

School of Instruction

Chaplain WB Eric Desmond

Assistant Secretary WB Stuart Post

Marshal Tyler DeLavalle

Project Manager WB Phil Sharkey, III

Almoner Jonathan Hartman

Trustees (3-year terms)

Kevin Ferguson, ('26) ~ Rob Lawonka, ('27) ~ WB Stuart Post, ('28)

CMTA—(3-year terms)

President: WB Steve Blake, ('26)

Tyler DeLavalle, ('28)

Mithie Tharson, ('27)

Vice President: WB Bruce Taylor, ('28)

Kevin Dwyer, ('27)

WB Rodrigo Maltarollo, (**WM**)

Treasurer: WB Fred Cargill, ('28)

RWB David Stewart, ('26)

Andrew Kazimer, (**SW**)

Secretary:

Jon Fischer, ('26)

Phil Sharkey, Jr., (**JW**)

Rental Agent: WB Stuart Post

Living Masters of Temple Lodge No. 16

1968	WB Wayne Davidson	2000	WB John Lesky	2015,16	WB Jonathan Martin
1980	RWB George Nousianinen	2004	WB Royal Watrous	2017,18	WB Stuart Post
1982,83,95	WB Kenneth Baril	2005	WB Michael Candela	2019	WB Steven Blake
1984,2002	WB Stephen Eberle	2006	WB John Attwood	2020	WB Fred Cargill
1989	WB James Sygrove	2007	WB Philip Reed	2021,22	WB Philip Sharkey, III
1990	WB William Maturo	2008	WB Roger Jackson	2023	WB Jason Polaski
1991	WB John Sturges	2010	WB Michael Bonini	2024	WB Bruce Taylor
1996	WB James Parys	2011,14	WB Steven Canada	2025	WB Eric Desmond
1997	WB Garret Post	2012	WB Eric Gunther		
1998	WB Carmen Spizzoucco	2013	WB Eric Sliver		

Living Past Masters of Other Lodges & Members of Temple Lodge No. 16

RWB Gary Matican	Cosmopolitan #125	1991,95,2003	WB Mark Orsini	Liberty-Continental #76	2012,14,16,17
RWB David Berger	Cosmopolitan #125	2005	WB Steven Canada	Day Spring #30	2016,17
WB Roger Jackson	Cosmopolitan #125	2009	WB Gordon Hurlbert	Granite #119	2023,24
RWB Robert Knowles	Center #197	2006	WB Garret Post	Ashlar #332	2023
WB Emory Meyerjack	Ashlar-Aspetuck #142	2010			