



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

Dear Brethren,

As we continue through the summer months, our lodge remains dark, but the work of a Mason is never confined to the walls of the lodge room. While our stated communications pause for a brief season, the labor of Freemasonry continues each day through the relationships we cultivate, the brothers we support, and the service we render to our community.

Over the past several weeks, many of you have remained active in those quiet but meaningful ways that often define our fraternity best. Whether checking in on a brother, spending time with family, participating in lodge activities, or simply living the principles we profess, you continue to demonstrate that Masonry is far more than the meetings we attend—it is a way of life.

Our degree team has also begun preparing for the Entered Apprentice Degree of Mr. Wisner Jeanty, which is scheduled for our second stated communication in September. I am grateful to the brothers who have committed their time to this important work. Every degree is an opportunity not only to welcome or advance a new brother but also to renew our own appreciation for the lessons and obligations that have shaped each of us.

As September approaches, I look forward to seeing our lodge once again filled with the energy of ritual, education, fellowship, and service. Until then, I encourage each of you to enjoy the remainder of the summer, spend time with those you love, and continue the quiet labor that defines us as Masons every day of the year.

Fraternally,

Rodrigo Maltarollo
Worshipful Master
Temple Lodge No. 16



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Greetings From The West



Dear Brothers,

I hope this summer season finds you and your families in good health and high spirits.

As we enjoy the warmth and abundance of these summer months, it is a fitting time to reflect on the words of wisdom that guide our craft. True Masonic growth does not pause when labor eases rather, the season provides us with the opportunity to reflect on our virtues and strengthen the invisible bonds that unite us. As we are reminded, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

With the upcoming season ahead, I want to issue a fraternal challenge to all our brothers let us recommit to our shared journey and make a dedicated effort to return to lodge. Our labor is only as strong as the fellowship we build together, and your presence and wisdom are vital to the strength of our fraternity.

I look forward to seeing you all back in lodge very soon.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Senior warden Andrew Kazimer

Lodge at Refreshment

September 3, 2026—6:30PM

"Chicken & Tots Hot Dish" (Lighter Fare)

Garden Salad
Homemade Everything Bagel Bread
Karen's Homemade Cookies

September 17, 2026—6:30PM

"Big Time BBQ Night" (Fine 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

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

Tidings From The South



Brethren,

I hope that your summer thus far is relaxing, and enjoyable. Whether you are traveling with family, working on home projects, or simply enjoying the warmer days, I trust you are finding time to refresh and recharge.

As Junior Warden, I am greatly looking forward to September 3rd., when we will open the Lodge doors once again. I am excited to see each of you, catch up on your summer adventures, and share in the refreshment of our Masonic fellowship.

When we return, we will jump right back into our degree work, education, and some great dinners that I have planned.

I look forward to standing alongside you as we continue our labor together as brothers, striving to improve ourselves and strengthen our Lodge.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. Stay safe, look out for one another, and I will see you all back in the South very soon.

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

Upcoming Events

NO STATED COMMUNICATION LODGE MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST

August 13th: CMTA Meeting: All Temple Lodge no. 16 Brothers Welcome
7:30PM —Fellowcraft Room

August 28th: Set-Back Card Tournament—hosted by WB Mark Orsini
Brothers, Friends & Family are all welcome (SEE FLYER ON NEXT PAGE)

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

Fun Phrase of the Month

“THE WHOLE NINE YARDS”

There are various contending sources for this colloquial expression. Some suggest that it relates to the amount of cloth needed to make a whole suit of clothes, but most authorities believe that it refers to the maximum volume a cement mixer can hold: nine cubic yards. There are those, however, who consider this nonsense, since in the late 1960s, when the phrase probably originated (it showed up in American newspaper advertisements at that time), trucks used to mix cement did not hold nine cubic yards.

... 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 16
CHESHIRE, CT

★ PRESENTS ★

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MASONS,
NON-MASONS,
& LADIES!

SETBACK

TOURNAMENT

Shuffle • Deal • Setback & Win!

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PER PLAYER

TEAMS OF TWO

Bring a partner
or partner with
someone there!



- ★ Bring Your Own Food
- ★ Snacks Will Be Provided
- ★ Great Prizes & Great Fun!



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FRIDAY
AUGUST 28TH
2026



REGISTRATION
6:30 PM
GAMES START
7:00 PM



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CHESHIRE, CT
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COME FOR THE CARDS. STAY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP!
OPEN TO ALL MASONS, NON-MASONS, AND LADIES!

Temple Lodge No. 16 Recognized as a 2025 “Premier Blood Program Partner”.

July 15th, 2026

Thanks to the continued efforts of WB Gary Post and others who organize and assist with two blood drives at our lodge every year, Temple 16 has been recognized as per the attached letter posted below. It is a great cause which benefits our local community and beyond!



Hi Gary and Steve,

Congratulations! Cheshire Masonic Lodge has been recognized as a **2026 Premier Blood Program Partner!**

This program is designed exclusively for our top blood drive partners to recognize the important contributions you make to your community and to the national blood supply. To qualify for this recognition, sponsors must collect a minimum of 50 donations annually, with a single blood drive achieving a minimum of 30 units collected.

As a valued Premier Partner, you are eligible for the following benefits:

- Annual Impact Recognition Certificate
- Premier Partner Pin for the Primary Blood Program Leader
- 10% Discount at the Red Cross Store
- \$50 Amazon.com Gift Card (claim required)
- Partnership resources, including template social media posts, website content, press release language, and blog content to help celebrate and promote your impact (if requested). Your Premier Partner badge is attached!

