



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

## A Message From the East

Dear Brethren,

September came and went quickly, and with it came the return of our lodge to active labor. We had the pleasure of initiating a new brother into our fraternity, and we also welcomed the Craft back to our first Game Night following the summer recess. I would like to thank all of the brothers who attended and contributed to both events. Your presence and participation are what continue to bring energy and life to Temple Lodge No. 16.

This month, on October, 1st, our educational program will be presented by our Junior Warden and will continue our exploration of the lectures of the Entered Apprentice Degree. I encourage all brethren to join us for what promises to be an engaging opportunity to reflect more deeply on the lessons contained within our first degree. You won't want to miss it!

We will also have our second Table Lodge of the year on October 15th. Our Table Lodges have become one of my favorite events of the Masonic year, providing us with a unique opportunity to combine fellowship, tradition, education, and meaningful conversation around the table. Please be sure to RSVP as soon as you receive the invitation so that we can properly prepare for the evening.

Grand Lodge will take place on October 17th, and I encourage any brother who is a Master Mason interested in attending to reach out to one of the officers. As is customary, we will coordinate transportation and carpool whenever possible. It is always a valuable opportunity to participate in the broader work of our Grand Lodge and to represent Temple Lodge No. 16.

While we continue our work through the remainder of this year, we are also beginning to look toward the future. In November, the officers will come together to reflect on our work during 2026 and assess our short-term and long-term plans for 2027 and beyond. The goal is not simply to look back at what we have accomplished, but to ensure that the good work begun this year continues to develop and serve the lodge in the years ahead.

Thank you once again, brothers, for your continued presence, support, and dedication to our lodge. Every meeting attended, every degree practiced, every event supported, and every moment spent in fellowship contributes to the strength of Temple Lodge No. 16.

Let us continue our labors together and finish the year strong.

Fraternally,

Rodrigo Maltarollo  
Worshipful Master  
Temple Lodge No. 16



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### Special points of interest

- BROTHER'S BREAKFAST
- "Luminosity" Canopies, Big Trees, and the Overshadowed Brother

## Greetings From The West



Brothers,

I would like to begin by congratulating our newly admitted Brother Wisner. You have taken the first step in what I hope will be a long and fruitful Masonic journey. It is always a truly special moment to witness a new Brother being brought to light. It brought me back to my own first degree and the tidal wave of emotions and thoughts that came with it. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening so meaningful for our new Brother, and thank you to all the officers for your hard work and for doing a great job on inspection night. I look forward to seeing you all again and finishing out the Masonic year on a high note.

Fraternally,

Senior Warden Andrew Kazimer

## Lodge at Refreshment

**October 1, 2026—6:30PM**

**“A Sub Above Night” (Lighter Fare)**

Giant Submarine Sandwiches  
(Italian Combo, Turkey, Roast Beef)  
Garden Salad  
Chips  
Brownies

**October 15, 2026—6:30PM**

**“AUTUMN TABLE LODGE”**

See Advertisement In  
Forthcoming Pages.  
7-Course Tasting Menu

**November 5th, 2026—6:30PM**

**“Authentic Caribbean Oxtail Stew”**

**Prepared by our very own Brother  
Manny Blijden**

w/ Red Beans & Rice &  
Traditional Fixings.

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

## Tidings From The South

Hello Brothers,

As the sun crosses the celestial equator and we mark the Autumnal Equinox, welcome to Fall!



The changing of the seasons offers us profound allegorical lessons. The equinox represents a moment of perfect balance, where day and night are of equal length. This serves as a timely reminder of the Masonic virtue of temperance and the importance of maintaining balance in our daily lives—harmonizing our obligations to God, our families, our country, and our craft.

Autumn is a time of harvest. It invites us to look inward and reap the fruits of the labor we have spent on our internal temples. It is a season to gather together in true brotherly love, share in our collective wisdom, and prepare ourselves for the introspective winter months ahead.

May this season bring you peace, equilibrium, and renewed strength as you labor on, shaping your ashlar!

Bro. Phil Sharkey, Jr. - Junior Warden ~ A.L. 6026

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## *Brother Breakfast*

Hosted by WB Eric Desmond



Saturday, October 10th, 2026 at 9:00 AM  
Social Hall at Temple Lodge No. 16



### *On The Menu*

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage,  
Juice, and copious amounts of fellowship



Cost: Complimentary (donations accepted)

