



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

## A Message From the East

Greetings from the East, Brethren,

The month of May is upon us, and it has already begun on the right foot with another enjoyable game night held on the very first day of the month. Moments like these continue to remind us that fellowship is one of the great strengths of our lodge, and I thank all the brothers who continue to support these gatherings and help keep our lodge active and vibrant.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the brothers responsible for organizing yet another very successful Comedy Night. These events require a great deal of effort behind the scenes, and the continued support from the Craft and our community is deeply appreciated. Additional details and results from the evening will be discussed at our next stated communication.

Our first meeting in May will also be our Fellowcraft Degree night, and we are extremely excited to assist Brother Manny Blijden in the continuation of his Masonic journey. Advancement through the degrees is among the most meaningful work we do as Masons, and I encourage all brethren who are able to attend and support the evening's labor.

Our Awards and Community Outreach Committee is also continuing to accept applications for our scholarship award, and we have several ideas regarding the future direction and development of this prize that will soon be brought before the Craft for discussion. I appreciate the thoughtful work being done by the committee in this area.

In addition, we currently have an investigation committee assembled for Mr. Wisner, and a report will be presented to the Craft during our second meeting in May.

Since May is our Fellowcraft degree month, it feels especially appropriate that our May 21st program will center around the themes of craftsmanship, progression, and labor. These themes are deeply woven into the Fellowcraft degree and serve as an important reminder that Masonry is not a passive experience, but a continual process of refinement — of mind, character, and action.

Spring has arrived, brothers, and with it the renewed light and energy of our vibrant lodge. I look forward to another month of meaningful labor, fellowship, and growth alongside each of you.

Fraternally,

Rodrigo Maltarollo  
Worshipful Master, Temple Lodge No. 16  
2026



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### Special points of interest

- Sneak Peek of upcoming Lodge Dinner Menus
- “Luminosity” feature article

## Greetings From The West

Brethren,

It is hard to believe that the year is already almost halfway over!

I invite you to join us for the upcoming Memorial Day parade. It would be great to have you there as we participate in the event and join in the fellowship. As a reminder, please also join us on the last Friday of every month for our regular game night.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally yours,

Bro. Andrew Kazimer—Senior Warden ~ 2026



## Lodge at Refreshment

**May 21, 2026—6:30PM**

**“King’s Hawaiian Sliders” (Lighter Fare)**

Hot Ham & Cheese Sliders  
Hot Turkey & Cranbury Sliders  
Summer Cous Cous Salad  
Chips  
Brownies

**June 4, 2026—6:30PM**

**“Nathan’s Coney Island” (Lighter Fare)**

Nathan’s all beef hot dogs  
Full “fixins” Station  
Coney Island Fries  
Onion Rings  
Cookies

**June 18, 2026—6:30PM**

**PIG ROAST!!**

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

## Tidings From The South

Hi Brothers!

As we approach the middle of spring and the days continue to brighten, I wanted to take a moment to check in with each of you.

As your Junior Warden, my primary focus is the refreshment and harmony of our Lodge. I hope that our pre-meeting dinners have been a time of good fellowship and enjoyment for everyone.

I am reaching out because I value your feedback. I’d love to get a sense of how you’re enjoying the meals we’ve shared so far this year. Is there anything you’ve particularly enjoyed, or perhaps something you’d like to see done differently? Whether it’s a specific dish, a change in style, or any dietary preferences we should keep in mind, please let me know.

My goal is to ensure our time in the South is as rewarding as our work in the East. Please feel free to catch me at our next meeting or to send me a message with any thoughts or suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Stated Communication.

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

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# Upcoming Events

## May 7th: Stated Communication

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

**PROGRAM:** Fellowcraft Degree

## May 21st: Stated Communication

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

**PROGRAM:** Presentation by RWB David Stewart

## May 29th: GAME NIGHT

7:00 PM Fellowcraft Room

## June 4th: Stated Communication

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

**PROGRAM:** ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

## June 18th: Stated Communication

**NOTE: 6:30PM MEETING / PIG ROAST TO FOLLOW**

**PROGRAM:** Hawaiian Shirt Night

## Fun Phrase of the Month

### “TONGUE IN CHEEK”

This Phrase probably alludes to poking one’s tongue into the cheek to keep from smiling or laughing. It may date from the mid-1700’s when bulging one’s cheek indicated disrespect. While some have suggested that the modern form of the expression was first used by Thomas Ingoldsby in *The Ingoldsby Legends*, or, *Mirth and Marvels* (1845), an example from Walter Scott’s *Fair Maid of Perth* (1828) is earlier.

... 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





# 5TH ANNUAL RWB JIM NANKIN MEMORIAL HAWAIIAN SHIRT NIGHT AND PIG ROAST

## THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

### TEMPLE LODGE NO. 16

9 COUNTRY CLUB RD, CHESHIRE, CT

MEETING: 6:30PM

PIG ROAST: DIRECTLY FOLLOWING

### MENU:

SLOW ROASTED PIG

MAC & CHEESE

BAKED BEANS

COLLARD GREENS

COLE SLAW / PASTA SALAD

CORN BREAD / ROLLS



# \$30.00

## PER PERSON

### WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAWAIIAN SHIRT!

# Entered Apprentice Proficiency Held at 2nd April Stated Communication.

April 16, 2026

During our last Stated Communication in April the program of the evening was an open lodge EA proficiency examination performed by Brother Manny Blijden and prompted by WB Bruce Taylor.

