



# TRESTLEBOARD



Temple Lodge #16 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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**From our Worshipful Master, Eric Desmond**

Greetings from the East!

I am honored to represent the Lodge and a new line of Officers, and am happy to report that the Officers are diligently at work with the intention of making 2025 a memorable year.

We have been discussing Lodge goals for 2025 with a recognition that these goals must also consider and further the future needs of the Lodge. As we work to achieve these goals, we have been mindful that what is accomplished in 2025 should also lay the foundation for what can be built upon, or modified, to address future Lodge needs. What our discussions then triggered was a reflection on the purpose for setting these goals.

While our ritual emphasizes the obligation of setting the Craft to work and providing the Craft with good and wholesome instruction for their labor, it also emphasizes the importance of calling the Craft from labor to refreshment. Undergirding these dual Lodge functions is the singularly valuable Masonic tenet – Brotherly Love.

As the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut explains in its messaging to Brothers who are beginning their Masonic journeys: “Brotherly Love is the feeling of respect, of understanding, of sympathy, which enables us to recognize the worth and dignity of every human being. It enables us to rejoice in a Brother’s good fortune; it permits us to work harmoniously with others whose circumstances and/or beliefs differ from our own. It makes possible a constructive application of the principle, ‘to live and to let live’. It refers to the lifting of the spirit and a glow of rejoicing when we meet another brother. It is this spirit which produces the almost tangible feeling of brotherhood and unity which a Mason comes to experience within the lodge.”

As this explanation illustrates, without Brotherly Love a Lodge struggles, with such struggles naturally impacting both current Brothers and the ability to encourage worthy candidates to consider membership.

The Officers have paused to reflect on how the tenet of Brotherly Love has transformed an old trolley building into a Lodge and, more importantly, how that most indispensable tenet has elevated Temple Lodge #16 into a truly special Masonic home that has united Masons since its 1790 chartering. What we, or at least I, have come to understand is that the Brotherly Love recognized by Masonry develops over time, its nascent stages beginning with candidate meetings and dinners, its later stages



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developing as Brothers participate in and enjoy Lodge events (refreshment) and obligations (labor), and finally emerging as a principled fellowship that flows from a shared commitment. Brotherly Love endures because it is nourished by a commonality of purpose, a faithful resolution to be part of something bigger than the individual, and a collective desire to better contribute to the health and welfare of each other and society at large.

To that end, the Officers affirm the tenet of Brotherly Love with a firm and steadfast resolution to do our best to ensure that Temple Lodge #16 is not only a place of Masonic labor but a place where we move from labor to refreshment as a means of reaffirming our bond one to another, extending the warm hand of fellowship to Brothers both far and near such that it is welcoming to all.

As 2025 begins in earnest, the Officers are pleased to announce several events scheduled for the first part of the year. A Festive Board is planned for February 20<sup>th</sup> – which is designed to be a lighthearted version of the formal, tiled Table Lodge, with spouses and significant others invited to attend. A Master Mason degree will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. A Table Lodge is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>. Comedy Night is returning in April. Our Senior Warden has taken on the additional role of Game Master and will be hosting a monthly game night in the Fellow Craft room. A Brother breakfast is also being planned for Spring. Additional events, including announcements concerning Masonic education, are forthcoming. Please also look for information at [www.temple16.com](http://www.temple16.com).

To conclude, it is the hope of the Officers that each Brother – wherever located – will reflect on what Brotherly Love means to him, reach out to Brothers with whom he has not recently spoken, contact the Lodge to update us on how you have been doing and attend Lodge when possible to kindle (or re-kindle) fellowship.

With my heartfelt appreciation and affection,

Eric Desmond  
Worshipful Master  
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## From our Senior Warden – Rod Maltarollo

Serving as the Senior Warden at Temple Lodge 16 is a deeply fulfilling experience. I see this role as a crucial bridge between the needs of the craft and the Worshipful Master, allowing me to facilitate communication and ensure harmony within the lodge. It also provides me with a profound understanding of what it means to be a Worshipful Master, particularly in terms of service and the continuation of significant projects. The position offers unique opportunities to meet brothers from different lodges during various Masonic events, enriching my Masonic journey. Additionally, it challenges me to delve into the true meanings behind the symbols in our ceremonies, fostering a deeper appreciation for our traditions. Ultimately, this role encourages me to strive towards becoming a better version of myself. It is a pleasure to serve in this capacity, and I look forward to learning more every day from both the position and the craft at large.

Rod Maltarollo  
Senior Warden  
Temple Lodge #16

## Up coming events at Temple Lodge #16:

February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Order of the Rainbow

February 6<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting. 7:30 pm, Master Mason Degree

February 13<sup>th</sup> - CMTA, 7:30 pm

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Star, 6:00 pm

February 16<sup>th</sup> – Order of the Rainbow

February 20<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, Festive Board, 6:30 pm

February 28<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Star, 6:00 pm

March 6<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm

March 13<sup>th</sup> – CMTA, 7:30 pm

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, Table Lodge

April – Comedy Night



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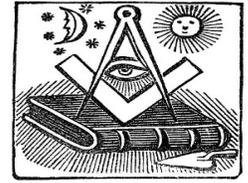
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On January 4<sup>th</sup>, at a Special Communication, the officers of Temple Lodge #16 were installed in their offices for 2025. We were honored to be guided in the instillation by RWB Gary Cohen as Installing Master, RWB Gary Matican as Installing Marshal, and our own RWB David Berger as Installing Chaplain. A complete list of offices and brothers included on the last page of this issue of the Trestleboard.





