



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

Dear Brethren,

After two months of rest and a slower pace of lodge activity, September brings us back to labor. I hope that the summer months provided each of you with an opportunity to rest, spend time with family and friends, and return to our labors with renewed energy.

We begin our September work on the **3rd**, when we will return to our usual business and vote on a petition for membership. In keeping with our focus this year on meaningful Masonic engagement, our program that evening will invite us to reflect thoughtfully on the lessons and experience of our own Entered Apprentice Degree. Before we welcome another brother into our fraternity, it is worthwhile to pause and consider what that first step meant—and continues to mean—to each of us.

On **September 17th**, Temple Lodge No. 16 will have the honor of receiving our District Deputy and his suite of officers for our annual inspection. That evening will feature an Entered Apprentice Degree, and our degree team has been working diligently over the past several weeks to prepare for this important occasion.

I am especially grateful to our officers and degree team for the time and effort they have devoted to this work during our summer recess. Although the lodge was dark, the labor continued, and their dedication is a wonderful example of the commitment required to keep our Craft strong.

As we return to our regular rhythm, I look forward to seeing my brothers again and to continuing the great and good work we have undertaken together this year. May our return to labor bring renewed energy to our lodge, deepen our fellowship, and remind us that the work of becoming better Masons is never truly finished.

I look forward to seeing you all in the lodge room.

Faternally,

Rodrigo Maltarollo
Worshipful Master



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Special points of interest

- “Luminosity” The Northeast Corner & the Entered Apprentice

Greetings From The West



Brothers!

Welcome back from the summer. I hope you all got the rest that you needed. There is comfort in stepping back into the lodge room and hearing the familiar rap of the gavel. Life outside our doors moves fast. Time yields to something far more enduring. A genuine brotherhood that you are never truly walking alone. The true strength of our fraternity doesn't lie in our ancient traditions or ceremonial ritual, though they do ground us, it lies in the quiet assurance that you have brothers you can count on no matter what. It is the knowledge that whether in moments of personal triumph or through the heaviest trials life can throw at you there are men who will answer the call without hesitation.

I look forward to seeing you all back in lodge

Sincerely and fraternally,

Senior warden Andrew Kazimer

Lodge at Refreshment

September 17, 2026—6:30PM

"Big Time BBQ Night" (Finer Dining)

Baby Back Ribs
Pulled Chicken
Red Beans & Rice
Cole Slaw
Corn Bread
Dessert

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

"Meat & Potatoes Night" (Finer Dining)

Beef Tenderloin
Baked Potatoe
Glazed Brussel Sprouts
Salad & Fresh "OutBack Brown Bread"
Dessert

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

Tidings From The South



Brethren, I am thrilled to welcome the Craft back to labor. Our first stated meeting of the fall season begins on Thursday, September 3rd. I hope you all had a restful, refreshing summer and are ready to return to the warmth and fellowship of our lodge.

For the remainder of the year, my focus is on renewing our bonds of brotherhood through exceptional fellowship and great food.

We have an exciting lineup of planned dinners scheduled for every upcoming meeting through December. From hearty, traditional comfort foods to special themed menus, each meal is designed to give you a reason to stay, catch up, and enjoy the true spirit of Masonry.

Come for the labor, but absolutely stay for the refreshment. Your presence makes our lodge whole.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the table on September 3rd.

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

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Upcoming Events

September 3rd: Stated Communication

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

PROGRAM: Lecture by WM Rodrigo Maltarollo

“In The Beginning There Was Light: Connecting God and Man in the EA Degree”

September 10th: CMTA Meeting: All Temple Lodge no. 16 Brothers Welcome

7:30PM —Fellowcraft Room

September 17th: Stated Communication—(Annual Inspection)

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

PROGRAM: Entered Apprentice Degree— Mr. Wisner Jeanty

October 1st: Stated Communication

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

PROGRAM: ??

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

7:30PM —Fellowcraft Room

October 15th: Stated Communication—

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

PROGRAM: ??

Fun Phrase of the Month

“COME HELL OR HIGH WATER”

This colloquial expression maybe an outgrowth of “between the devil and the deep blue sea.” The current phrase, “come hell or high water,” presumably relates to fire and flood and appears to date from 1882, perhaps earlier. In the early twentieth century it was widely used in the context of cattle drives, which often involved extremely arduous conditions.

