



TRESTLEBOARD



Temple Lodge #16 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Chartered 1790

Editor – Bro. Jon Fischer, 32°, MSA

April 2025

9 Country Club Road, Cheshire, CT 06410

Stated Communications: First and Third Thursdays 7:30 pm

From our Worshipful Master, Eric Desmond

My Dear Brothers:

Greetings from the East!

As Winter succumbs to the conquest of Spring, it is good to revel in the renewal that it brings. The return of Spring similarly affords the Lodge an opportunity for renewal, a chance to rededicate our Faith in each other and to Masonry, as well as the potential to convert our efforts into on-going progress for our Lodge.

Temple 16 will begin this period of renewal by engaging in a routine, though necessary, endeavor. To that end, a Lodge clean-up day has been scheduled for the morning of April 5, 2025. Please take the time to labor with your Brothers and help us prepare the Lodge for the coming year. While at Lodge, check out the handrails installed in the Lodge Room by Eastern Star.

We are also pleased to report that our three newest Brothers, raised on March 6, 2025, have already begun participating in multiple Lodge activities, with each assuming positions important for the functioning of our Lodge.

The Lodge is also continuing its fundraising drive for the Mosaic Pavement installation. At present, we have received nearly \$1,500 toward the projected \$4,000 budget. Anyone wishing to offer financial assistance or their time for this project should feel free to contact the Lodge. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

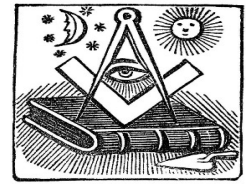
The following events are scheduled for April and May 2025. We hope to see you there.

- On April 3, 2025, we will have our regular 7:30 PM stated communication, with a pasta dinner beforehand starting at 6:30 PM. A brief educational program is being planned as time permits. Brother Tyler DeLavalley will be installed as Marshal.
- On April 5, 2025, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut will be hosting its annual meeting. News will be reported back to the Lodge.
- On April 17, 2025, we will have our regular 7:30 PM stated communication at which Senior Warden Rodrigo Maltarollo will preside. Please look for details as to whether a dinner will occur beforehand.
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- We will be hosting our much ballyhooed Comedy Night on April 26, 2025. The doors open at 6:30 PM; comedians start at 8:00 PM. Bring your own dinner, snacks and drinks. For information or to reserve seats, please e-mail TempleLodge16ComedyNight@gmail.com.
- On May 1, 2025, we will have our regular 7:30 PM stated communication, with a dinner beforehand starting at 6:30 PM. A brief educational program is being planned. Updates will be provided.
- On May 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM, Temple Lodge #16 will be hosting a Brother Breakfast for Brothers and their families. The proceeds from this Breakfast will be used for the Mosaic Pavement fundraiser. More details will be forthcoming.
- On May 15, 2025, our stated communication will begin at 6:30 PM. We will have a business meeting during which we will move to refreshment. At refreshment we will have dinner and a lecture presented by RWB Matt Griffin of the Philosophic Lodge of Research. More details will be forthcoming.

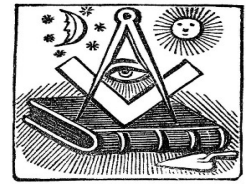
We look forward to seeing you.

Your humble caretaker,

Eric Desmond
Worshipful Master
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EXEMPLIFYING MASONIC IDEALS

I am happy to report that two Brothers recently exemplified Masonic values and ideals.

Worshipful Brother Gary Post and Worshipful Brother Steve Blake rendered aid to a Brother in need of aid. Specifically, the Brother's wife needed to find a hospital bed in order to move into the assisted living section at Masonicare. With the assistance of Worshipful Brother John Chan a hospital bed in good condition was located. Worshipful Brothers Post and Blake traveled to New Britain on March 22, to retrieve the hospital bed and then returned to Masonicare to set-up the bed. The Brother's wife was able to move into Masonicare.

Please join me in thanking Worshipful Brother Gary Post and Worshipful Brother Steve Blake for their efforts and for exemplifying what it means to be a Brother Mason.

Eric Desmond
Worshipful Master

Up Coming Events at Temple Lodge #16

April 1st – Eastern Star

April 1st – Easter Plant Pick Up

April 3rd – Stated Communications, CMTA Annual Meeting, 7:30 pm

April 5th -Easter Plant Pick Up

April 6th – Rainbow for Girls

April 17th – Stated Communications, 7:30 pm. We will have our regular 7:30 PM stated communication at which Senior Warden Rodrigo Maltarollo will preside.

