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Temple Lodge No. 16 - Chartered 1790
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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A Message From the East

Dear Brethren,

October was a month filled with Masonic light! We enjoyed a wonderful lecture presented by our Junior Warden on the second lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree, followed by a Harvest-themed Table Lodge presided over by our Senior Warden. Both occasions reminded us of the richness of our Masonic teachings and the importance of gathering not only to conduct the business of the lodge, but also to learn, reflect, and strengthen the bonds we share as brothers.

Looking back on October, I was particularly proud to witness the wisdom, dedication, and readiness of both our Wardens as they stepped forward to lead these important occasions. Their willingness to assume responsibility and serve the Craft with such enthusiasm and honor gives me great confidence in the future of Temple Lodge No. 16. Brethren, I am humbled by their commitment and grateful to have such capable brothers alongside me in our labors.

November brings colder air and shorter days, reminding us that this is a fitting time to pause, reflect, and prepare for the work that lies ahead. Our officers will gather this month to review our accomplishments throughout 2026, consider the lessons we have learned, and discuss our short-term and long-term objectives for the years to come. Our responsibility is not simply to preserve what has been entrusted to us, but to ensure that we leave our lodge stronger, more engaged, and better prepared for those who will follow.

November is also a month of Thanksgiving, and I cannot let it pass without expressing my sincere gratitude to our officers for the tremendous work they have done in support of our lodge this year. I am equally thankful to all the brethren of Temple Lodge No. 16 for your participation in our events, labors, lectures, degrees, funerals, and fellowship gatherings. Every contribution, whether great or small, helps sustain the life of our lodge and the principles we strive to uphold.

On a more personal note, Masonry has changed my life. Certainly, its teachings have helped shape my understanding of myself and the world around me, but what has touched me most deeply is the love, respect, guidance, and friendship I have experienced among my brothers at Temple Lodge No. 16. Joining this fraternity, and becoming part of this particular lodge, has been one of the best decisions of my life. I am profoundly thankful to each of you for the kindness you have shown me, the lessons you have shared with me, and the support you have offered throughout my Masonic journey.

As Worshipful Master, I am honored to serve this lodge, but I am equally grateful for the opportunity to call each of you my brother. Whatever we accomplish during our time in the East, it is the bonds we build and the care we show one another that give our labor its lasting meaning.

As we approach the final months of 2026, let us continue our work with gratitude in our hearts, purpose in our actions, and brotherly love as our guiding principle. I look forward to closing the year alongside you, confident that the light we have cultivated together will continue to shine long after our labors this year are complete.



Thank you, brethren, for being part of this journey with me.

Fraternally,

Rodrigo Maltarollo

Worshipful Master
Temple Lodge No. 16

Greetings From The West

Brothers,

Thank you all for supporting me during our Table Lodge. Being thrust into the East at the last minute is something a Senior Warden should be ready for, but you can never truly prepare for it. I am deeply thankful we have such a supportive brotherhood in our lodge.

I also want to give a special thank you to our Junior Warden and the kitchen staff for an excellent Table Lodge.

The year is winding down, and I look forward to what next year will bring!

Fraternally,
Senior Warden Andrew Kazimer

Lodge at Refreshment

November 5th, 2026—6:30PM
"Authentic Caribbean Braised Oxtail"
Menu prepared by:
Brother Manny Blijden
w/Root Vegetables, Red Beans & Rice, Garden Salad & Dessert

November 19th, 2026—6:30PM
Indian Food Night & Festive Board
Menu prepared by:
W.B. Eric Desmond
Indian Chai Tea
Tandoori Chicken
Chana Masala
Saag Paneer
Samosas
Basmati Rice
Dessert: Kheer (Indian Rice Pudding)

December 3rd, 2026—6:30PM
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS
"No Soup For You...Take Two"
Choice of Three:
Minestrone, Tex-Mex Chilli & Chicken Noodle
Outback Steakhouse Style Brown Bread
Tortilla Salad w/Cilantro Lime Dressing
Chips
Dessert

December 17th, 2026—6:30PM
"Spaghetti w/Meatballs & Sausage"
Caesar Salad
Home Made Bread
Home Made Cookies

KINDLY R.S.V.P.
DON'T MISS OUT!

Tidings From The South

Greetings Brothers,

As we enter November and approach our final meetings of 2026, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for making this year so memorable. Your dedication and fellowship in supporting me in the South has made this a truly remarkable year for me and for our lodge.

Thank you for your support thus far, and I look forward with gratitude to the final gatherings of the year as we finish 2026 strong together.

...Also, get ready for "No Soup For You... TAKE TWO"
(You're going to love it!)



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Calling all Past Masters!

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 16

PAST MASTER'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, November 14th
at 9:30 AM

INVITATION TO TEMPLE 16
PAST MASTERS ONLY

Upcoming Events

November 5th: Stated Communication
6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Lodge Meeting
PROGRAM: TBD

November 12th: CMTA Meeting: All Temple Lodge no. 16 Brothers Welcome
7:30PM —Fellowcraft Room

November 19th: Stated Communication & FESTIVE BOARD
6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Lodge Meeting
PROGRAM: Guest Speaker

December 3rd: ANNUAL MEETING & Stated Communication
6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Lodge Meeting
PROGRAM: Annual Reports & Elections

December 10th: CMTA Meeting: All Temple Lodge no. 16 Brothers Welcome
7:30PM —Fellowcraft Room

December 17th: Stated Communication
6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Lodge Meeting
PROGRAM: TBD

Fun Phrase of the Month

"BY HOOK OR BY CROOK"

(By any means possible)

The first known reference for this expression dates back to John Wycliffe's *Controversial Tracts (c. 1380).* Wycliffe referred to the medieval custom of allowing commoners to take from the King's forest any deadwood that they could reach with a shepherd's crook and cut with a reaper's billhook.

