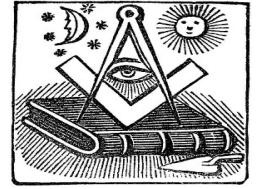




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From our Worshipful Master, Bruce Taylor

Greetings from the East
Brethren,

Welcome to autumn. We are now approaching the holiday season and the stress that it can include. Please take time to relax and refresh and practice patience and charity.

The Table Lodge was an amazing success. We were very well provisioned with a genuine 7 course meal and copious fellowship. Again, the only thing missing was YOU! Don't be a stranger, you are always more than welcome.

The heating system is an exceptional change that is coming to our Lodge. A team being headed by the CMTA is evaluating the installation of the mini-splits through the building. This is necessary as our chimney has some issues and it makes more sense for the long term stability to upgrade the heating than a fix on an imperfect system. Between the heating system and the new windows, the Lodge is entering the 21st century! All this means that the Lodge is more comfortable for your visit.

7 November Stated Meeting

16 November Past Master's Breakfast, wherein the Past Masters impart wisdom onto the incoming Master

21 November Masonic Trivia with WB Phil Sharkey! Guaranteed to be a closely fought and raucous but dignified evening!

5 December Stated Meeting and Election of Officers

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19 December Stated Meeting

2 January!!!! Step Up Night, wherein everyone tests their new position in anticipation of the Installation of your suite of officers for 2025.

I look forward to seeing you all
Keep the faith, Brothers
Bruce

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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BRING BACK THE TWO MINUTE SILENCE

by S. Kenneth Baril

When I was a small boy, one of the most vivid moments in my year, and for everyone else in the United States at that time in the thirties and forties, came at 11 o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Armistice Day.

The bells on the churches tolled, the factory whistles and horns blew loudly and the whole town fell silent. Buses stopped, shop cash registers ceased to ring, men and women in offices and factories, women in their kitchens at home, wherever it was humanly possible, people stopped for two minutes to remember those who had died in the great World Wars. As a child I was struck with a deep-felt sense of awe at this amazing spectacle, and the silence formed a part of my year as impressive, if not as personally rewarding, as Christmas.

After World War II, and for a few short years, this splendid tradition was kept alive. But then, as a new generation sprang up, and we jumped on to the swings of fashion and becoming more involved with our personal pleasures, Armistice Day, like many others of our precious traditions, was quietly dropped. Not all at once, of course. It wouldn't have been decent. Television stations still broadcast, for only a few short seconds, memorial services being conducted at local cemeteries by various Veterans groups. The nation's conscience is suitably satisfied. What hypocrites we are!

I can't help wonder whether today's shallow society really deserves the peace and prosperity that those clean living, courageous boys earned for us with their heroism and their lives.

Bring back that one unique moment in the American year when

everyone, everywhere in this great land of ours stops, and thinks and prays. Let the clatter of supermarket check-outs be muted. Stop the blare of the non-stop radio station's continuous variety of music, the grinding noise of traffic, the yelling, the shouting and all the bedlam of sounds that make up our modern way of living—just for two minutes.

In that wondrous spell of silence think not only those who died in the two World Wars, but also all those men and women who have died and are still dying in the various countries throughout the world by means of attacks or by terrorist actions, such as in Beirut, Lebanon; Northern Ireland and Korea, and Vietnam.

If you are one of the lucky ones, and the great scythe of suffering has missed you or your family, then use those two minutes to thank God for your deliverance and pray to Him that it is never, put to the test again.

Somehow I think that in those two minutes we could forget the pay envelopes, politics and the petty bigotries that divide us. In those two minutes, regardless of color, class or creed, we could become one nation, one happy breed again. Then perhaps other countries would join us; men of all nations uniting in a common silent prayer for peace and goodwill throughout the world.

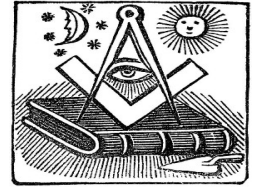
Perhaps I am in idealist, out of touch with reality. Perhaps I expect too much. But this November, at 11 o'clock on the eleventh day, quietly and without fuss, I shall observe the two minute silence again.

