



# Temple Lodge No. 65

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## JANUARY 2014

### Worshipful Master's Theme

Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential. - *Winston Churchill*

### MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Brothers,

This is my first opportunity to address you and so I wish everyone a Happy and fruitful New Year. I thank each of you for expressing your confidence and selecting me to work as the Worshipful Master for this year. You have given me the great privilege to serve you and I will do my best to be the leader you expect and deserve in the year ahead.

A successful year relies on all of us. It means that we as shareholders in this great fraternity should not be Masons in name only. Not one of us who became a Mason has joined just to sit on the side lines. We must strive to get involved in our fraternity activities. Over the past years it has been the efforts of a core group of brothers volunteering to do the work to make the activities successful. This year I would like to see a positive change begin to take place. Lets start with attendance at meetings. Your voice and ideas at the meetings are important to all the other brothers. I'd like to see us have the problem of finding seats in the Lodge room, rather than not filling them.

I will be bringing back an electronically published Trestle Board as well as a printed one. I encourage you to read each publication. Perhaps you may feel moved to write an article. You are invited to do so. We will also have an active website this year. It is my hope that you will visit it. Again I invite you to submit appropriate photographs and entries. Please render any submissions to me not later than the 15th of each month so we can meet our publication deadline.

This year it is not mandatory for the Lodge to have an educational presentation during each communication. However, along the lines of participation, I invite any brother desiring to make an educational Masonic contribution to contact me so we can schedule it into the meeting. It is my hope that we get many presenters with a diversity of interesting topics.

In the past we have enjoyed the voluntary work of brothers assisting the Stewards. We do have a full complement of Stewards at this time and your voluntary work is appreciated. Within the next month, I will be establishing committees. The list of committees can be viewed in the Trestle Board. If one of these interests you, please let me know.

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**Stated Communications: Second and Fourth Thursday of each month at 8:00 pm**

**CONNECTICUT A.F. & A.M**

MW Grand Master Simon LaPlace  
RW Deputy GM Thomas Maxwell  
RW District Deputy Robert Curwen

**Grand Master's Theme**

**TEMPLE LODGE No. 65**  
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Jr. Warden Jonathan Baron  
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Temple Lodge No. 65 will be Successful if we all participate in it's Works and Labors. Please attend our meetings when you are able. Encourage others, and bring a Brother who might need a ride. Let us know if you need help getting to Lodge.



**CALENDAR**  
**OF EVENTS**  
**2014**

**Stated Communications:**  
8:00 pm, Second and Fourth Thursday

**JANUARY 9** - Stated Communication

**JANUARY 23** - Stated Communication

**FEBRUARY 13** - SW Gary opens / FC Practice

**FEBRUARY 27** - FC Degree - SW Gary

**Officers Meeting:**  
First Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm

**Blue Lodge Council is Rotating the  
Lodge Meeting Locations for Each  
Month - Monday at 7:30 pm**

To Be Provided



**2014 Committee Chairmen**

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## LIVING PAST MASTERS

1961 Donald B. Treadwell  
1972 Joseph Turner  
1973 Sanford G. Lunt  
1975 Robert A. Magovern  
1979 Thomas C. Hofstetter  
1982 Terrance D. Nicolaisen  
1983 Terrance D. Nicolaisen  
1984 Edwin S. Gaites  
1985 James H. Baker  
1988 Thomas C. Hofstetter  
1989 Terrance D. Nicolaisen  
1991 Donald B. Treadwell  
1993 George W. Underhill Jr  
1995 Steven A. Bowen  
1998 Steven A. Bowen  
1999 John E. Watson III  
2000 Thomas C. Hofstetter III  
2001 James T. McWain  
2002 John R. Hall II  
2003 Scott M. McWain  
2004 Frederick J. Clark Jr  
2005 Rocco J. Frank Sr  
2006 Dennis R. Corsalini  
2007 Dennis R. Corsalini  
2008 John T. Kahler III  
2009 Wilson Dinielli  
2010 Richard Ruggiano  
2011 Anthony Foote  
2012 Edward M Brookshire  
2013 Frank Caolo

## HAPPY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

01/05/1984 Thomas Reed  
01/20/1949 Charles Hummel  
01/23/1986 Russel Friedson

### FEBRUARY

02/10/1972 Jay Sherwood  
02/13/1975 John L. Roddie  
02/14/1991 William M. Brown  
02/14/1991 John A. Conroy  
02/21/1976 Carl J. Lelle Jr  
02-21-1979 Russell A. Meeker  
02/22/1961 Robert E. Bosch  
02/24/1996 Craig R. Burry  
02/24/1996 Leonard W. Finegold  
02/26/2009 Steven M. Purtle  
02/26/2009 Dean G. VanNest Jr  
02/28/1985 George Smith

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I will be going back to a schedule of holding a monthly officers' meetings at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month. I intend to keep it limited in time. The meeting is open to all brothers. If you would like to bring something up at the meeting I request that you let me know ahead of time so that I can adjust the agenda for the meeting.

I look forward to this year. The line of Officers are ready to begin their work as a team, knowing that the synergy of their efforts will successfully build more interest and involvement within the Lodge and excite the brethren. COME JOIN US.

AN EVENT CALENDAR COVERING THE FOLLOWING MONTHS THROUGH JUNE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE.

Fraternally,  
Anthony Giunta  
Worshipful Master

## **Notes From the Secretaries Pad**



Brothers,

Your 2014 dues notice is in the mail, please note there is no increase for this year. Please submit a check payable to the lodge and send it to our address: PO Box 66 Westport, CT 06880. I would appreciate it if you would keep me informed of any change to your address, phone number or email. It is very important that we keep our records up to date and that we inform the Grand Lodge of changes to your contact information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-984-4397 should you require any assistance or have any questions.

Fraternally,  
John Kahler  
Secretary



For complete information about what's happening in Connecticut Freemasonry, visit the website at [www.ctfreemasons.net](http://www.ctfreemasons.net)

### Trestleboard Editor

**WB Lem Johnson**

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I encourage everyone to contact me about items that you would like to see included in future Trestleboards

## A Masonic Minute

**Question** — Who were William Preston & Thomas Smith Webb and why are they important to Freemasonry?

**Answer** — William Preston was a Scottish Mason who joined Freemasonry in London. He was a very bright and well-read brother. He saw many forms of ritual being performed and realized the many of the ritual he saw was very basic and needed more explanation so the candidates more understood the lessons that were to be imparted to the candidate. He saw the need to standardize the ritual. He wrote a series of lectures, published in 1772 that are now part of the ritual. Thomas Smith Webb was born in America in 1771. He was the Grand Master of Rhode Island in 1813. His 1797 publication Freemasons Monitor modified many of Preston's lectures, and added some of his own. He is also credited with the founding of the York Rite.

### **2014 CALENDAR YEAR at a GLANCE**

**FEBRUARY 13** - GARY OPENS /FC PRACTICE  
**FEBRUARY 27** - FC DEGREE-GARY 1  
**MARCH 27** - JONATHAN OPENS/ EA PRACTICE  
**APRIL 10** - EA DEGREE-JONATHAN 2  
**MAY 8** - EA DEGREE INSPECTION / TONY 3\*  
**JUNE 12** - MM DEGREE-TONY 4  
**SEPTEMBER 11** - GARY OPENS/FC PRACTICE  
**SEPTEMBER 25** - FC DEGREE-GARY 5

OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER INSPECTION DEGREE: EA-TONY ( IF NOT DONE IN MAY) 3\*

Along with the above identified (5) dates for degree work, we will be having our annual business meeting and dinner set for December 11th, 2014.

It was discussed that 4 special theme dinners would be held through the year:

Cinco de Mayo (May) - Whiskey/Cigar night (April, October, November) (TBD) - Italian food & Wine Tasting (June) - German food & Beer (September)

These are just a few of the things happening in your lodge this year. A more complete list is posted on the web site. There are some other things that we will be adding in the near future.

### **Support the Lodges in Our Area**

Fidelity-St. John's Lodge # 3	1st & 3rd Thur, 7:30pm
Union Lodge # 5	1st & 3rd Wed, 7:30pm
St. John's Lodge # 6	1st Thur, 8:00pm
America-St. John's Lodge # 8	1st & 3rd Tue, 7:30pm
Washington Lodge # 19	2nd Mon, 7:30pm
Jerusalem Lodge # 49	1st & 3rd Mon, 8:00pm
Harmony Lodge # 67	1st & 3rd Tue, 8:00pm
Acacia Lodge # 85	2nd & 4th Tue, 8:00pm
Corinthian Lodge # 104	2nd & 4th Tue, 7:30pm
Ivanhoe Lodge # 107	2nd Wed, 8:00pm
Old Well Lodge # 108	1st Tue, 8:00pm
Ashlar-Aspetuck Lodge # 142	2nd Wed, 7:30pm
Daytime Lodge # 144	2nd Monday
Universal Fraternity Lodge # 149	3rd Sat, 7:30pm

### **"Befriend and Relieve Every Brother Who Shall Need Your Assistance"**

This space is set aside for Brothers and Families of Brothers of Temple Lodge No. 65 who are in need of contact from the Brothers of our Lodge. A phone call will help them in their time of need.

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## Message From The West Gate



Brethren,

As my journey continues to the West I first want to thank all of the Brethren for their vote of confidence in me. With your help I believe this year can be a productive and fulfilling year of brotherly love and inspiration.

This past year I have had the opportunity and privilege to travel quite a bit to other lodges and see how other lodges are conducted. None seem to be run exactly the same but, in my travels I have always reminded myself of what the duties of the officers are. In some lodges it seems like the officers are just robots reading their duties but not really understanding what their duties are. As I continue my journey through the chairs I am now reminded of the duties of the Senior Warden. Although all are very important and I will certainly do my best to fulfill all of them to my utmost ability, the last duty seems to jump out at me "To see that none go away dissatisfied, harmony being the strength and support of all societies, more especially of ours." Webster's dictionary definition of harmony is a pleasing combination of musical sounds

I m looking forward to our lodge becoming a symphony of perfectly blended sounds and harmony of brotherly love.

Fraternally  
Gary Ecsedi, Senior Warden

## The Silent Summons

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

My Brother's, your Lodge needs you so that we an keep the warm fires of Brotherly Love and Friendship burning. Come and join us because we have some new activities that we all will enjoy in our new Fellowship Hall.

**The year is 1907..... One Hundred and 7 years ago.  
Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907.**

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin.

But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American..

There can be no divided allegiance here.

Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all.

We have room for but one flag, the American flag...

We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language..

And we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

~ Brother Theodore Roosevelt -1907 - A Past Member of Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, NY ~