RSVP IS A MUST by Friday, October 9th

Contact: WB Eric Desmond at

E\_desmond@hotmail.com or 203-887-6198

# Upcoming Events

## October 1st: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Lodge Meeting

**PROGRAM: E.A. Second Section Lecture—EXPANDED ~ presented by Bro. Phil Sharkey, Jr.**

## October 8th: CMTA Meeting: All Temple Lodge no. 16 Brothers Welcome

7:30PM —Fellowcraft Room

## October 10th: Brother's Breakfast—Presented by: WB Eric Desmond (see advertisement in this issue)

## October 15th: Stated Communication & TABLE LODGE

6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Lodge Meeting

**PROGRAM: 7-Toasts / 7-Course Dinner**

## November 5th: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Lodge Meeting

**PROGRAM: ??**

## November 12th: CMTA Meeting: All Temple Lodge no. 16 Brothers Welcome

7:30PM —Fellowcraft Room

## November 19th: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Lodge Meeting

**PROGRAM: ??**

## Fun Phrase of the Month

### “GETTING DOWN TO BRASS TACKS”

some believe that this phrase - which dates back to the turn of the 19th century - relates to the brass tacks used in upholstery. And it may have been in a Cockney rhyming game to mean “hard facts.”, but the most common understanding of this saying has to do with early shoekeepers inserting brass tacks into the edge of their counters at varying interval, thus providing the means for measuring fabric. When a customer finished looking over the available stock and had determined what to buy, the cloth was set on the counter and measured: ascertaining a price was “getting down to brass tacks.” Also, likely when re-upholstering furniture, stripping an old chair down to the foundational brass tacks when repairing it or “getting down to the core” of the work ahead.

... AND NOW YOU KNOW

## Lodge Building Monthly Meeting Schedule

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





# Temple Lodge No. 16

## *Autumn Table Lodge*



Celebrating Fellowship, Harvest and Fraternity

**October 15, 2026 at 6:30PM**

Temple Lodge No. 16 - Cheshire, CT

### **MENU**

**Course 1: Amuse-Bouche**

**Course 2: Soup**

**Course 3: Appetizer**

**Course 4: Pasta**

**Course 5: Poultry Entrée**

**Course 6: Main Course**

**Course 7: Dessert**

Maple-Bacon Wrapped Apple Bites

Creamy Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

Baked Brie Crostini with Cranberry Chutney

Pumpkin and Sage Ravioli

Cider-Glazed Sliced Turkey Breast

Maple-Bourbon Beef Tenderloin w/Root Vegetables

Warm Skillet Apple Crisp

**Price: \$35.00 per person**

# Entered Apprentice Degree Conferred at September 17th Stated Communication.

September 17th, 2026

Congratulations to Brother Wisner Jeanty who was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on September 17th, 2026.

The degree was performed by Worshipful Master Rodrigo Maltorolla and a full compliment of Temple 16 officers.

After an “Big Time BBQ” style dinner, with better than 20 brothers in attendance and well-fed, the Entered Apprentice Degree was portrayed by the degree team conveying the lessons of the Entered Apprentice Degree with all due reverence and intention.

As the evening was also our annual in-

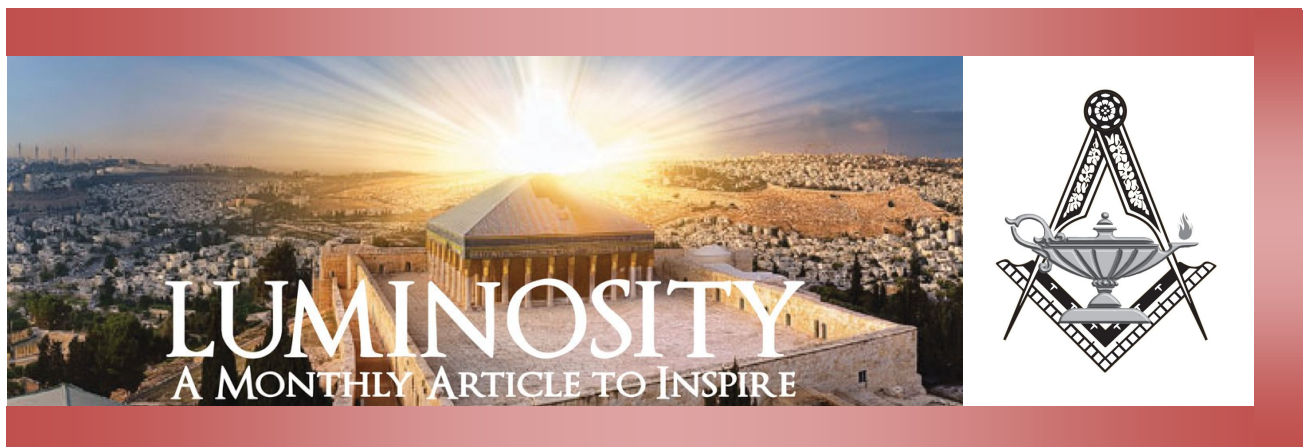
spection also, in attendance were Bro. Tim Vendetti, RW District Deputy— District 4A, and Worshipful Bro. Scott Atkins, Associate Grand Marshall - District 4A.

The Working Tools were presented by Brother John O'Reilly, Steward's Lecture by Brothers Kevin Ferguson & John O'Reilly, and the Charge by WB Mark Orsini.

