



Temple Lodge No. 16 - Chartered 1790
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TRESTLEBOARD

A Message From the East

Brethren,

It is remarkable how quickly the year is moving along. Already we find ourselves in March, steadily advancing in our labors and looking ahead to many more opportunities for engagement, education, community outreach, and fellowship within our beloved Temple Lodge No. 16.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Junior Warden and to all the brothers who worked in February to improve the Fellowcraft Room, particularly with the relocation and installation of our televisions. These efforts may seem small in isolation, but they contribute meaningfully to the comfort and functionality of our lodge space. Stewardship of our physical home reflects stewardship of the Craft itself.

In that same spirit, we look forward to the upcoming kitchen cabinet project. Brother Phil Sharkey Jr. will be reaching out with additional details. I encourage those who are able to lend a hand to participate. Many of the strongest bonds in Masonry are formed not only in ceremony, but in shared labor.

As you know, we have postponed our Fellowcraft degree. While delays are never ideal, they are not uncommon in the life of a lodge. There is labor involved in preparing both the candidate and ourselves, and that labor must be polished and refined so that our Entered Apprentice brother receives the full benefit of his passing to the degree of Fellowcraft. The Fellowcraft degree has been rescheduled for May 7th — please adjust your calendars accordingly.

I would also like to thank Brothers Andrew Kazimer and Gary Post for the meaningful testimonies shared during our stated communication on February 19th. Your reflections on why you joined Masonry and the unexpected moments that have shaped your journey reminded us all that the bonds of this fraternity are built through shared experience, sincerity, and brotherly affection.

At our first meeting in March, I will offer a lecture on the importance and symbolic meaning of the Table Lodge ceremony to help set the tone for our upcoming Table Lodge on March 15th. I encourage all brethren to attend and participate in what promises to be a memorable and meaningful gathering.

Thank you, brothers, for your continued dedication to the Craft and to one another. Let us continue our work with care, intention, and unity as we move forward together.

Fraternally,

Rodrigo Maltarollo
Worshipful Master, Temple Lodge No. 16
2026



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Greetings From The West

"What Does it Mean to Subdue Your Passions and Improve Yourself In Masonry?"



Brethren,

As your Senior Warden, I stand in the West to observe the setting sun and oversee the Craft at their labors. Today, our labor isn't of stone, but of the soul.

In our ritual, we are charged to "subdue our passions" and "improve ourselves in Masonry." These aren't just poetic phrases; they are the dual-edged blade of our initiation. To subdue your passions is not to destroy your emotions or your drive. It is to take the gavel to the rough edges of your temperament—to master your anger, your ego, and your impulses. It means ensuring that your will, and not your whims, remains the master of your actions.

But we don't just "stop" bad habits; we improve ourselves. We use the Square of Virtue to align our actions with truth and the Compasses to keep us within due bounds with all mankind. Every day we spend in the lodge and in the world is an opportunity to move one step closer to that "perfect ashlar".

Let us leave the lodge room after every meeting not just as better Masons, but as better men—more patient, more disciplined, and more dedicated to the light.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Andrew Kazimer—Senior Warden ~ 2026

Lodge at Refreshment

March 5, 2026—6:30PM

"Street Taco Night" (Lighter Fare)

- Carne Asada Beef Tacos
- Al Pastore (pork) Tacos
- Baja Fish Tacos
- Refried Beans
- Mexican Style Rice
- Tres Leches Cake

March 19, 2026—6:30PM

TABLE LODGE (See Page 4 for details)

April 2, 2026—6:30PM

"PIZZA NIGHT" (Lighter Fare)

April 16, 2026—6:30PM

"Asian Bistro Night" (Fine Dining)

- Japanese Ramen Inspired Soup
- Chicken Lettuce Wraps
- Dan Dan Noodles
- Mongolian Beef
- Home Made Cookies

Tidings From The South



Greetings Brothers,

I cannot believe it's already March and we are headed towards the Vernal Equinox, Passover and Easter all of which will have begun before we can get the April Trestleboard put together and distributed.

As we approach this sacred season of transition, I offer these reflections on our shared journey toward the Light.

The Vernal Equinox marks a moment of perfect celestial balance, where day and night stand in equal measure. In our Craft, this serves as a powerful reminder of the equilibrium we must maintain in our own lives—balancing our duties to God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Just as the earth prepares for rebirth, we are called to shake off the "doldrums of winter" and embrace a season of spiritual renewal and growth.

As we move toward Passover, we are reminded of the journey from bondage to freedom. This resonates deeply with our Masonic pursuit of truth and moral progress, urging us to liberate our minds from the shackles of ignorance and vice. It is a time to celebrate the strength found in our Brotherhood and our shared commitment to building a better world.

