



# Temple Lodge No. 65

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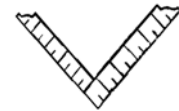
**MAY 2014**

## 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,

*"In proving foresight may be vain: ?The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men, ?Gang aft agley, ?An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain, ?For promis'd joy!"*

You might possibly recognize the above passage which was written by Robert Burns, but you certainly won't mistake its meaning. So many times we try and plan for the future, only to have our plans overturned like that mouse's house was when the field was plowed and the ground turned over. And like that mouse, we regroup and begin over again, planning for the future.

Parallel to beginning over again, is the promise of that new and fresh season we are experiencing at this time. It is nature's promise that a fresh bounty will soon begin to show. It is likewise in our lodge. We will soon initiate a total of three new brothers between now and June, swelling the ranks of brotherhood only by a few in number, but bountiful in spirit. It takes quality time to get to know new candidates before they are handed that blue petition. We all know that it is quality over quantity that is important when bringing new brothers into the lodge.

On April 24th, I had the distinct honor and pleasure to present an Entered Apprentice Degree for two new lodge brothers and a guest brother from St. Alban's lodge in Branford (Brother George Underhill's newly affiliated lodge since his residential move). I commend our Lodge Officers for their performance in this degree. In gratitude, I thank WB Dennis Corsalini and Rich Ruggiano for their assistance. I would like to especially recognize our Senior Deacon, John Conway, for presenting the lodge brothers and visitors with an exceptional meal of lasagna and dessert.

Speaking of visitors, the night before the Degree, I received an ominous email and phone call informing me that Union Lodge #5 was planning a blitz for the Degree. It was nice to be forewarned and Temple Lodge 65 had the welcome mat out and waiting for them. A good time was had by all.

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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  
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**Grand Master's Theme**

**TEMPLE LODGE No. 65**  
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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:**  
2014 CALENDAR YEAR at a  
GLANCE

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\*

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)

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.

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



**Trestleboard Editor**  
**WB Lem Johnson**

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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  
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

### MAY

05/10/1984	Michael J. Hoherchak
05/10/1982	Adam A. Chusid
05/10/1984	Jean D. Lewis
05/13/1976	Donald J. Hurd
05/19/2003	Keith Rodgerson
05/19/1958	Terrance D. Nicolaisen



## Temple Lodge Hosts EA Degree

Temple Lodge played the host for an EA Degree on April 24th. It all started when Temple Lodge was invited to a Table Lodge by our Brother Treasurer George Underhill, a long-time member of our lodge who had recently affiliated with St. Alban's Lodge #38 in Branford, CT when he move to that area. Several of our brothers attended the Table Lodge and that began a new relationship between the two lodges.

In early April, Worshipful Brother Larry Anvik of St. Alban's Lodge #38 was aware that Temple Lodge 65 was going to be holding an EA Degree and asked if they could visit and bring along a candidate for the EA Degree. We were excited to have the opportunity to "cement" the new relationship. It was good degree and enjoyable degree. After the degree the newly-minted Entered Apprentices and the Worshipful Master gathered for a photograph.

Pictured in the photograph: L-R WB Tony Giunta, Bro. Steven Bioty, Bro. Steve Humphries, Bro. Tom Belden and WB Larry Anvik.



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

I won't project too far ahead, but come to the June 12th meeting where there will be the next Entered Apprentice Degree scheduled along with our annual lodge inspection. And then, there's Pin Night on June 26th with a special meal. But don't wait until then, check our calendar and read the Trestle Board to find earlier activities in the lodge. I'm looking forward to seeing you in the lodge soon.

Fraternally,  
Anthony Giunta  
Worshipful Master

**2014 CALENDAR YEAR at a GLANCE**

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

## A Masonic Minute

Question - How many United States Presidents have been Freemasons?

**Answer - 14 - They were:**

George Washington

James Monroe

Andrew Jackson

James Polk

James Buchanan

Andrew Johnson

James Garfield

William McKinley

Theodore Roosevelt

Howard Taft

Warren Harding

Franklin Roosevelt

Harry Truman

Gerald Ford

Abraham Lincoln was not a Freemason. He did apply for membership in Tyrian Lodge, Springfield, Ill., shortly after his nomination for the presidency in 1860 but withdrew the application because he felt that his applying for membership at that time might be construed as a political ruse to obtain votes. He advised the lodge that he would resubmit his application again when he returned from the presidency. Lincoln never returned. On the death of the president, Tyrian Lodge adopted, on April 17, 1865, a resolution to say "that the decision of President Lincoln to postpone his application for the honors of Freemasonry, lest his motives be misconstrued, is the highest degree honorable to his memory."

Lyndon Johnson received his first degree on October 30, 1937. After receiving the degree he found that his congressional duties (elected in 1937) took so much time he was unable to pursue the masonic degrees.

Ronald Reagan has often been referred to as a Freemason. President Reagan is not a Freemason although he is an honorary member of the Imperial Council of the Shrine. President Reagan has on numerous occasions been involved in Shrine and masonic functions throughout his career. The confusion as to his membership arises from a ceremony held in the Oval Office of the White House on February 11th, 1988, when a group of Freemasons presented President Reagan with a certificate of honor from the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C., and then he was made an Honorary Scottish Rite mason. The title of Freemason can only be conferred by a Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Reagan's case this was not done, probably because the ceremonies would have taken a full day to confer and the president's time was limited; therefore, President Reagan should only be referred to as a Shriner or Scottish Rite mason. The Shrine and Scottish Rite are concordant bodies and cannot confer the title Freemason on any person.

George Bush has also on numerous occasions been referred to as a Freemason. The confusion as to President Bush being a member arises from the swearing in ceremonies at his inauguration. President Bush took his oath of office on the George Washington Bible which belongs to St. Johns Lodge in New York City. Because the Bible belonged to a Masonic Lodge many writers assumed he was a Freemason. The Bible was used at the request of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. This Bible was first used on April 30, 1789, by the Grand Master of the Masons in New York, to administer the oath of office to George Washington, the first president. Other presidents who took their oath of office with this Bible are Warren G. Harding, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter."