



TEMPLE LODGE #65

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TRESTLE BOARD FEBRUARY 2019

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



STATED COMMUNICATIONS

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

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OFFICERS OF TEMPLE LODGE #65

February is one of my favorite months for many reasons, this year it has particular importance.

Masonically, February is the month when things start moving and falling into place. The Holidays, long behind us, resolutions either become a way of life or are soundly abandoned. Businesses start anew with new budgets and yes, we begin to tackle a new year's agenda. We are gearing up and work is under way on several initiatives that I hope you will love. They are aggressive but achievable if we all pull together and offer up a hand. There are projects involving our building and our meeting rooms, social events galore, and new and old philanthropic endeavors, ritual work, historic and archive work, along with many of our traditional activities we have all enjoyed. So, as we roll them out and if anything peaks your interest - sound off!

So, what has been going on so far this year at Temple Lodge 65?

FROM THE WEST & SOUTH

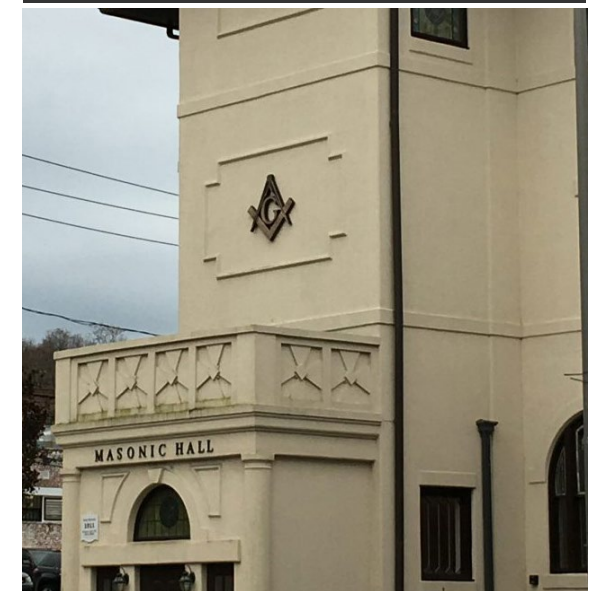
January has already passed with as much gusto as has our very own W.M. brought with his strong will and determination to make this year one to remember for our lodge. I am also grateful for the newest members of the lodge and their undeniable fervor with which they have embraced their duties and obligations. Their character shines through their efforts and actions. Further adding value and promise to the lodge. This is slated to be a good year!

S.W. GARY M. SANDLER

The brothers of TL 65 had a great Blue Lodge meeting where we captured the traveling gavel. The next officers meeting is on February 21 at 6 pm. The next stated communication is February 28. We will have masonic light and EMS training. Valentine's Day we'll have Lady's at Table at blah blah at 7pm.

- J.W. BRUCE DUFF

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Since our installation; for which I would like to once again thank everyone who made it possible and participated. I can tell you that all our new Officers have been working hard and getting comfortable with their new stations.

We have had two Stated Communications so far this year. I have tried to cover a lot of ground regarding upcoming events where we can experience good fellowship, but I believe it is important that we build it on a good foundation. Thus, I have focused on our basic Masonic protocols while shining light on the importance of our Masonic rules and rituals. We will continue that effort throughout the year, so be prepared. My hope is that you will walk away from every meeting having learned something new, or reawakened distant memories, all while trying to keep everything thought provoking, interesting and igniting excitement.

As I stated, we are hard at work on the 2019 calendar. Simultaneously, we are trying to represent TL65 as best we can within our district and throughout CT

I know from my standpoint, it has been a world-wind of meetings, visits, and planning sessions. We have travelled to several other Lodges; Corinthian 104 in Fairfield, Old Well in Norwalk, Union 5 in Stamford, and Harmony Lodge in New Canaan. Union 5, threw a rousing Robbie Burns Dinner. Temple 65 was well represented with 7 Brothers; not bad for such a midweek event.

Blue Lodge meeting was held at Old Well Lodge. WB Richard Gross from Union 5 designed and carved a Gavel and case to be

presented to the Lodge with the largest number of representatives at Blue Lodge. Thus, I couldn't be happier to announce that Temple 65 was awarded the Traveling Gavel at The Blue Lodge for being the Lodge with the highest attendance (8 Brothers, 6 Offices). My sincere congrats to all those brothers that showed (see photo attached). The gauntlet has been thrown. Now we must protect it. Any Lodge can take it from us by visiting us with 4 or more Brothers. We have to be prepared with Brothers willing and prepared to go to other Lodges to retrieve it.

As you must know by now, Harmony is my goal for the year. Fiscal responsibility is something I cannot overlook. So when Harmony Lodge offered to host this year's Super Bowl Party and provide all the beer and food, it was a no brainer. We originally planned on having our own Super Bowl Party, but The Brothers of Harmony Lodge convinced us to join them in a multi-lodge "Super" Bowl party. It was a great time and we had a great showing. Great Brotherhood! I great food (wings), lousy game.

A List of our "Upcoming Events Schedule" is enclosed. Our St Valentine's Ladies at Table Dinner is Feb, 14th, 2019. It is sure to be a memorable event. If you haven't booked your reservation you may be to late. Suggest you contact Brother Duff immediately.

So, we are off to a great start, let's not take our respective feet off the accelerator. I look forward to an exciting and rewarding year. If you enjoy Masonry, now is the time to tune into Temple 65.

Finally, it is my sad duty to inform you about the Passing of Worshipful Brother Carl Lelle. Our hearts and condolences go out to his family. WB Giunta has provided the enclosed writeup.

Keep in mind, our Trestle Board is a work in process. In the upcoming months we will be adding Masonic Birthdays and even a survey to obtain more of your input. If you have any suggestion don't hesitate to send them in to Brother Gary Sandler at his address below. GARYMSANDLER@GMAIL.COM

Yours in Harmony,
W.B. Richard Ruggiano

EVENT CALENDAR 2019

- FEB 14 - Stated Communication Cancelled**
7:00 Ladies at Table Early Opening
6:30 (Valentine's Day Dinner)
- 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

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
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
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
2014 Tony Giunta
2015 Gary Ecsedi
2016 Jonathan M. Baron
2017 John R. Conway
2018 Mark S. Agnew

CELESTIAL JOURNEYS

Just this past month Temple Lodge 65 received information from the wife of Brother Carl Lelle that he had recently passed on January 19, 2019. Brother Carl and his wife Ruth had moved from the Westport/Norwalk area years earlier and relocated in Florida. A brother at Old Well Lodge in Norwalk, he worked his way up through the Chairs and became the Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1983. Brother Carl later came to affiliate with Temple Lodge 65 and then later demitted from Old Well Lodge in Norwalk and Temple Lodge 65 became his home lodge where he freely offered his experiences and wisdom as a Past Worshipful Master. In addition, Brother Carl was an active member of Monker Grotto since 1976 as well as being an active member of Lafayette Consistory (AASR) and the Pyramid Shriners.

As was explained by his wife Ruth, Brother Carl 's kidneys began to fail and consequently, he needed dialysis. He continued on with treatment for a long time and subsequently reached a point where he made a decision regarding his quality of life. He has passed towards that undiscovered country, from whose borne no traveler returns. He will be sadly missed but remembered.

THE TRAVELING GAVEL



Temple Lodge #65 is the official holder of the traveling gavel presented to the lodge with the highest Blue Lodge attendance in January. Congratulations!

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