April 18th – Eastern Star Fudge Sale

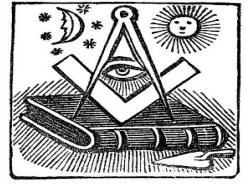
April 20th – Rainbow for Girls

April 15th – Eastern Star

April 26th – Comedy Night, Doors Open 6:30 pm, Show Starts 8:00 pm



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PROJECT GOAL: \$4,000.00
(If we reach our goal installation planned for this summer)

How Can You Contribute?

-  Direct Donations: Cash or Check - Checks payable to Temple Lodge 16 - submit to Bro. Phil Sharkey, Jr.
Call/Text: 617-803-6462 Email: papershark2003@gmail.com
-  \$5.00 50/50 "Mosaic Pavement" Raffle before each stated communication (Conducted by Bro. Jon Fischer)
-  Brother's Breakfast event planned for early May. 100% of proceeds to benefit the fund. (Date: TBD)
-  Purchase Tickets to the April 26th COMEDY NIGHT - (A portion of the proceeds to benefit the fund.)



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How does a man truly improve himself? Is it enough to simply know what is right, or must he actively shape himself through discipline and action?

The great Stoic philosophers, like Marcus Aurelius and Epictetus, understood that wisdom, courage, self-control, and justice are not traits we are born with... they are skills we must develop through constant practice.

And Freemasonry teaches the same.

Fortitude is more than standing firm in hardship; it is the courage to do what is right, even when no one is watching.

Temperance is not just moderation; it is self-control, the mastery of one's impulses.

Prudence is not just intelligence; it is wisdom in action, making choices based on principle, not convenience.

Justice is not simply fairness; it is a commitment to truth and duty, ensuring we uphold what is right, even when it is difficult.

But knowing these virtues is not enough. Are we truly practicing them in our daily lives?

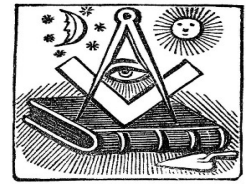
Just as a Mason smooths his rough ashlar, so too must we refine our character. Not once, not occasionally, but every single day. Freemasonry is not a passive journey. It is a continuous practice of learning, reflecting, and improving.

The tools are in our hands. The question is: Will we use them?

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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 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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Middle	Last	Birthday	Age
Keith	T.	Brough	1978-04-07	50
Eugene	Harmon	Renner	1929-04-01	96
Frederick	C.	Neuffer	1929-04-02	96
Donald	John	Baumgarten	1940-04-04	85
Robert	Wayne	Thatcher	1958-04-06	67
Robert	Edward	Cope, III	1979-04-10	46
Kevin		Dwyer	1985-04-11	40
Thomas	Mark	Lewoc, Sr.	1952-04-11	73
James	Kevin	Sygrove	1953-04-14	72
Stuart	Gordon	Post	1969-04-17	56
Thomas	Henry	Rose	1946-04-18	79
Robert	William	Lewonka	1975-04-18	50
Rodrigo	B.	Maltarollo	1978-04-19	47
James	C.	Christensen	1979-04-23	46
Wayne	William	Davidson	1937-04-29	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 – **Kevin Dwyer**

Associate Steward - **Sam Stuckall**

Chaplain – **WB Bruce Taylor**

Marshal - **Tyler DeLaval**

Tiler – **Jeff Sommers**

Organist – **WB John Lesky**

Historian – **RWB David Stewart**

School of Instruction – **RWB David Stewart**

Assistant Secertary – **WB Stuart Post**

Project Manager – **WB Phil Sharkey III**

Trustees – (3 year terms)

Kevin Ferguson, (26)

Rob Lawonka, (27)

WB Stuart Post, (25)

CMTA – (3 year terms)

WB Phil Sharkey III (25)(Pres)

Mithie Thatson (27) (VP)

Sean Caruthers (27) (Tres)

Phil Sharkey Jr (25) (Secty)

(Vacant) (25)

Kevin Dwyer (27)

RWB David Stewart (26)

Jon Fischer (26)

WB Steve Blake (26)

WB Eric Desmond (Master)

Rodrigo Maltarollo (SW)

Andrew Kazimer (JW)

Living Masters of Temple Lodge #16:

1968 **Wayne Davidson**

1980 **RW George 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**

2025 **Eric Desmond**

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