



TRESTLEBOARD

Temple Lodge #16 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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Editor – Bro. Jon Fischer, 32°, MSA

October 2024

9 Country Club Road, Cheshire, CT 06410

Stated Communications: First and Third Thursdays, 7:30 pm

From our Worshipful Master, Bruce Taylor

Greetings from the East
Brethren,

Our First Stated for October, in which we will take an important vote regarding the expenditure of funds on a new HVAC system for the remainder of the building. The long and short:

1. Aside from the HVAC system we have added to the lodge room, the rest of the building still runs on the old oil boilers, including hot water.
2. The chimney in said system is big, old, unlined, and in need of serious repair, totaling somewhere in the neighborhood of \$18k.
3. Repairing the old system, plus the cost of oil for a year will cost us approx. \$24k.
4. CMTA proposes replacing the boilers with a modern, gas operated, Heat-Pump system which will heat and cool the remainder of the building, as well as give us domestic hot water, for a total of \$35k with professional installation.
5. CMTA hopes to obtain a quote on any re-sale value that may be gained from the sale of the existing oil units, which are not very old and in good condition.

We will follow up that fun conversation with an educational lecture regarding Geometry for the benefit of our new Fellowcraft Brothers.

**Worshipful Master,
Bruce Taylor**



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To Brothers and others that use our lodge:

This morning, Wednesday the 25th, our cleaning lady, Lynn Daly, came to the lodge to clean. She found that the rear door to the kitchen was closed but not locked. I have no idea how long the door was not locked but someone could have easily entered the lodge and stolen something or done some damage to the lodge.

Please be sure that when you leave the lodge all of the doors are securely closed and locked. All it takes is a push on the door and the lodge will be secure.

Do you have any information or upcoming event that you would like to include in the next issue of this Trestleboard? Please forward it to me at jmfischer25@cox.net and I will include it in the next issue of this Trestleboard. The more information we can spread, the more interest we can generate in the brothers and friends of Temple Lodge #16.



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This past Sunday at the Scottish Rite Clam Bake and Lobster Roast. Attending were PM Roger Jackson, PM David Berger, PM Gary Post, PM Stu Post and Myself, along with wives and others. Considering the almost free dinner and many other trips and events all Masons should join the Scottish Rite.



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At our Stated Communication lodge meeting on September 9th we raised three brothers to the Fellowcraft degree. They are Tyler Della Valle, Dr. Rodney Irizarry, and Samuel Stuckal



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The real Freemason stands apart from the rest of humanity by the unwavering integrity of his actions.

While others may act honestly out of fear of legal repercussions out of fear of damnation, the real Freemason upholds justice purely by the moral laws inscribed in his heart by his Creator. Regardless of location or religious belief, he remains consistent. He bows before God's throne, offering thanks for the blessings received and seeking guidance for the future. He knows and respects virtuous men from all faiths and appreciates the beliefs of others. His passions are subdued, knowing that unchecked desires can harm both his neighbor and himself. He does not cause offense, for he does not wish to be offended. His honesty is rooted in principle, not in external pressures.

[We should all strive to live like a real Freemason.](#)

~ MasonicFind.



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The Forget-Me-Not in Masonry

Bro. John White
Temple Lodge No. 16, Cheshire

This article is drawn from several unpublished statements by Masons on the significance of the Forget-Me-Not flower in Masonry.

When Adolf Hitler rose to power, there were about 85,000 Masons in Germany. He had long viewed Freemasonry as part of what he termed “the Jewish Conspiracy” and, as such, he saw Freemasonry as a threat to his bid for world domination. Hitler, an atheist, was right in that regard; Masonic principles are diametrically opposed to what he stood for. A primary requirement for membership in our fraternity is a declaration of belief in God.

Membership in our fraternity was declared a crime against the state, and you know how such a “crime” was dealt with. Hitler assigned Adolph Eichmann to conduct the purge. Eichmann raided the Grand Lodge of Germany and took all the records, which included the names and addresses of 80,000 German Masons.

He issued secret orders for their death; they were rounded up and sent to concentration camps or, sometimes, just murdered on the street. The 5,000 Masons whose names had, for unknown reasons,

not been entered on the books of the Grand Lodge were spared only because Eichmann didn’t know who they were. They immediately went underground. They hid all their Masonic records and insignia. To recognize each other they adopted a little flower which they wore in their lapels.

That little flower is the Forget-Me-Not. Its botanical name is *Myosotis sylvatica* and it belongs to the Borage family. It grows in both wild and cultivated forms in temperate regions. It has a hairy stem, light green leaves and flowers which are usually sky

blue with yellow centers. It is a symbol of friendship and true love which appears in many legends. In



German legend, “Forget me not” were the last words a man spoke to his sweetheart before he drowned while trying to get the pretty flower for her from the banks of a river.

The Nazis never found out the Masonic meaning of the little blue flower. The flowers could be seen on the streets and even in concentration camps—seen but not perceived as a Masonic emblem, except by those to whom meaning and representation so rightfully belonged.

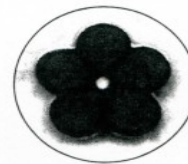
After peace was restored, Masonic lodges were again established. In 1947, when the German Grand

Lodge was reopened in Bayreuth, a little blue pin in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not was proposed and adopted as the official emblem of the first annual convention of those who had survived the bitter years of semi-darkness, bringing the light of Masonry once again into the lodges. In 1948 the pin was adopted by the United Grand Lodge of Germany as an official Masonic emblem honoring those valiant brethren who carried on their work under the most adverse conditions imaginable.

Today, if you see such a pin in a man’s lapel, you’ll know he is most likely a Freemason.

However, the Forget-Me-Not has also been adopted by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and on Veterans Day cloth replicas of it are given away to people. (It is hoped that the recipients make a contribution to the collection cup

held by the disabled vet because all donations are used to support DAV activities to benefit their membership.)



Disabled vets also want to be remembered—and should be.

Hopefully speaking, this latest symbol of Masonry to find its way to American shores from Europe will be the last of the variety which is nurtured in the blood, sweat and tears of brethren light-bearers. ■



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October Birthdays

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birthday
George	Henry	Davidson III	10/2/1962
Leon	Edward	Losapio	10/5/1966
Sean	R	Caruthers	10/7/1981
Louis	M	Murray	10/10/1948
David	Matthew	Rochford	10/17/1988
Philip	James	Sharkey III	10/21/1987
Gary	Spencer	Rowe	10/24/1950
Jerome		White	10/25/1927
Eric	Matthew	DiNicola	10/22/1974

Up coming events at Temple Lodge #16:

- October 3rd : Stated Communication Meeting, 7:30 pm
- October 6th : Rainbow For Girls
- October 10th : CMTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- October 11th : Eastern Star
- October 17th : Stated Communication Meeting, 7:30 pm, Table Lodge
- October 19th : Amaranth Tag Sale at Temple Lodge, 9:00am to 4:00pm
Call Sarah Corey at 860-307-7044 for information
- October 20th : Rainbow For Girls
- October 25th : Eastern Star



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Temple Lodge #16 Officers for 2024:

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 – **MWB 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)

MWB 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