



# Temple Lodge No. 65

A. F. & A. M.

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Masonic District 1A

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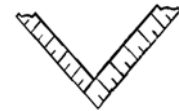
## MARCH 2014

### Worshipful Master's Theme

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

*Winston Churchill*

### MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Brothers,

Anyone tired of snow yet? I am, that's for certain. At home each of us have been pretty beat up by the weather and if you're like me I'm looking forward to the arrival of Spring in less than three weeks. As I look back, we have had some pretty rough weather. Unfortunately, recently due to the excessive amounts of snow and ice we have been prevented from holding a regular stated communication on February 13th. The roads were so bad I had to appeal to the MWGM for a dispensation to cancel the meeting. In all my seven years as a Mason, there was never a meeting cancelled due to the weather.

The lodge officers have been working in preparation for the Fellow Craft Degree. Brother. This year I have decided to get the Wardens acquainted at an earlier point in time with degree work. Brother Gary Escedi, SW just completed the Fellow Craft Degree for Brother Mark Agnew and is pictured later in this issue.

We have several candidates who have filed applications to join our lodge and Brother Jonathan Baron has been preparing for the Entered Apprentice Degree which he is scheduled to perform on April 10th... He will be soon setting his schedule of practices for the month of March and once they have been established, you are invited to come and observe the practices.

I again ask the brothers of the lodge to step up and partake in Lodge activities. Right now it can be as little as offering a piece of Masonic education at a meeting or attending a Blue Lodge meeting or an Officers' meeting to add a voice. It is your lodge as well as others and it would enhance meetings were you to offer your participation. To quote a recent Past Master, "It is often the old clothe contrasted to a new clothe, that adds the color, texture and artistic appeal to a quilt." Why don't you begin now.

There will be an Officer's meeting at the Lodge on Thursday, March 6th, beginning at 7:30 PM. This may be the venue for you to bring something to the table that would be valuable to you and to others present. Give it a try.

Blue Lodge meetings will be traveling between the lodges of the 1st District. For the next two meetings (months), the location for the meetings has been changed to Fidelity-St. John located at 131 Beach Rd., Fairfield. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month and begin at 7:30 PM. Come listen to what is going on within the walls of the other lodges in your district. Perhaps there is something of interest to you that is happening. Come listen.

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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**  
**OFFICERS 2014**

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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

FEB 13 - GARY OPENS /FC PRACTICE  
FEB 27 - FC DEGREE-GARY 1\*  
APR 10 - JONATHAN OPENS/ EA PRACTICE  
APR 24 - EA DEGREE-JONATHAN 2\*  
JUNE 12 - EA DEGREE-TONY 3\* (INSPECTION)  
JUNE 26- PIN NIGHT (CASUAL ATTIRE)  
SEPT 11 - GARY OPENS/FC PRACTICE  
SEPT 25 - FC DEGREE-GARY 4\*  
OCT 23- MM DEGREE 5\*

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 8)  
Italian food & Wine Tasting (June 26)  
German food & Beer (September 11)  
Whiskey/Cigar night (October 9)

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



**Trestleboard Editor**

**WB Lem Johnson**

My phone is 203-264-4199

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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

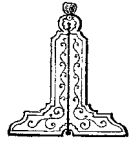
1961 Donald B. Treadwell  
1973 Sanford G. Lunt  
1975 Robert A. Magovern  
1979 Thomas C. Hofstetter  
1982 Terrance D. Nicolaisen  
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1984 Edwin S. Gaites  
1985 James H. Baker  
1988 Thomas C. Hofstetter  
1989 Terrance D. Nicolaisen  
1991 Donald 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

## HAPPY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

03/08/2003 Charles F. Albertario  
03/08/2003 Bruce W. Blomfield  
03/08/2003 John Carnright  
03/08/2003 Donald E. Granger  
03/08/2003 Liubinco Tosici  
03/08/2003 Michael Fain  
03/08/2003 Lyman J. McWain  
03/15/1982 Mark P. Hagan  
03/19/2002 Charwin O. Agard  
03/21/1986 Steven Bowen  
03/23/1950 Howard F. Ackerly  
03/24/1960 James T. McWain  
03/25/1993 David I. Weiss  
03/27/2004 Joseph M. Renzulli  
03/27/2004 Adam H. Kunkes  
03/27/2004 Steven H. Kunkes  
03/27/2004 Wilson Dinielli  
03/28/1963 Hagen Morris

## Message From the West Gate



Brethren,

First and foremost I want to congratulate the degree team for the fellow craft degree we performed on the 27th of February, and a hearty thank you for all the brothers who showed up for the degree. I realize how difficult it is to juggle work, family, other personal obligations and then try and study for a degree so once again thank you to all.