Many thanks to all the brothers on the degree team for the many hours spent preparing for a fine degree.

Let's continue to support Brother Wisner as he prepares to continue his Masonic journey by being passed to the degree of





## Canopies, Big Trees, and the Overshadowed Brother

Submitted by: R.W. David J. Stewart, Grand Historian, September 2026

There are times in our Masonic journey when a worthy brother calls; not merely for conversation, but for what I like to call a meeting of the minds.

Our discussions often begin with a simple question and unfold into deeper reflections on Masonry, life, and leadership. On one occasion, our conversation began with a question familiar to every Mason:

“Do we take an Oath, or do we take an Obligation?”

As thoughtful discussions often do, it leads us beyond ritual wording and into practical Masonry—into how we treat one another, and especially how we treat our newly made brothers. And from that discussion emerged a powerful image:

The canopy of a great tree. The symbolism of the tree. In nature, nothing grows well beneath certain large trees. Why? You ask. Because of intense competition for resources, limited sunlight, shallow, widespread root systems that monopolize water and nutrients, and dense canopies block life-giving light. The result is a place hostile to new growth.

So, now, let us pause and reflect: Can this happen in our Lodges? “Your lodge” Can we seasoned, knowledgeable, well-meaning Master Masons—sometimes become the very canopy that prevents growth? We teach that Masonry is a progressive science. We speak of light, seeking it, receiving it, and sharing it.

The Entered Apprentice is brought from darkness to light; the Fellowcraft is encouraged to advance in his knowledge with more light, and the Master Mason is raised to a new understanding.



Growth is built into our system. Yet if we overshadow our newly made brothers, dominate every discussion, fill every chair, make every decision, answer every question before they have time to think, then we unintentionally block their light.

We started out with this piece, to get our thoughts together, so, do we take an Oath or an Obligation?

An oath is often seen as a promise. I furthermore promise and swear. An obligation is something that binds us to action and responsibility. If we are truly obligated to our brothers, and of course our craft, then we are obligated not only to teach, but to allow growth. Support without suffocating, guidance without controlling, and lead without overshadowing

The danger of the “big tree” mason; there is nothing wrong with strength, with knowledge, and with experience. But if we are not careful, we can become like the dense oak whose roots stretch wide and whose branches block the sun.

A newly made brother may sit quietly: Unsure how to participate, not sure if his ideas would be welcome and unsure if there is room for him to grow, and in due time, without light, nourishment, and opportunity—he withers, not because he lacked potential, but because he lacked space and did not gain a strong based Masonic education.

What should we do? A wise gardener does not remove the great tree, he prunes it, and ensures light reaches the forest floor.

So how do we apply this Masonically?

- offer the new brother meaningful work, get him involved.
- let him make mistakes and learn by them
- invite his voice in discussions
- offer encouragement with education and study
- offer mentorship, not dominance

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Provide him: with the right tools, proper nourishment, and above all, light. This is the true strength of the Lodge. A lodge is not measured by how strong its senior members are. It is measured by how well it prepares its future.

When we allow brothers to grow, especially our newer ones;

- The Lodge becomes vibrant
- Leadership multiplies
- Knowledge expands
- Peace and harmony prevails

We move from being a forest of one towering tree to a thriving grove of strong pillars. Let us be always mindful that when a newly made brother enters his lodge, he is tenderly growing. He carries potential we may not yet see. Let us not overshadow him. Let us instead stand as pillars that support the structure, not canopies that block the light. Give him tools. Give him nourishment. Give him opportunity.

And then—Watch him grow.

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

|        |         |              |         |    |
|--------|---------|--------------|---------|----|
| George | Henry   | Davidson III | October | 2  |
| Leon   | Edward  | Losapio      | October | 5  |
| Sean   | R.      | Caruthers    | October | 7  |
| Louis  | M.      | Murray       | October | 10 |
| David  | Matthew | Rochford     | October | 17 |
| Philip | James   | Sharkey III  | October | 21 |
| Gary   | Spencer | Rowe         | October | 24 |

## 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 DeLavalley

**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)

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>President:</b>      | WB Steve Blake, ('29)               | Eric Martone, ('29)      | Sean Caruthers, ('27)                |
| <b>Vice President:</b> | WB Bruce Taylor, ('28)              | Kevin Dwyer, ('27)       | WB Rodrigo Maltarollo, ( <b>WM</b> ) |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>      | WB Fred Cargill, ('28)              | RWB David Stewart, ('29) | Andrew Kazimer, ( <b>SW</b> )        |
| <b>Secretary:</b>      | Tyler Della Valle, ('28)            | Jon Fischer, ('29)       | Phil Sharkey, Jr., ( <b>JW</b> )     |
|                        | <b>Rental Agent:</b> WB Stuart Post |                          | WB Mark Orsini ( <b>SEC</b> )        |

## Living Masters of Temple Lodge No. 16

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

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

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