This proficiency examination was a first for Temple Lodge No. 16 in many decades.

There were many Temple 16 brothers in attendance as well as almost a dozen visiting brothers from Friendship Lodge No.33 in Southington, and others.

Also in attendance was MWPGM Gary Arseneau.

Congratulations to Brother Blijden on a job well-done and thanks to WB Taylor for his mentorship and direction.

Brother Blijden passed his proficiency to the satisfaction of Worshipful Master, Rodrigo Maltarollo and will be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on Thursday, May, 7th.



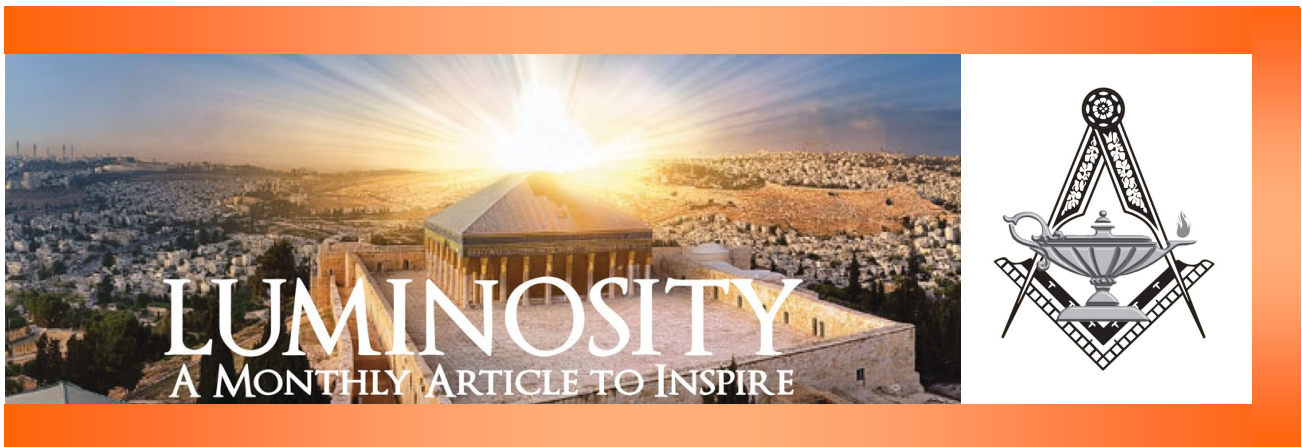


## MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Michael	Ethan	Miller	5/9/1959
Royal	Alan	Watrous	5/10/1952
Sherwin	Kenneth	Baril	5/16/1931
Donald	Wesley	Hick Jr	5/16/1939
Paul		Davies	5/17/1942
Garret	Wayne	Post	5/17/1941
Edward	Russell	O'Connor	5/23/1962
Mark	Michael	Gracia	5/29/1961

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Bruce	Winslow	Spaulding	6/1/1931
Andrew	John	Menard	6/3/1993
Scott	John	Von Fischer	6/11/1963
Gordon	Stark	Young	6/12/1929
Rodney		Irizarry	6/15/1966
Andrew	Jason	Kazimer	6/16/1995
Christopher	James	Donlin	6/17/1983
Wessley	B.	Fortier	6/21/1981
Charles	Munro	Getchell Jr	6/22/1953
Sherwood	Lewis	Dawson Jr	6/26/1940
Tyler	Thomas	Della Valle	6/27/1995
Jeffrey	N.	Turrill	6/27/1954



## Freemasonry as the Quiet Answer to a Divided World

- [Masonicfind.com](http://Masonicfind.com)

In an age defined by division, Freemasonry quietly demonstrates that unity is still possible. Across nations, languages, and belief systems, the modern world often seems arranged along lines of difference. Ideologies harden, identities narrow, and common ground becomes harder to find.

Yet within the tiled walls of a Masonic lodge, a different pattern emerges. Men who might never otherwise meet, or might even disagree in the outside world, gather on equal footing, bound not by uniformity but by shared principles.

Freemasonry does not ask a man to abandon his faith, his culture, or his convictions. Instead, it asks him to refine his character and expand his understanding.

The lodge becomes a space where diversity is not merely tolerated but respected as essential. A Christian, a Muslim, a Jew, and a man of another path may stand side by side, not debating whose truth prevails, but recognizing that each is engaged in the same pursuit of moral and intellectual improvement.

This quiet harmony is not accidental. It is built through ritual, discipline, and a shared symbolic language that transcends words.

The working tools of the craft serve as reminders that every man is a builder, tasked with shaping his inner life with care and intention.

In this shared labor, superficial differences lose their sharpness. What remains is a recognition of mutual dignity.

Freemasonry offers no illusion that the world's divisions can be erased overnight. Instead, it provides a working model, small but enduring, of how men can coexist with respect and purpose.

It shows that unity does not require sameness, and that peace is not the absence of difference but the presence of understanding.

In this way, the fraternity stands as a quiet counterpoint to the noise of conflict.

It suggests that if men can meet as brothers in one room, they might learn to do so beyond it. And perhaps that is its most enduring lesson: that unity begins not in grand declarations, but in the steady, deliberate practice of seeing one another clearly, and choosing harmony anyway.

# 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 Della Valle, ('28)

OPEN, ('28)

Kevin Dwyer, ('27)

RWB David Stewart, ('26)

Jon Fischer, ('26)

Sean Caruthers, ('27)

WB Rodrigo Maltarollo, (**WM**)

Andrew Kazimer, (**SW**)

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

<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			