With the emergency blood shortage announced Monday and the blood supply declining nearly 25% in June, conversations and partnerships like ours are more important than ever. Additionally, the number of people donating blood has reached its lowest level in more than 20 years, making it critical that we continue working together to engage donors and strengthen the blood supply for the patients who depend on it.

Thank you again for your commitment to helping save lives through blood donation.

Kindest regards,
Megan

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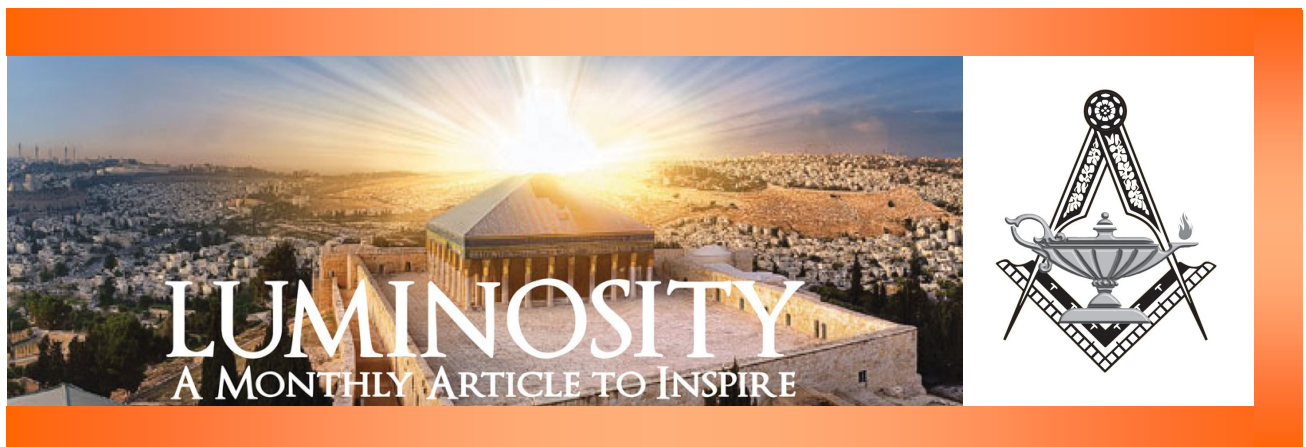
Account Manager I, Donor Recruitment

(860) 681-6073 (c)

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Beacon Falls, Cheshire, Meriden, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Plainville, Prospect, Seymour, Southbury, Southington/Plantsville, Wallingford, Waterbury, Watertown/Oakville, Wolcott

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The Northeast Corner & the Entered Apprentice

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

Everything depended on it. Every wall that followed would reference it. Every measurement would trace back to it. Every stone laid afterward will be checked against the first one, because if the first one was wrong, everything built from it would compound that error across the entire structure.

The cornerstone had to be perfect. Not approximately, but absolutely, right. It was placed in the northeast, where the rising sun, moving from the east towards its eventual height in the south, first illuminated the foundation, by shining its light, on this most important stone. The position wasn't a ceremonial convenience. It was the acknowledgment that what begins here determines everything that follows.

Now consider what happens to the Entered Apprentice, He's brought to the northeast corner of the lodge and placed there symbolically as a cornerstone. New. unproven. just beginning. The position isn't random. It's the most significant location in operative tradition and handed to the newest brother in speculative practice as a statement about what he represents.

He is the first stone of something being built. Everything the lodge hopes to construct in this man begins here, at this moment, in this corner. If the foundation is true, what gets built on it will stand. If something is wrong now, it will compound silently through everything that follows. This moment carries the weight of the entire structure not yet built.

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So my brothers, this is why the northeast corner presentation isn't merely a ceremonial positioning. It's a charge delivered through location rather than language. You are the cornerstone. You must be true. Everything that follows depends on what you establish right now.

The operative mason tested his cornerstone obsessively before finalizing the laying of it. The lodge, by placing the new brother there, expresses the same commitment. We examined you before admission. We've checked your character. We believe you're true enough to build from this point forward. Now the building has begun.

Every degree that follows is another stone laid from this original position. Every lesson learned, every obligation honored, every act of brotherly love practiced, references back to this corner. The Northeast isn't where the Entered Apprentice starts and leaves. It's the reference point his entire Masonic life will get measured against.

The cornerstone had to be perfect because everything from here on is dependent on it. So does this moment, may the Grand Architect be with you on your journey.

So Mote it be!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Philip	Dorrance	Cogle Jr	8/10/1946
Prasad	S.	Sureddi	8/10/1951
Jesse	R.	Cafourek	8/19/1969
Mithie		Tharson	8/23/1949
Frederick	George	Klimowicz	8/26/1956

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

John	Rudolph	Lesky	9/1/1963
Arpan	Smitesh	Patel	9/5/1988
Thomas	Armand	Ricard	9/10/1954
Thomas	Stephen	Veleber	9/10/1964
Wayne	Roger	Lawrence	9/13/1954
David	James	Stewart	9/14/1946
Robert	Steven	Jason	9/15/1949
Steven	Earl	Blake	9/19/1963
Tod	O.	Dixon	9/19/1938
Gary		Matican	9/28/1950
Eric		Martone	9/29/1978

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			