



# TRESTLEBOARD

Temple Lodge #16 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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**From our Worshipful Master, Bruce Taylor**

Greetings from the East  
Brethren,

I learned a valuable lesson at the annual picnic. I declared that we would have good weather for the picnic. I figured that declaration would be enough given how often I am informed that the Worshipful Master is omnipotent. And we got so much rain that we made the national news. Thank you all who did attend. The food and conversation was stellar even if we were indoors during the deluge. Apparently my omnipotence is provisional and limited.

Our meeting on 5 September shall be a quick business meeting wherein we get reacquainted and rolling for the year.

19 September is a Fellow Craft Degree for three brothers. We have been brushing up on the ritual and we have every reason to expect a solid performance by all officers. RSVP for dinner.

28 September, Saturday night, COMEDY NIGHT!!!

I am quite certain that this is going to be enjoyable, but it would be better with your attendance. Don't miss out. Details to follow!

On September 7, 2024, Brother Mike Dyer of Temple 16 will be participating in the Closer to Free Ride supporting Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center. Attached please find his fundraising page as he will be doing the 40 mile ride.

[CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT BROTHER MIKE](#)

**Worshipful Master, Bruce Taylor**



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Becoming a Freemason is a significant and transformative experience, but when does it truly begin? The answer is both simple and profound.

You officially become a Freemason at the moment of your initiation into a Lodge, during the Entered Apprentice Degree. This ceremony is a formal acknowledgment of your acceptance into the Brotherhood, marking your first step into the Masonic world. At this point, you are considered a Freemason, having fulfilled your obligations and been welcomed by your fellow Brothers.

## But Freemasonry is not just about the formalities...

The journey of becoming a true Mason is ongoing as you explore the deeper teachings and principles of the Craft throughout your life. This initiation is just the starting point of a lifelong commitment to personal growth, moral improvement, and community service. That is when you *truly* become a Mason.

Just a short one today, inspired by a new article on the website, [which you can read here](#), if you'd like some further reading.

I'll leave you to it.

~ MasonicFind.



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## Annual Temple Lodge #6 Picnic

Brothers Kevin Ferguson, WM Bruce Taylor, John O'Reilly and Phil Sharkey Jr.



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## “THE NO-EXCUSE LODGE MEETING NIGHT”

**(With apologies to Ann Landers; from whom this column’s basic premise was lifted:)**

*In order to make it possible for all of the craft to attend lodge next meeting, we have planned a “No-Excuse Lodge Meeting Night”.*

1. *Cots will be placed in the anteroom for those who say that they’re too tired after working all day to attend lodge meetings.*
2. *Eyedrops will be available for those whose eyes are too tired from watching interminable hours of sports broadcasts.*
3. *We will have steel hardhats for those who believe the roof would cave in if they attended lodge.*
4. *Blankets will be furnished to those of the craft who believe the temple is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say it is too hot.*
5. *We will have hearing aids for those who say “The officers don’t talk loud enough.” There will be cotton for those who aver, “The officers talk too loud.”*
6. *Scorecards will be available for those who want to count hypocrites.*
7. *We will guarantee the presence of at least one old friend, for those who go visiting on lodge nights.*
8. *There will be TV dinners for those who claim they can’t get home, eat supper, and attend lodge.*
9. *Finally, a section of the lodge will be planted with trees and grass for those whose communication with other Masons is done primarily on the golf course . . .*

**See you in lodge!**

**Carl G. Ek**

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## The Perfect Lodge

I think that I shall never see  
A lodge that's all it ought to be;  
A lodge whose members never stray  
Beyond the straight and narrow way.

A lodge that has no empty chairs,  
Whose master shows he really cares;  
A lodge where attitudes aren't bleak,  
Where none are proud and all are meek.

Where members never peddle lies  
Or make complaints or criticize;  
Where all are always fair and kind  
And to all others' faults are blind.

