



# Temple Lodge No. 65

A. F. & A. M.

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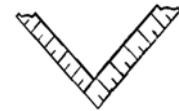
**JUNE 2014**

## Worshipful Master's Theme

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

*Winston Churchill*

### **MESSAGE FROM THE EAST**



Dear Brothers,

As our country begins to remember and celebrate a series of three specially recognized days spanning three months, beginning with this weekend. I'd like to briefly mention them.

Although the observance of Memorial Day known also as Decoration Day has been changed to suit certain interests, many of you may recall that the original date of Memorial Day was celebrated as a day of remembrance on May 30th 1868. Then it was also known as Decoration Day so that the choicest blooms of springtime could decorate the graves of veterans. This date was established to ensure that the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes not forgotten, and to do so, in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday and placed on the last Monday of the month of May.

Flag Day is celebrated every 14th of June. Although there are many claims as to the origin, it is commonly thought to have originated through a resolution by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777 in which a special committee had been assigned to offer the flag's design. Later, in the 1860's through the late 1800's schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs and the observance caught on. Of these later celebrations, the most recognized claim comes from New York City where on June 14, 1889 a school in New York City held patriotic ceremonies to observe the anniversary of the Flag Day resolution. From there, the initiative took off and in 1949, Congress approved the national day of observance.

Independence Day, or better referred to as the 4th of July is associated with a Norman Rockwell like image of children and adults crowded around a picnic table where hot dogs and hamburgers are being offered and the table is decorated with many small American flags while fireworks display goes off overhead. This is a typical family event seen across our country each year at this time. It also commemorates another family event, that family of thirteen colonies who sought freedom as a sovereign nation. It was on that date that the Continental Congress announced that the thirteen American colonies, at war with England at the time, declared themselves as thirteen newly independent sovereign states and no longer part of the British Empire.

Let us remember all our fallen, who have not fallen in vain. Let us celebrate our flag that may she ever wave in peace and freedom. Let us celebrate the birth of our wondrous nation. Although humanly flawed, we trust in God to help us make it great.

Fraternally,  
Anthony Giunta  
Worshipful Master



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

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MW Grand Master Simon LaPlace  
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**Grand Master's Theme**

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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:**  
**JUNE 2014**

**JUNE 12** - EA Degree - TONY  
(Inspection)

**JUNE 22** - Brunch and Strawberry  
Festival 10:00am

**JUNE 26** - Pin Night (Casual Attire)

**JULY & AUGUST LODGE IS DIM**

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



**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

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## LIVING PAST MASTERS

1961 Donald B. Treadwell  
1973 Sanford G. Lunt  
1975 Robert A. Magovern  
1979 Thomas C. Hofstetter  
1982 Terrance D. Nicolaisen  
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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

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

Westport Annual Clean-up Day was held on Saturday morning, May 17th where various organizations within the Town participated in an effort to do a little bit of clean-up work along some of the Town's roadways, collecting litter.

Pictured here are Brothers, Steve Humphries, Daniel Kamzik, Jerry Gegory and Tom Belden.



The photo below shows Temple Lodge 65 donating \$1000.00 to the Westport Historical Society so that they could buy a video recorder to enhance their capabilities to continue making historical recordings of the Town of Westport.



Pictured above are: Front Row: Dennis Corsalini, Karley Mettzer, Edward Gerber --- Back Row: Richard Ruggaino, Anthony P. Giunta, Jr.

## Masonic Minute

### "Oaths, Promises, and Obligations"

As Masons, it is important to be aware of the solemn and binding grounds involved when "one takes an oath, gives a promise, or assumes an obligation."

Encompassing at least a thousand years of Anglo-Saxon tradition, and more recently, the American frontier and old west, the strict and true measure of a man was whether he could be trusted "to give or keep his word no matter the circumstances." Literature is populated with great characters that kept their promise and suffered for it. History profiles great acts of courage where an individual or nation kept a promise standing upright against intolerance and injustice.? Civil law was instituted to preserve this concept concerning verbal and written contracts. Masonry holds itself, and all brothers, to a higher standard than the general public.

Masonic obligations have been sworn before man and God without reservation or dissembling. Our forbearers labored daily to build in stone. We labor daily to build in spirit. Keeping our word builds Masonic character because each Mason must choose the how, the why; consider the consequences and the impact of his word giving.

It is our Masonic duty to be honorable "Men of our Word" living to serve God, our neighbor, and ourselves, by building within our own heart and mind that nobility of spirit, of charity, of toleration, which allows each to stand for truth, justice, and learning.

### **Brother Theadore Roosevelt - November 5, 1902**

#### **HAPPY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

##### **JUNE**

06/02/1993	Charles J. Gasche
06/03/1993	Osvaldo L. Alvarez
06/05/2003	J F Donal Conway
06/08/2000	Frederick J. Clark Jr
06/08/2000	Timothy D. Healy
6/08/1978	Alfred R. Quaglieri
06/26/2008	Kenneth R. Sosnoski Jr
06/09/2005	Miguel A. Vargas
06/09/2005	Dustin J. Ranciato
06/10/1999	Martin Resnick
06/12/1975	Robert A. Sheiman
06/14/1990	Thomas M. Smith
06/16/1994	Richard Ruggiano
06/16/1994	Matthew A. Caputo
06/16/1994	Stanley P. Freeman
06/19/1951	Burton P. Knopp
06/23/1950	James D. Foster
06/24/1954	Warren F. Haven
06/24/1948	Donald B. Treadwell
06/25/1959	John A. DiNapoli
06/25/1959	Robert M. Blackman
06/26/2008	Matthew H. Kunkes
06/26/2008	Scott P. Ellenbogen
06/26/1958	Gale G. Neilsen
06/26/2008	Kevin M. Cuseo
06/26/2008	Evan A. Bowen
06/27/1985	Thomas J. Bartlett
06/27/1985	Thomas M. Lowrie
06/29/1981	Walter E. Kaechele

"One of the things that attracted me so greatly to Masonry, that I hailed the chance of becoming a Mason, was it really did act up to what we, as a Government and as a people are pledged to - namely, to treat each man on his merits as a man."

"Masonry should make, and must make each man who conscientiously and understandingly takes its obligations, a fine type of American Citizen, because Masonry teaches him his obligations to his fellows in practical fashion."

#### **WB Edward Brookshire**

Worshipful Brother Edward Brookshire came to his last meeting at Temple Lodge 65 while he is a U.S. Resident. WB Edward long with his wife and family are moving to Dubai and will be taking up residency there. We wish him and his family a good trip and will miss him. Please come back and visit.

#### **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