... 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





SAVE THE DATE

Temple Lodge No. 16

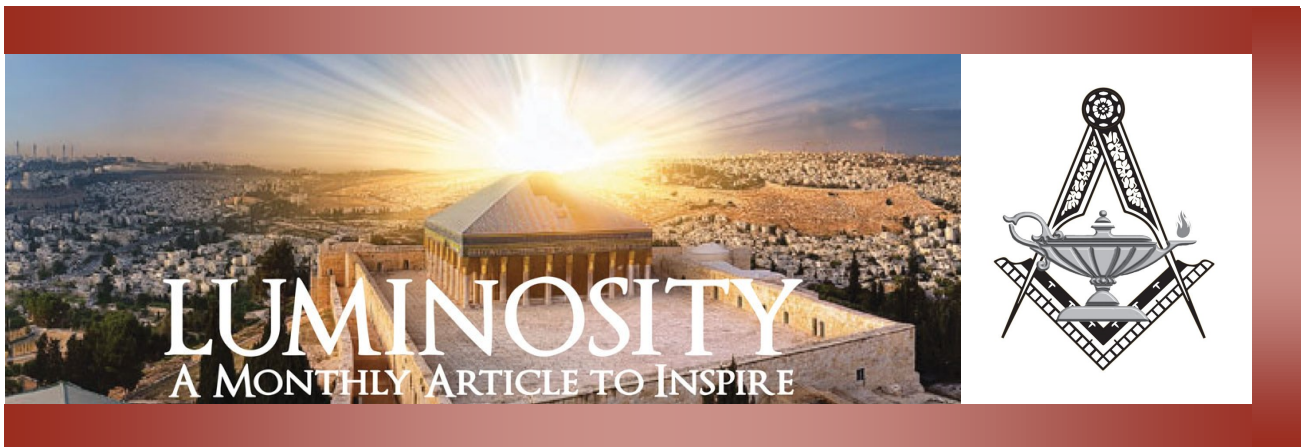
**ENTERED
APPRENTICE
DEGREE**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Candidate: Wisner Jeanty

**Time: 6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Meeting and Degree**

Temple Lodge No. 16 A.F. & A.M.



The Grand Master Who Died on Active Service

Compiled by: R.W. David J. Stewart, Grand Historian, August 2026

On the morning of **August 25, 1942**, a Short Sunderland flying boat took off from Scotland bound for Iceland. Among those aboard was **Prince George, Duke of Kent**.

He was the younger brother of King George VI, an Air Commodore in the Royal Air Force, and, at the time, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The aircraft never reached Iceland. It crashed into Eagle's Rock near Dunseath in Caithness, Scotland. Fourteen of the fifteen people aboard were killed.

The Duke was thirty-nine years old. His death brought an abrupt end to a relatively short but significant period at the head of English Freemasonry.

George had been initiated into Navy Lodge No. 2612 in April 1928. His connection with the Lodge was appropriate for a prince who had spent much of his early life in the Royal Navy. He later became Master of Navy Lodge and held several senior Masonic offices.

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In **1939**, he was installed as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The man who installed him was his own brother.

King George VI was himself a Freemason and had been invested as a Past Grand Master in 1937. On July 19, 1939, the King installed the Duke of Kent as Grand Master at a major gathering at Olympia in London. Less than two months later, Britain was at war.

Freemasonry continued throughout the conflict, although under difficult circumstances. Lodge buildings were damaged or destroyed by bombing. Meetings were disrupted. Thousands of Brethren entered military service, while Freemasons elsewhere in Europe faced persecution under Nazi occupation.

The Grand Master was also serving his country.

The Duke returned to active military service following the outbreak of war and eventually served with the Royal Air Force. By 1942 he held the rank of Air Commodore.

His death on August 25 left English Freemasonry without its Grand Master in the middle of the war.

Lodges entered a period of Masonic mourning. The Earl of Harewood subsequently served as Acting Grand Master and was elected Grand Master later in 1942. He was formally installed the following year by King George VI.

There is also an unusual continuity to the story. The Duke of Kent left behind a six-year-old son named **Edward**. Twenty-one years later, Edward was initiated into Freemasonry. In **1967**, he was installed as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the same office his father had held before his death. **He has remained Grand Master ever since.**

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The events of August 25, 1942, therefore, occupy a distinctive place in modern Masonic history.

A serving Grand Master died while on active military duty during the Second World War. His young son inherited his title that same day. And decades later, that son would follow his father into Freemasonry and eventually into the Grand Master's chair.

It is a connection between two generations separated by war, tragedy and twenty-five years of Masonic history.



Sources & Further Reading

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

John	Rudolph	Lesky	September	1
Arpan	Smitesh	Patel	September	5
Thomas	Armand	Ricard	September	10
Thomas	Stephen	Veleber	September	10
Wayne	Roger	Lawrence	September	13
David	James	Stewart	September	14
Robert	Steven	Jason	September	15
Steven	Earl	Blake	September	19
Tod	O.	Dixon	September	19
Gary		Matican	September	28
Eric		Martone	September	29

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

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)

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	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			