Such perfect lodges there may be,  
But none of them are known to me.  
Yet still I'll work and pray and plan  
To make my lodge the best I can.

*W.B. S. Kenneth Baril  
Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire  
Oalkey Lodge No. 668, Cincinnati, Ohio*

## Up coming events at Temple Lodge #16:

September 5<sup>th</sup> : Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, Business meeting

September 12<sup>th</sup> : CMTA Meeting, 7:00 pm

September 19<sup>th</sup> : Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, Fellow Craft Degree

September 28<sup>th</sup> : COMEDY NIGHT!



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## Passing of WB Ken Neumann

Worshipful Master Kenneth Edward Neumann



Kenneth Edward Neumann, 78, of Cheshire, beloved husband of Ann Neumann, passed away on July 24, 2024.

Ken was born on March 3, 1946, in Brooklyn, New York. Son of the late Edward and Angeline (Tarka) Neumann. He was a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, with a BS in Economics. Ken proudly served in the United States Navy, with two tours of duty in Vietnam; aboard Destroyer USS Alfred A. Cunningham DD-752 and in Naval Intelligence in Saigon, where he received the Navy Commendation Medal Combat V award for valor. Until his retirement, he was the manager of safety, health, and environment with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for over 10 years. Ken was an avid outdoors-man who enjoyed gardening, fishing, camping and other outdoor activities. He was a volunteer leader in Boy Scout Troop 51 in Cheshire for over ten years, and loved participating in the Klondike Derby at Camp Mattatuck for many years. Additionally, Ken was the chairman of the Cheshire Water Pollution Control Authority for over 20 years. As past Master of Masonic Temple Lodge 16

in Cheshire, Congregational Church of Cheshire, 111 Church Drive, Cheshire, CT, followed by a reception at Masonic Temple Lodge #16 at 9 Country Club Road in Cheshire. Burial will be private. Arrangements are in the care of the Alderson-Ford Funeral Home of Cheshire, 615 South Main Street. To share a story or leave online condolences, please visit [www.fordfh.com](http://www.fordfh.com). Ken enjoyed many years of fulfillment with his fellow Masons, and always participated in the many events that the Lodge hosted.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, Ann, Ken leaves behind his children Karl Neumann (Sandra), and Sheila Anderson (Thatcher), four grandsons, Noah Anderson, Kiefer Neumann, Kyle Neumann, and Kai Anderson, and his loving sister Paula Konon Golden. He also leaves behind his sweet dog, Molly. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Temple Lodge No. 16, 9 Country Club Road, Cheshire, CT 06410.

A Memorial Service was celebrated on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Cheshire, 111 Church Drive, Cheshire, CT, followed by a reception at Masonic Temple Lodge 16 at 9 Country Club Road in Cheshire. Burial was private. Arrangements are in the care of the Alderson-Ford Funeral Home of Cheshire, 615 South Main Street. To share a story or leave online condolences, please visit [www.fordfh.com](http://www.fordfh.com).



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## July Birthdays

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birthday	Age
David	Edward	Berger	1942-07-06	82.15
Robert	J.	Larsen	1939-07-17	85.12
Allen	Gould	Meyerjack	1939-07-24	85.1
Adam	David	Polaski	1978-07-16	46.12
Jason	Paul	Polaski	1978-07-16	46.12
Michael	Joseph	Wright	1987-07-02	37.16

## August Birthdays

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birthday	Age
Philip	Dorrance	Cogle, Jr.	1946-08-10	78.05
Sheldon	Fox	Dill, Jr.	1948-08-13	76.04
Michael	Richard	Dyer	1978-08-27	46
Adam	Nicholas	Grippio	1974-08-09	50.05
Frederick	George	Klimowicz	1956-08-26	68.01
Prasad	S.	Sureddi	1951-08-10	73.05
Mithie		Tharson	1949-08-23	75.01
John	Warren	White	1939-08-16	85.03

