



TEMPLE LODGE #65

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Harmony, the Strength and Support of all Societies...



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

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I find myself writing this note in front of a warming fire on a cold and snowy MLK weekend in Vermont. While far from Temple 65 in Westport, my thoughts could not be closer.

To begin with, I want to thank all my Brothers for having the confidence in me to lead Temple 65 during the 2019 year. I promise I will do my best!

Temple Lodge #65, has a long and illustrious history that even predates Westport itself. Many of the names on our rolls read like so many streets and places throughout the State. We should be proud of our Lodge and take comfort in the fact that each of us represents a part of that history. Whether Worshipful Master, Officer, or Brother Master Mason, our names will all appear in the annals and records of Temple Lodge 65 for time immemorial. A fact none of us should take lightly.

It is indeed a privilege to lead such an esteemed organization, but it is also a daunting task. My plan is to improve on, not to change all that has been done by my predecessors. The state of the Lodge

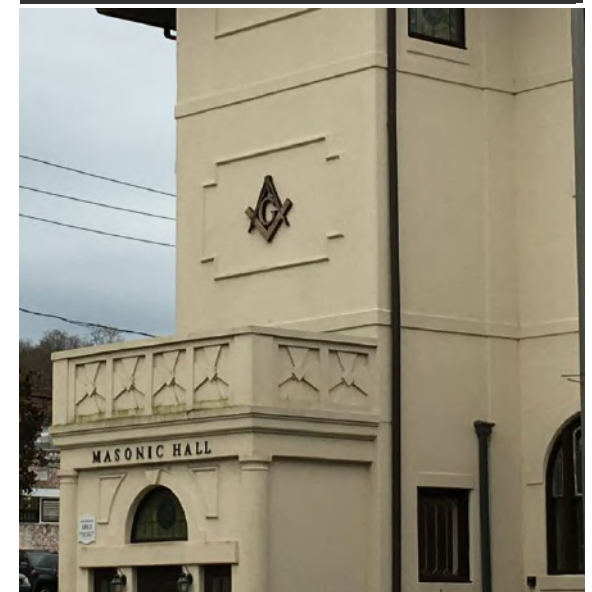
FROM THE WEST & SOUTH

I am proud to serve this honorable lodge this year as Senior Warden. I have come to know many of the brothers very well and feel blessed to be part of such a strong, brotherly fraternity. I will do my best to fulfill the role of my position and look forward to a good year of brotherly love, fond memories, and invaluable learnings.

– S.W. Gary M. Sandler

Thanks to all the brothers and wives who came to the installation dinner! We enjoyed good food, drink and fellowship. Welcome to my new stewards; Senior Steward Luke Lamparelli, Keith Underwood and Brad Agar. – J.W. Bruce Duff

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is at an all-time high and I want to keep us going in that direction. We will be learning more about Masonry each month. Some from the East, some from special speakers and guests. Light is important but so is enjoying each other's company and there will be ample opportunities to do just that.

We will tend to our work, maintain the level of excellence in our degree work, and increase our participation in all areas. All too often the "work of the Lodge" has been left to a select few. That needs to change. I am a firm believer in the fact that the "binds that unite us" are best reinforced by the work we do together. I have long felt that one of the best ways to develop a deep fraternal relationship is to spend time with a fellow Brother working towards a common goal. To this end, I have set an agenda for the year that may feel aggressive but is certain to encourage the maximum amount of participation. It is rife with projects that will require Brothers to work together. Nothing is beyond our reach and all is achievable if everyone steps up and pitches in.

I know there are Brothers out there who have a limited amount of spare time, even some who may be disenchanted. Some who may feel that the Lodge has passed them by. Others, who may just be shy or have had some hardships that they feel may make them a lesser Brother. I assure you nothing could be further from the truth and against everything we profess as Masons. Some of you have never participated in a degree or planned event. To all of you, regardless of what has passed, now is the time to step up. We (I) need your help. Apathy can be the death of even the strongest organization. Don't let it happen to us. Volunteer! Attend! Reach out! Let me know that you care or better yet, what you would like to do. Whether it is a specific event, or a part in a Degree, let me or any of your Officers know.

We will be having a full set of degrees this year. There are plenty of parts available, many non-speaking that need to be filled. Even if you don't

want to be in a degree itself, there is always a need for help at practices which are often more helpful than participating in the degree itself. Just let us know.

If physical labor is a problem; help plan, organize, call, or write. I have put quite a bit on our Junior Warden's shoulders and he is certain to need help. Let him know if you are interested. No offer of help is too small and no amount of time is too little. The next move is yours, make it something you can be proud, not for me, but for yourselves and because you are a Mason.

I will always try to give good and wholesome instructions, but if anything is unclear, certainly let me or any of your Officers know. I am privileged to lead an outstanding line of officers who are energized, knowledgeable, and hardworking. Show them you care.

Let me also turn to recruitment and new members. The life blood of any organization is members. It is up to you to recruit those men you feel comfortable in recommending and that represent the principles of Masonry. You know someone.... let us know. Be certain though, that we will investigate and satisfy ourselves that those whom we ask to join will be future members we can all be proud to call Brother and hold in high esteem. Each of us share the responsibility to bring in new members.

Finally, as I stated during my Installation; Harmony will be my utmost goal for the year and certainly my term of office. We all have our differences, but it is our similarities and common beliefs that bind us together. We should never lose sight of that fact. We are all on the level, none of us having a stronger right over another. I do not wish to be anyone's judge or jury, but in the event, there is a situation that can affect the Harmony of our Lodge, be assured that...

HARMONY WILL PREVAIL.

I look forward to working with every one of you and I extend a special hand of Brotherly love to those Brothers who have not graced us with their presence for a long time, to join us in Lodge, or on one of our activities in the coming months. Always remember; Temple 65 is YOUR Lodge, you will always be part of its history and it is never too late to do more.

Yours in Harmony,
W.B. Richard Ruggiano

EVENT CALENDAR 2019

- Jan 24 - **Stated Communication** "Protocols"
- Jan 31 - 1st Officers Monthly Meeting
- Feb 3 - Super Bowl Party
Harmony Lodge 67
231 Main St. New Canaan
- Feb 14 - **Stated Communication**
7:00 Ladies at Table Early Opening 6:30
- Feb 21 - Officers Monthly Meeting
- Feb 28 - **Stated Communication**
"George Washington"
"EMS" Training
- Mar 14 - **Meeting/St Patrick Dinner**
- Mar 21 - Officers Meeting
- Mar 28 - **Stated Communication/EA Degree**
- Upcoming Events "stay tuned"
 - Spring Blood Drive
 - Cinco de Mayo (5/9)
 - Homeless Center Dinner
 - Strawberry Festival
 - Beach Party/Picnic
 - Fellowcraft Degree
 - Master Mason Degree
 - Fall Blood Drive
 - Pin Night
 - Scotch, Bourbon, & Cigars
 - Temple Lodge Sponsored Concert for Shriners Hospital @ Quick Center

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AREA LODGES

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

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
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1984 Edwin S. Gaites 1985 James H. Baker
1988 Thomas C. Hofstetter
1989 errance 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 CaoloTelephone

