



TRESTLEBOARD

Temple Lodge #16 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



Chartered 1790

Editor – Bro. Jon Fischer, 32°, MSA

May 2024

9 Country Club Road, Cheshire, CT 06410

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

From our Worshipful Master, Bruce Taylor

Brethren,

Our illustrious Trestle Board editor, Jon Fischer, has received recognition from the Grand Lodge for his work. The little certificate was to the Lodge, but the credit very much goes to him. Congratulate him when you cross paths.

Other than that...

I am a board member of a small local chapter of a regional nonprofit. Don't read too much into it - the organization revolves around mountain biking and I got the job by showing up to too many meetings. At the annual meeting we discuss the same stuff that occurs in your Lodge: people, time, and money. We welcome members and use their time, \$, and hands to build and maintain trails in parks. Reasonable and admirable but - our Fraternity has the more noble and glorious purpose of Making Good Men Better. The quads and cardio are important, but universal values in Masonry keep my heart and soul oriented. I certainly have learned more while enjoying our rituals and meeting good people than the dues would leave one to expect. Then there is the dreadful old cliché "the more you put in, the more you get out", and I know there is more to do. Exercise is good for a healthy heart and the Fraternity reminds us to express fidelity, mercy, and charity from our hearts. As Master I command you to get out, strengthen your heart and enjoy.

29 April - Blue Lodge Council at Compass in Wallingford

2 May - business meeting

16 May - Masonic Jeopardy - no need to study for this one

25 May - Lodge Clean up - some yard work and maybe some interior work

27 May MEMORIAL DAY Parade! khaki shorts or slacks and Lodge polo shirts, meet at the Lodge, have some food, march through town, incomparable honor and fun.

28 May - Blue Lodge Council at Temple in Cheshire!

6 June - Award Night!

20 June - Pig Roast – Hawaiian shirts - cigars - various other festivities

Send photos!

We still earnestly solicit interested Brethren to fill an additional Trustee for a new term later in the year.

Bro Bruce



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May 26, 2024, Parade

The Memorial Day parade will be on Sunday May 26th. We have always had a great turnout for the cookout and parade so we need as many brothers marching as we can. Please let Andrew or Kevin know that you will be attending.

We will be following our usual plan:

Uniform for those "marching" will be our dark blue "polo" shirt and khaki shorts or pants.

11 am. – We meet at the lodge to decorate the float, then move to our staging spot in the Highland school front parking lot.

12 noon – Hot dog cookout with chips and drinks provided.

1:30 pm. – Step off for the parade.

All brothers and family are welcome to attend the cookout. Even if you're marching with another group, drop by to grab a dog and say 'hello'.

Please contact Kevin Ferguson (Kpferguson2008@yahoo.com) or Andrew Kazimer (andrewkazimer@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the cookout.

Thanks,

Brothers Kevin and Andrew

At the past Grand Lodge meeting an award was presented honoring Temple Lodge's Trestleboard publication for "Keeping membership informed of the events, encouraging involvement, fostering knowledge, and pride in lodge activities with our members who cannot participate".

"Saint Alban"

"There are in the world some twenty-three Masonic lodges named after or connected with St Alban. Since 1954 they have held an annual gathering. The thirtieth such meeting took place in Thornhill, near Toronto, Canada, on 8 October 1983, with representatives of eleven lodges in attendance: No. 4999, St. Albans, England; No. 7, Newark, New Jersey; No. 56, Floral Park, New York; **No. 38, Guilford, Connecticut**, No. 6, Bristol, Rhode Island; St. Albans Lodge, Foxboro, Massachusetts; No. 677, Youngston, Ohio; No. 28, Jackson, Louisiana; No. 20, Marshall Michigan; No. 514, Thornhill, Ontario (the host lodge); and No. 106, Montreal, Quebec."

-Wallace McLeod, FPS. "Why St Alban?" Fiat Lux, vol I, Philalethes Society 2009



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“St. Alban, or Albanus, the proto-martyr of England, was born in the third century, at Verulam, now St. Albans, in Hertfordshire. In his youth he visited Rome, and served seven years as a soldier under the Emperor Diocletian. On his return to Britain he embraced Christianity, and was the first who suffered martyrdom in the great persecution which raged during the reign of that emperor. The Freemasons of England have claimed St. Alban as being intimately connected with the early history of the Fraternity in that island. Anderson (Constitutions, 1738, page 57) says ‘This is asserted by all the old copies of the constitutions, and the old English Masons firmly believed it’.”