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Officers of Temple Lodge #16 for the year 2025.



We welcome every officer to his post and wish each one a wonderful and adventurous year. I encourage you all to come to our next meeting to congratulate each one.



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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](mailto: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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Our Worshipful Master, Eric Desmond, Presented our immediate Past Master, Bruce Taylor, with his Past Master Apron at our January 17<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication.



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January 1, 2025 - Rose Bowl Parade – Shriner's Float





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As snow blankets much of the United States in a rare winter storm that's impacting much of the country, plows and salt trucks with cheeky names are gearing up to pick up the mess from Massachusetts to Nebraska, Arlington, Virginia, to [Wichita, Kansas](#).

There's Dolly Plowtown. Beyonsleigh. Saline Dion and Taylor Drift. Watch out for Clark W. Blizzwald, Han Snowlo, and DARTH Blader. Mr. Snow-it-all, Salt Shaker, Carrie Bradthaw, Sled Zeppelin, Ictalavista Baby, Brine Freeze, Plowy McPlowface You're Killin' Me Squalls Yer a Blizzard, Harry, The Big LePlowski, Snowbi Wan Kenobi, Ope, Just Gonna Plow Right Past Ya, Melton John, Sleetwood Mac, CTRL-SALT-DEL, SnowBob Plowpants, Up2 Snow Good, and Fast & Flurryous.

Put down that novel – F. Salt Fitzgerald might be roaming a street near you this winter.

.Call it a winter craze sweeping the nation. Literally.

In the past few years, cities and states across the country have begun holding naming contests for snowplows and other winter weather vehicles. The goal: to add some levity to stressful storms, promote safe driving and shed light on the work of emergency response crews.

“We thought it would be a fun engaging way to connect and engage with Connecticut residents and commuters – all in the name of safety,” said Connecticut Department of Transportation spokesperson Josh Morgan. “It is a reminder to them to not crash into us, to keep it easy and slow down on the roads.”

Connecticut has hosted a naming contest for its residents for the past three years, Morgan said. Last year, the state's Department of Transportation partnered with 40 local schools for the contest to teach young children how to safely navigate around plows.



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## Festive Board

Thursday, February 20, 2025



**Lodge to Open at 6:30 PM**  
**Festive Board to Start at 7:00 PM**

\*\*\* Spouses Welcome to Attend the Festive Board \*\*\*

**Temple Lodge #16**  
**9 Country Club Road, Cheshire**

**Apéritif: Limoncello**  
**Appetizer: Caprese salad / Arancini**  
**Dinner: Tortellini and Meatballs**  
**Dessert: Tiramisu**



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Price: \$20  
RSVP Required by  
February 14, 2023

RSVP at:  
[www.temple16.com/events](http://www.temple16.com/events)



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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birthday	Age
Bruce	Edward	Taylor	2/1/1964	60.95
Roy	Edward	Ketchum	2/9/1970	54.93
Philip	James	Sharkey, Jr.	2/10/1966	58.93
Alexander	Scott	Von Fischer	2/22/1991	33.89
Frederick	James	Cargill	2/26/1971	53.88
Thomas	William	Bobok	2/27/1968	56.88
Vito	Antonio	Caggiano	2/27/1984	40.88



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## Temple Lodge #16 - Officers for 2025:

Worshipful Master – **Eric Desmond**

Senior Warden – **Rodrigo Maltarollo**

Junior Warden – **Andrew Kazimer**

Treasurer – **Jonathan Hartman**

Secretary – **WB Mark Orsini**

Senior Deacon – **Phil Sharkey Jr**

Junior Deacon – **Kevin Ferguson**

Senior Steward – **John O'Reilly**

Junior Steward – **Sam Stuckall**

Chaplain – **WB Bruce Taylor**

Marshal -

Tiler – **Jeff Sommers**

Organist – **WB John Lesky**

Historian – **RWB David Stewart**

School of Instruction – **RWB David Stewart**

Keeper of the Works – **WB Phil Sharkey, III**

Assistant Secretary - **WB Stuart Post**

### Trustees – (3 year terms)

**Kevin Ferguson, (26)**

**Rob Lawonka, (27)**

**WB Stuart Post, (25)**

### CMTA – (3 year terms)

**WB Phil Sharkey III (25)(Pres)**

**(Vacant) (25)**

**WB Steve Blake (26)**

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

**Kevin Dwyer (27)**

**WB Eric Desmond (Master)**

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

**RWB David Stewart (26)**

**Rodrigo Maltarollo (SW)**

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

**Jon Fischer (26)**

**Andrew Kazimer (JW)**

### Living Masters of Temple Lodge #16:

1968 **Wayne Davidson**

1998 **Carmen Spizzoucco**

2012 **Eric Gunther**

1980 **RW George Nousiainen**

2000 **John Lesky**

2013 **Eric Silver**

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

2004 **Royal Watrous**

2015, 16 **Jonathan Martin**

1984, 2002 **Stephen Eberle**

2005 **Michael Candela**

2017, 18 **Stuart Post**

1989 **James Sygrove**

2006 **John Attwood**

2019 **Steven Blake**

1990 **William Maturo**

2007 **Philip Reed**

2020 **Fred Cargill**

1991 **John Sturges**

2008 **Roger Jackson**

2021, 22 **Philip Sharkey III**

1996 **James Parys**

2010 **Michael Bonini**

2023 **Jason Polaski**

1997 **Garret Post**

2011,14 **Steven Canada**

2024 **Bruce Taylor**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WB Gordon Hurlbert** – Granite #119 – 2023, 2024  
**Garret Post** – Ashlar #332 - 2023