Secondly, I wanted to talk about traveling to other lodges. On the 26th of February I had the honor and privilege with a few other brothers to visit Worshipful Brother Dennis Corsalini's lodge, Mariner 67 in New York City. We were fortunate enough to see a fellow craft degree that had parts from the early 1800s. We also had the privilege of having the Grand Master From the State of New York and our own Grand Master Simon R. LaPlace attend. (Thank You Brother Dennis). As always, I try to get little bits of new information every time I travel and this time was no exception. Before the degree had started the Grand lecturer from New York got up and was explaining about risk's and chances. The one thing that stuck in my mind was when he said "Always take chances and risks and never be afraid to fail. If you never try new things you will never learn. You may fail, but as long as you learn from that failure your growing." How many times in our lives have we heard other people say "I could have done that if only ...." It's called "Fear of Failure". Being afraid to fail at something is completely natural. Nobody wants to fail.

I particularly want to speak to the junior officers in our lodge and may I go so far as to suggest that one time you ask our worshipful master that you try just opening our lodge and sitting in the East.

Eventually your gonna be there anyway why not start now? Think about it, take a chance.

Fraternally,  
Gary Ecsedi  
Senior Warden

### **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: ATTENTION ALL BROTHERS**

If you have moved and/or changed your telephone number within the past 12 months, please contact Brother Secretary John Kahler at [john.t.kahler@ustrust.com](mailto:john.t.kahler@ustrust.com) or call him at (203-984-4439) and give him the new information so we do not lose contact with you

If you have not paid your dues as of this date, please be sure to send your dues in so we may keep you on the active list. If you have any issues with paying dues, please contact Brother Secretary John Kahler (see above for contact information).

**PIN NIGHT IN JUNE** Temple Lodge 65 will be having a Pin Night recognition on June 26th. Although our Lodge records are kept very well, there is always a chance that something may have been inadvertently overlooked. If you think that you are eligible to receive a membership pin as of June 25th, 2014, please contact

Brother Secretary  
John Kahler .

**From the East** (Continued From Page 1)

Another news Flash is that Brother Jamie Oliver is the proud papa of a little girl.....Lilly. Mom and Lilly are doing well. I guess Brother Jamie is making adjustments.

The Annual Meeting at Grand Lodge is coming up in April. It will be held on April 6th and 7th. Plan to go. If you have not attended the annual session, it is an experience you will enjoy.

Fraternally,  
Anthony Giunta  
Worshipful Master

**2014 CALENDAR YEAR at a GLANCE**

- 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\*

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



# Can you help?

## Shelter pets need your help!!!



### DOG FOOD

DRY & CANNED : Blue Buffalo, California natural, Natural Balance

### DOG TREATS

Pupperoni, soft dog treats, beef or chicken sticks, edible flavored Nylabones, Dentabones and Dentastix, rawhide chewies.

### DOG TOYS

Kongs (any size) and kong fillers (cookies or paste), Tennis balls, fetch toys, squeaky toys.

### DOG BEDDING

Soft, washable, dog cushions/dog pillows/dogdonuts, towels, sheets, bathmats (NO foam), Soft Blankets



### COLLARS, LEASHES, HARNESS

Any size/color no-pull harnesses, Gentle leader head collars, leashes, 30-50 foot training leads.

### DOG CARE

Muzzles, Dog coats, Heartguard & Frontline (all weights) Stainless steel buckets, ear cleaner, liquid bandage, cotton balls, swabs

### OTHER SHELTER SUPPLIES

Paper Towels, Toilet paper, Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags (6 ml & up), Brooms, Dust Pans, Sponge Mops and Mop Heads, Hand Sanitizer, hand soap, Disposable Latex Gloves  
Ajax Antibacterial Dish Soap & dish sponges, Bleach (6% sodium hypochlorite), Basic first aid supplies (bandages, gauze, bandage wrap, human disinfectant)  
Copier Paper (white, pink, blue, green, yellow), Stamps, Lint-rollers

### PROTECTORS OF ANIMALS

144 Main Street, East Hartford CT  
Phone: 860-569-0722

[www.poainc.org](http://www.poainc.org)

All Donations can be dropped off on Saturdays from 10:30 am - 4pm. Call for alternate times.