Won't you join me in spirit, wherever you are? After all, our nation's sons gave their whole lives for America. Will you not give just TWO MINUTES?

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Our October 17th Table Lodge



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We mourn the passing of Temple Lodge #16 Past Master Richard Theodore Mattson.

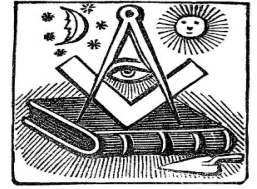
Richard was raised to Master on May 19th 1964 in Euclid Lodge #135, Affiliated with Temple Lodge on October 20th 1988, became Worshipful Master of Temple Lodge on January 1st 1992. He was currently living in Spring Hill Florida.



Richard is in the front row, second from the right. This picture is of the 1991 officers of Temple Lodge. The photograph of the 1992 officers has been lost.



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We are part of a lineage that stretches centuries, bound by the principles of truth, charity, and brotherhood. And while our rituals and teachings are sacred, they are not meant to be hidden away.

There is power in living these values openly, and one of the most visible ways to do so is by wearing the Square and Compasses. When you wear this emblem, you carry a symbol recognized by countless men throughout history who sought to improve themselves and their communities. It is not just a mark of membership but a statement of commitment to yourself, the Craft, your fellow Masons, and the principles we hold dear. By proudly displaying it, you also open yourself to questions, curiosity, and the opportunity to share the light of Freemasonry with others.

I understand that not every conversation will flow easily. And there may be moments when you're uncertain about how to explain what it truly means to be a Mason; But remember, even the simplest response can make a difference. A kind word, a brief mention of what Freemasonry is, or a heartfelt reflection on your own journey can plant a seed.

You do not need to have all the answers; you only need to be open, approachable, and sincere. In a world where we are often surrounded by fleeting connections, wearing the Square and Compasses is a gentle reminder that there is something more profound.

It represents unity in diversity, a commitment to personal growth, and a lifelong dedication to the betterment of society. And when you wear it with pride, you become a living example of what our fraternity stands for. I encourage you to reflect on what Freemasonry means to you and let that reflection shine outward.

Wear your Square and Compasses not as a mere symbol but as a reflection of the values you embody and the journey you continue to walk. You never know who might be inspired by your quiet strength and dedication.

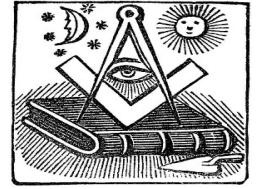
[This IS the Masonic Way!](#)

Fraternally yours,

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Up coming events at Temple Lodge #16:

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| November 3 rd : | Rainbow for Girls |
| November 7 th : | Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| November 8 th : | Eastern Star |
| November 14 th : | CMTA Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| November 17 th : | Rainbow for Girls |
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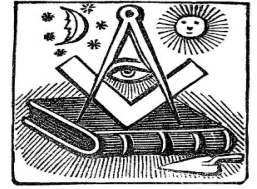
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November Birthdays

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birthday	Age
Mark	Anthony	Orsini	11/2/1960	64
Eric	Michael	Desmond	11/3/1971	53
John	Peter	O'Reilly, Jr.	11/5/1968	56
John	G.	Attwood	11/6/1961	63
Kristofor	John	Lefebvre	11/7/1975	49
Ted	C.	Noble ,Jr.	11/7/1939	85
Robert	Richard	O'Toole	11/9/1942	82
Prakash	B.	Vaidya	11/10/1953	71
David	Scott	Veleber	11/15/1970	54
Frederic	Wilcox	Wilson,III	11/22/1951	73
Martin	Jay	Rauch	11/22/1939	85
Samuel		Stuckal	11/25/1960	64
Kevin	Patrick	Ferguson	11/26/1973	51
Boris		Karolicki	11/26/1959	65
Charles	Gifford	Viall	11/30/1948	76



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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 – **RWB David Stewart**

School of Instruction – **RWB 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)

RWB 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**

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