Finally, Easter brings the message of the triumph of Light over darkness and the promise of new beginnings. It is a season to reflect on the eternal truths of Faith, Hope, and Charity. May we use this time to rededicate ourselves to our labors in the Quarry, extending the hand of friendship and relief to all in need.

May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over you and your families during this joyous season of light.

Fraternally,

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

Upcoming Events

MAR 5th: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Lodge Meeting

MAR 12th: 7:30PM CMTA Meeting

Fellowcraft Room

MAR 15th: 1:30PM (kick off)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

NEW HAVEN, CT

See Grandview for participation Details

MAR 19th: TABLE LODGE

6:30PM Open on E.A. Degree

MAR 27th: GAME NIGHT!!

7:00PM Fellowcraft Room

MAR 31st: BLUE LODGE COUNCIL

Hosted at Temple 16

6:30PM Dinner

7:15PM Meeting & MM Degree

APR 2nd: Stated Communication

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Lodge Meeting

APR 11th: GRAND LODGE ANNUAL

8:30AM Windsor Locks, CT

See Grandview for Details

Temple 16 "When You're Here, You're Family"

February 19, 2026

Nearly 20 brothers were in attendance for the Italian inspired dinner held before our last Stated Communication. For an economically priced \$15.00 contribution everyone was treated to "Never-ending" Minetrone Soup, Salad & homemade breadsticks, as well as

a toasted ravioli appetizer, Main dish of Penne Senese, and two Italian desserts. Reports are that "nobody entered the lodge room hungry."

Thanks to all who helped to put on such a great meal, and all that attended to partake in the great fellowship!



"Scenes From T-16 Game Night" - 02.27.2026

LAST FRIDAY



EVERY MONTH!

Temple Lodge No. 16—Spring Table Lodge

Stated Communication: March 19, 2026

Table Lodge will open on the Entered Apprentice Degree at 6:30PM Sharp

The Theme of the Table Lodge will be in commemoration of America's

SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL



7-Course Colonial Era Inspired Menu To Include:

Course 1: (aperitif) **Madeira Wine**

Course 2: **Dressed Garden "Sallet"** w/ colonial Dressing

Course 3: **Pumpkin Soup Cordial & Johnny Cake** (griddle corn cake)

Course 4: **"Onion Pye"** (potato, Onion, apple & spices , served warm)

Course 5: **Grandma Washingtons Corn Pudding** (hot dish)

Course 6: (main) **Sliced Corned Beef Brisket, fingerling potatoes, boiled carrots**

Course 7: (dessert) **Lafayette Ginger Bread with Fairy Butter**

\$30.00 per brother.

You won't go home hungry



Worshipful Brother Eric Desmond Receives Past Master's Apron

February 19, 2026

During our Stated Communication Worshipful Master Rodrigo Maltarollo present Worshipful Brother Eric Desmond with a beautiful Past Master's apron and apron case as a show of appreciation by the craft for his service to our lodge as 2025 Master.

Worshipful Brother Desmond received this gift to rousing applause after which he made some remarks expressing his appreciation to the craft, and the honor it was to serve as Master last year.



Current Temple 16 Committees

Masonic Education / Ritual Committee

Members: Phil Sharkey, Jr., WB Phil Sharkey, III, WB Eric Desmond, WB Bruce Taylor, John O'Reilly.

Membership / Engagement Committee

Members: Phil Sharkey, Jr. Andrew Kazimer, WB Phil Sharkey, III

Community Outreach / Charity Committee

Members: Andrew Kazimer, Kevin Ferguson

Fellowship / Lodge Experience Committee

Members: Jonathan Hartmann

Reach Out — Join In — Get Involved

Fun Phrase of the Month

“KICK THE BUCKET”

Two theories lead the pack in explaining this saying's origin: neither, as one might expect, is very pleasant. The first involves the would-be suicide who mounts a bucket, slips on a rope, and kicks the bucket away. The second involves swine. The wooden frame from which slaughterers hung pigs before slitting their throat was hoisted in a manner similar to the raising of a bucket from a well so, the frame became known as a bucket. In their death-spasms the animal “kicked the bucket.” The phrase may date from the 16th century and the first recorded use, the late 1700s.