### CAT FOOD

CANNED: Friskies Classic Pate: (NO Fish),  
DRY: Purina, Blue Buffalo, Meow Mix, Science Diet

KITTEN FOOD – Purina Kitten Chow Dry Food

### CAT LITTER

Any type of Pine litter or Clay Unscented Litter

### CAT TOYS

Small catnip filled toy, Wand/stick toys, little mice, Containers of dry catnip.

### CAT BEDDING

Must be totally washable (No items containing foam)

Break-away Collars

Scratch posts



Q - The first page of our ritual book states. "Adapted as the authorized ritual work of the Grand Lodge, A.F.& A.M. of CT. April 1, A.L. 5959 Revised in English, April 10, 1999 fifth edition - June 2003". What does A.L. mean?

A – Anno Lucis is Latin for "Year of Light."

They are explained thus.

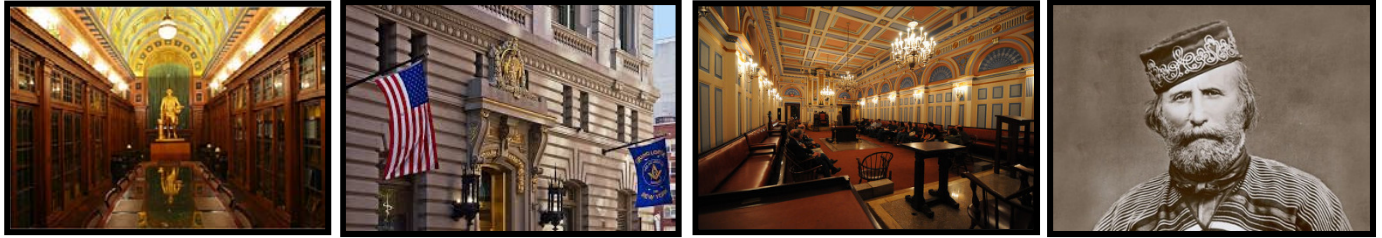
It is abbreviated as "A.L."

The Year of Light refers when God spoke and said: "Let there be light, ...and there was light." (Genesis 1:3) used in all our degrees. the A.L. year is calculated by adding 4000 to the current A.D. year.

It was designed as a simplification of the Anno Mundi calendar by an Irish cleric, James Ussher (1581-1656) nearly a century before the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1717. Ussher established the year 4004 B.C. (approximately 6013 years ago) as the date of the biblical creation of the Earth.



# TEMPLE LODGE #65 A.F. & A.M. PRESENT THE...



## GARIBALDI DEGREE, GRAND LODGE NEW YORK CITY MAY 9, 2014 FRIDAY

This is the day that New York City's renowned Garibaldi Lodge #542 will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree at the Grand Lodge of New York. What makes this a very unique experience is that it is done entirely in Italian.

We start off the day with a guided tour of the Grand Lodge, where you will hear how in the 1990's the Grand Master started restoring the Lodge, which was built from 1910-1912. They discovered beautiful art work under the beige painted walls, and after a long five years, the building has been restored to its original beauty. The Masonic Hall includes twelve Lodge rooms, each decorated and adorned in unique styles. The Grand Lodge Hall, located on the 3rd and 4th floors, seats 1,200 people. The Lodge is one of 29 independent organizations of Freemasons in the state of New York. It was at one time the largest Grand Lodge in the world, in terms of membership.

There will be time for dinner, on our own, at Eataly, a 50,000 square foot space which features multiple restaurants, a microbrewery, a Neopolitan Pizzeria, a year-round rooftop beer garden, not to mention a cooking school and retail sections. This multimillion dollar project was dreamed up by culinary favorites Mario Batali, Joe Bastianich, and Lidia Matticchio Bastianich. Spend the time shopping and poking around in all of the wonderfully amazing stores this complex has to offer.

After, we will head back and to the Grand Lodge and take our seats for a truly rare experience.

**Departure time and location to be determined based on your Lodge's location.**

*\* Business attire is the dress code.*

**Cost \$59. per person**

**Final Sign Up Date: April 18, 2014**

**For Reservations Contact:**

**Anthony Giunta, Jr, 203.259.0120 / email: APGJ1@aol.com**

**Tour Includes:** Roundtrip Motorcoach, Tour of the Grand Lodge, Reserved Seats for the Garibaldi Degree, Tours of Distinction Escort

Trip arranged by Tours of Distinction, East Windsor, CT [www.toursofdistinction.net](http://www.toursofdistinction.net)