-Albert G Mackey, 33, “Encyclopedia of Freemasonry”



New lighting in the basement center hallway in the lodge courtesy of Brother Jon Fischer.

(Somewhere in the past I remember talk of a shooting range?)



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Brother Jake Layman from Meriden Lodge conducted a presentation titled “A Nation Divided But Brothers United”. It included stories about the bond Masons have for other Masons regardless of whether they are from the North or the South.

Up coming events at Temple Lodge #16:

- May 2nd : Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm
- May 5th : The Order of Eastern Star, Special Activity. 12noon – 7pm
- May 16th : Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, Masonic Jeopardy
- May 25th : CMTA, Lodge Clean Up Day
- May 26th : Memorial Day Parade, 11:00 am, at the Lodge parking lot to setup the truck and trailer. Followed by a hot dog lunch and the parade at 1:30pm.
- May 28th : Blue Lodge Council at Temple 16. We are making dinner
- June 6th : Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, Award Night!
- June 20th : Stated Meeting, 7:30 pm, Pig Roast, Hawaiian Shirt night, Cigars, and Various other festivities



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At our meeting on March 4th we welcomed our latest Entered Apprentices. Taking the degree were (from left to right) Dr. & Brother Rodney Irizarry, Brother Tyler Thomas Della Valle, and Brother Sam Scott Stuckal.



May Birthdays

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birthday	Age
Sherwin	Kenneth	Baril	5/16/31	92.94
Curtis	Kyplin	Best	5/28/80	43.9
Paul		Davies	5/17/42	81.93
Mark	Michael	Gracia	5/29/61	62.9
Donald	Wesley	Hick, Jr.	5/16/39	84.94
Richard	Theodore	Mattson	5/18/37	86.93
Michael	Ethan	Miller	5/9/59	64.96
Edward	Russell	O'Connor	5/23/62	61.92
Garret	Wayne	Post	5/17/41	82.93
Matthew	Henry	Schmidt	5/7/73	50.96
Royal	Alan	Watrous	5/10/52	71.95



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The candidate is not merely a participant in our rites;

He is the lifeblood of our fraternity.

Each candidate brings a unique blend of aspirations and needs, seeking light through Freemasonry's wisdom and brotherhood.

Thus, it is crucial to recognize that our work does not merely accommodate the candidate - it revolves around him.

Our interactions with candidates are not interruptions but rather the core activities of our Masonic existence.

They are the very purpose of our gathering and labor in the lodge.

When we guide a candidate through his degrees, we are not just performing a ritual;

We are fulfilling our fundamental mission by transmitting the venerable teachings of our craft.

Understanding that the candidate comes to us in search of something profound should forever be central to our approach.

Whether it is enlightenment, fellowship, or moral betterment...

Our duty (and privilege) is to fulfill these expectations.

By doing so, we not only strengthen his Masonic journey but also enrich our lodge and the broader fabric of Freemasonry.

Let us then approach each interaction with a candidate as an opportunity to reaffirm our dedication to the principles of our ancient fraternity.

In nurturing their Masonic journey, we renew our own commitment and ensure the vitality and relevance of our beloved craft for generations to come.

May we continue to serve with the zeal and passion that our candidates deserve, ensuring that our actions always mirror the highest ideals of Masonry.

~ MasonicFind.



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The Officers of Temple Lodge #16 for 2024 are:

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 – **David Stewart**

School of Instruction – **David Stewart**

Trustees – (3 year terms)

Kevin Ferguson, (26)

Rob Lawonka, (24)

WB Stuart Post (Pro-Tem), (25)

CMTA – (3 year terms)

WB Phil Sharkey III (25)

Mithie Thatson (27) (VP)

Phil Sharkey Jr (25) (Secty)

Sean Caruthers (27) (Tres)

Kevin Dwyer (27)

Andrew Kazimer (25) (Pres)

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**

2009 **Kenneth Neumann**

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