... 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



Brother Preparing for the Fellowcraft Degree

Brother Manny Blyden



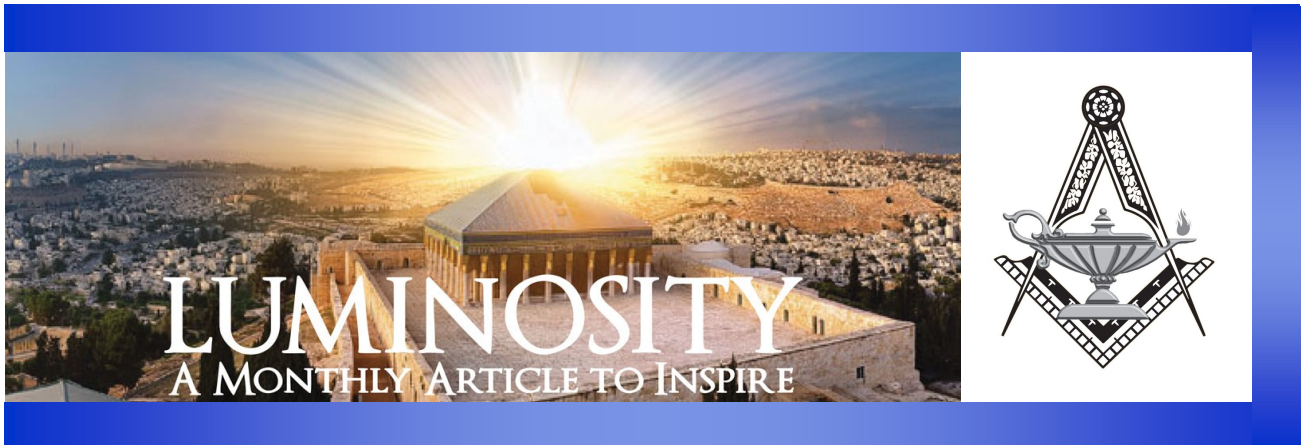


MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Michael	A.	Candela	3/3/1948
James	Gus	Bubaris	3/5/1946
Matthew	Joseph	Jalowiec	3/6/1974
Christopher	Anthony	Jones	3/6/1962
Jeffery	Scott	Summers	3/6/1981
Robert	Joseph	Cocchiaro	3/8/1977
Philip	Clark	Reed	3/12/1946
Anthony	James	Martin	3/13/1948
William	Donald	Maturo	3/15/1947
Talivaldis	Imarts	Maidelis	3/18/1952
John	Adams	Sturges Jr	3/20/1947
Randy	Wallace	Aitken	3/25/1965
Stephen	Hayes	Eberle	3/31/1946

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Eugene	Harmon	Renner	4/1/1929
C. Frederick		Neuffer	4/2/1929
Donald	John	Baumgarten	4/4/1940
Robert	Wayne	Thatcher	4/6/1958
Keith	T.	Brough	4/7/1978
Robert	Edward	Cope III	4/10/1979
Kevin		Dwyer	4/11/1985
Thomas	Mark	Lewoc Sr	4/11/1952
James	Kevin	Sygrove	4/14/1953
Stuart	Gordon	Post	4/17/1969
Robert	William	Lewonka	4/18/1975
Thomas	Henry	Rose	4/18/1946
Rodrigo	B.	Maltarollo	4/19/1978
James	C.	Christensen	4/23/1979
Wayne	William	Davidson	4/29/1937



Why the Air Feels Different Inside a Masonic Lodge

By Masonic Find

Something shifts the moment you step inside a Lodge.

Voices lower. Movements slow. Posture straightens almost unconsciously. Men who were casual in the parking lot become deliberate in the room. Speech gains weight. Even silence feels structured.

It is as if an unseen gravity has taken hold.

No one announces it. No one enforces it directly. Yet behavior changes. Attention sharpens. Jokes fade. Words are measured. A different version of each man steps forward.

What creates that force?

Part of it is design. The room is ordered. Stations are fixed. Movements are prescribed. Authority has direction. Symbolism has placement. Nothing feels accidental. Structure generates seriousness.

Part of it is expectation. When men agree to operate within a shared framework of ritual and decorum, they create a psychological field. The rules themselves become stabilizing mass. Each participant reinforces the weight of the environment simply by respecting it.

But there is something more subtle at work.

The Lodge isolates space. Once tiled, it becomes a controlled environment. Outside concerns are symbolically set aside. Time feels different. The ordinary world is suspended. Within that boundary, words carry more consequence. Actions feel more deliberate.

Like gravity, the force is invisible but measurable. It pulls conduct downward toward steadiness. It discourages disorder. It centers attention.

And when the Lodge closes, the field dissipates.

The question is not whether the gravity exists. You can feel it.

The question is how strong it is, and who is contributing to its weight?

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

Chaplain WB Eric Desmond

Marshal Tyler DeLavelle

Tiler Jeffrey Summers

Organist WB John Lesky

Historian RWB David Stewart

School of Instruction

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, ('26)

Vice President: WB Bruce Taylor, ('28)

Treasurer: WB Fred Cargill, ('28)

Secretary: Tyler DeLavelle, ('28)

OPEN, ('28)

Kevin Dwyer, ('27)

RWB David Stewart, ('26)

Jon Fischer, ('26)

Mithie Tharson, ('27)

WB Rodrigo Maltarollo, (**WM**)

Andrew Kazimer, (**SW**)

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			