



TRESTLEBOARD



Temple Lodge #16 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Chartered 1790 Editor – Bro. Jon Fischer, 32°, MSA December 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:

As 2025 draws to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each Brother. I was honored to be elected to the Oriental Chair for this past year, and it is hoped that each of you reflect on the past months with a similar fondness.

As I expressed at the beginning of my service as Worshipful Master to Temple Lodge No. 16, it was the sincere hope of the Officers that each Brother would continue to hold a beloved place in their hearts for our Lodge, and that through our efforts we would encourage Brothers to participate more earnestly, more forthrightly and more enthusiastically as we move forward.



I remain ever cognizant that my appreciation and gratitude for Freemasonry – and especially for Temple Lodge #16 – is accompanied by an ever-present acknowledgment that the obligations of the East greatly outweigh the privileges that may be associated with the Oriental Chair. Stated another way, I often refer to myself in the closing of these monthly messages as “Your Humble Caretaker,” not in an attempt to be quaint or affable, but because all Freemasons meet on the level, act by the plumb and part upon the square. This simple recognition – restated at the close of each meeting – reminds me that regardless of the position I hold, or have held, I am the equal of Freemasons and, conversely, that every Freemason is my equal.

This recognition comes with a personal belief that Past Masters have a unique, critical role to play in the continuation of any Lodge, embodying the ethic that all Freemasons are equally responsible for the success of their Lodge. Once the journey through the Line concludes, and the privilege of sitting in the East is conferred to another worthy Brother, the next step for the newest Past Master is but the first of many in the remaining Masonic journey. As all Freemasons are instructed – and hopefully internalize – the Masonic journey ends when our earthly works are complete and we are called to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Collectively, however, it is also important to recognize that the success of Temple Lodge #16 is assisted by the active engagement of its Past Masters who – as Brothers – care for and work about the building and amongst the Craft, engage in Fellowship and, when called upon, willingly lend aid and assistance.



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As I prepare to leave the East, I remain committed to the belief that Freemasonry is an unending journey of instruction, of learning and of aspiring ever toward self-improvement and enlightenment. The Officers, I trust, remain sincere in their hope that Temple Lodge #16 will continue to build the foundations for a transformative experience that moves each of our journeys forward – and importantly, moves our collective journey forward – with greater understanding, appreciation and camaraderie.

As the year comes to a close, please know that I carry each of you in my heart. May brotherly love prevail, always.

Your Humble Caretaker,

Eric Desmond
Worshipful Master

December 4th – Stated Communication, Annual Meeting 7:30 start, dinner at 6:30

December 11th – CMTA 7:30

December 18th – Stated Communication, 6:30 start, Holiday Dinner after (leaning toward a Ladies at the Table)

December 29th – Past Masters' Degree (New Haven), 7:30, Dinner 6:30

January 1st – Stated Communication, 6:30; Fellowship (with Food) and Game Night planned for after

January 3rd – New Officer Installation, 9:00 AM



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December Birthdays

Allan	Myron	Jones	1946-12-04	79
Christopher	Karl	Eisbach	1970-12-05	55
Jonathan	David	Hartman	1986-12-08	39
Eric	William	Gunther	1969-12-08	56
Peter	Michale	Pogozeski	1952-12-11	73
James	Giacomo	Urbano	1960-12-15	65
Robert	John	Knowles	1942-12-17	83
George	Alexander William	Nousiainen	1941-12-18	84
Timothy	John	White	1972-12-20	53
Philip	Clifford	Newton II	1969-12-24	56
John	Walter	Plaster	1945-12-25	80



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE LODGE #16

December 3rd : Stated Meeting, Day Spring Lodge #30 at
Temple Lodge #16

December 4th : Stated meeting, at 7:30 PM, Annual Meeting, Dinner 6:30 pm

December 7th : Rainbow for Girls

December 2nd : Eastern Star

December 11th : CMTA Meeting, 7:00 pm

December 12nd : Men's Lunch, 12:00 pm

December 8th : Amarath

December 16th : Eastern Star

December 18th : Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, Festive Board Dinner

December 21st : Rainbow for Girls

January 3rd – New Officer Installation, 9:00 AM

Eastern Star 1& 3 Tuesday
Amaranth 2 Monday
Day Spring 1 Wednesday
Rainbow 1&3 Sunday
Temple 1&3 Thursday



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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 Secetary – **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 Steve Blake (26) (Pres)
WB Bruce Taylor (28)(VP)
WB Phil Sharkey III (28)(Tres)
Phil Sharkey Jr (28) (Secty)

Tyler DeLaval (28)
Kevin Dwyer (27)
RWB David Stewart (26)
Jon Fischer (26)

Mithie Thatson (27)
WB Eric Desmond (Master)
Rodrigo Maltarollo (SW)
Andrew Kazimer (JW)

Living Masters of Temple Lodge #16:

1968 **Wayne Davidson**
1980 **RWB 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
RWB David Berger - Cosmopolitan #125 - 2005
WB Roger Jackson - Cosmopolitan #125 - 2009
RWB 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
WB Garret Post – Ashlar #332 - 2023