## September Birthdays

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birthday	Age
Steven	Earl	Blake	1963-09-19	60.94
Costel		Calin	1969-09-07	54.97
Tod	O.	Dixon	1938-09-19	85.94
Robert	Steven	Jason	1949-09-15	74.95
Wayne	Roger	Lawrence	1954-09-13	69.96
John	Rudolph	Lesky	1963-09-01	60.99
Eric		Martone	1978-09-29	45.91
Gary		Matican	1950-09-28	73.92
Kurt	Robert	Nolden	1935-09-23	88.93
Arpan	Smitesh	Patel	1988-09-05	35.98
Thomas	Armand	Ricard	1954-09-10	69.97
David	James	Stewart	1946-09-14	77.95
Thomas	Stephen	Veleber	1964-09-10	59.96



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## The Officers of Temple Lodge #16 for 2024 are:

Worshipful Master – **WM Bruce Taylor**

Senior Warden – **Eric Desmond**

Junior Warden – **Rodrigo Maltarollo**

Treasurer – **Jonathan Hartman**

Secretary – **WB Mark Orsini**

Senior Deacon – **Andrew Kazimer**

Junior Deacon – **Philip Sharkey Jr.**

Senior Steward – **Kevin Ferguson**

Junior Steward – **John O'Reilly**

Chaplain – **WB Jason Polaski**

Marshal –

Tiler – **Jeff Sommers**

Organist – **WB John Lesky**

Historian – **WB David Stewart**

School of Instruction – **WB David Stewart**

### Trustees – (3 year terms)

**Kevin Ferguson, (26)**

**Rob Lawonka, (24)**

**WB Stuart Post (Pro-Tem), (25)**

### CMTA – (3 year terms)

**Andrew Kazimer (25) (Pres)**

**Mithie Thatson (27) (VP)**

**Sean Caruthers (27) (Tres)**

**Phil Sharkey Jr (25) (Secty)**

**WB Phil Sharkey III (25)**

**Kevin Dwyer (27)**

**David Stewart (26)**

**Jon Fischer (26)**

**WB Steve Blake (26)**

**WB Bruce Taylor (Master)**

**Eric Desmond (SW)**

**Rodrigo Maltarollo (JW)**

### Living Masters of Temple Lodge #16:

1968 **Wayne Davidson**

1980 **George A.W. Nousiainen**

1982,83,95 **S. Kenneth Baril**

1984, 2002 **Stephen Eberle**

1989 **James Sygrove**

1990 **William Maturo**

1991 **John Sturges**

1992 **Richard Mattson**

1996 **James Parys**

1997 **Garret Post**

1998 **Carmen Spizzoucco**

2000 **John Lesky**

2004 **Royal Watrous**

2005 **Michael Candela**

2006 **John Attwood**

2007 **Philip Reed**

2008 **Roger Jackson**

2010 **Michael Bonini**

2011,14 **Steven Canada**

2012 **Eric Gunther**

2013 **Eric Silver**

2015,16 **Jonathan Martin**

2017,18 **Stuart Post**

2019 **Steven Blake**

2020 **Fred Cargill**

2021, 22 **Philip Sharkey III**

2023 **Jason Polaski**

2024 **Bruce Taylor**

### Living Past Masters of Other Lodges who are members of Temple Lodge #16:

**Gary Matican** - Cosmopolitan #125 - 1991, 1995, 2003

**David Berger** - Cosmopolitan #125 - 2005

**Roger Jackson** - Cosmopolitan #125 - 2009

**Robert Knowles** - Center #197 – 2006

**Emory Meyerjack** - Ashlar-Aspetuck #142 – 2010

**Mark Orsini** - Liberty-Continental #76 – 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017

**Steven Canada** - Day Spring #30 – 2016, 2017

**Gordon Hurlbert** – Granite #119 – 2023, 2024

**Garret Post** – Ashlar #332 - 2023