Another suggestion is that the phrase relates to Ireland's Hook Head and Crook Head, points of the land that in rough seas might provide shelter to ships on their way to Waterford: "We will go by Hook and Crook."

… 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



TEMPLE LODGE NO. 16

PRESENTS AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP

CARIBBEAN DINNER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2026

Featuring an authentic menu prepared by
Brother Manny Blijden

THE MENU

Garden Salad

Braised Ox Tail with Root Vegetables

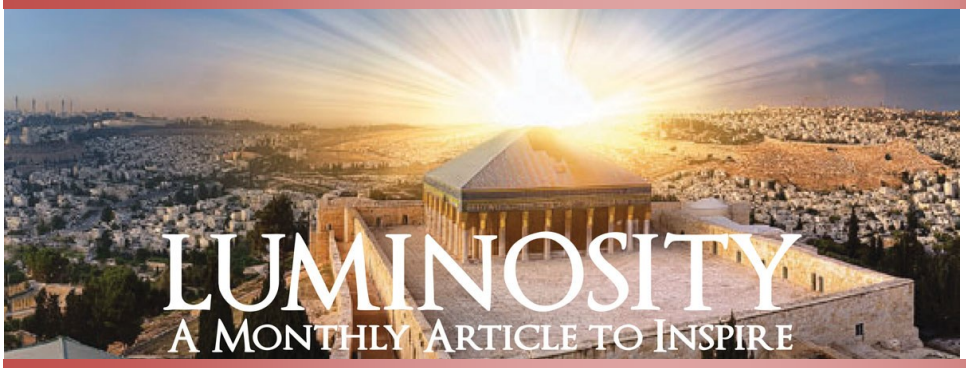
Caribbean Style Red Beans and Rice

Tres Leches Cake Dessert

$25.00 Per Person

6:30 PM — Dinner Served

7:30 PM — Stated Communication



What Is The Tyler Doing?

Submitted By: R.W. David J. Stewart, Grand Historian, November 2026

Ask most Masons and you'll get a practical answer...

He’s the man outside the door. The one who makes sure nobody enters who shouldn't.

The Brother with the sword who tyles the Lodge before it opens and reports that it is so tyled when asked.

A doorman, essentially. An important one, but a doorman.

That reading isn't wrong. It's just the surface.

A Tyler's position in Masonic symbolism carries something the practical description doesn't capture.

He guards the threshold. That boundary between the world outside and the work happening within. Between the profane and the sacred, to use the old language.

Between the noise of ordinary life and the deliberate stillness the Lodge room is designed to create. That boundary matters more than most Masons think about.

Walk into Lodge without it being properly observed and something changes. The quality of attention in the room. The weight of what's being done. The sense that this space is genuinely set apart from whatever happened in the parking lot ten minutes ago.

The Tyler is the reason that transition happens at all. But there's a reading that goes further still... Every Mason is supposed to be his own Tyler.

Guarding the entrance to his own mind with the same diligence the outer Tyler guards the door. Ensuring that what enters is fit to be there. Those passions, prejudices, and the clutter of the day are left outside before the real work begins.

That's the part of the office nobody announces at the door.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Mark	Anthony	Orsini		November	2
Eric	Michael	Desmond		November	3
John	Peter	O'Reilly	Jr	November	5
John	G.	Attwood		November	6
Ted	C.	Noble	Jr	November	7
Prakash	B.	Vaidya		November	10
David	Scott	Veleber		November	15
Martin	Jay	Rauch		November	22
Frederic	Wilcox	Wilson	III	November	22
Samuel		Stuckal		November	25
Kevin	Patrick	Ferguson		November	26
Boris		Karolicki		November	26
Charles	Gifford	Viall		November	30

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
Junior Deacon Jonathan Hartman
Senior Steward Kevin Dwyer
Junior Steward Eric Martone
Chaplain WB Eric Desmond
Marshal Tyler DeLavalle

Tiler Jeffrey Summers
Organist WB John Lesky
Historian RWB David Stewart
School of Instruction WB Eric Desmond
Assistant Secretary WB Stuart Post
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, ('29)	Eric Martone, ('29)	Sean Caruthers, ('27)
Vice President:	WB Bruce Taylor, ('28)	Kevin Dwyer, ('27)	WB Rodrigo Maltarollo, **(WM)**
Treasurer:	WB Fred Cargill, ('28)	RWB David Stewart, ('29)	Andrew Kazimer, **(SW)**
Secretary:	Tyler Della Valle, ('28)	Jon Fischer, ('29)	Phil Sharkey, Jr., **(JW)**
	Rental Agent: WB Stuart Post		WB Mark Orsini **(SEC)**

Living Masters of Temple Lodge No. 16

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

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			