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# TEMPLE LODGE #65

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## TRESTLE BOARD MARCH 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 has come and gone in what felt like a blink of the eye. Admittedly, time flies when you are busy...or is it when you are having fun? I guess it doesn't matter as we were busy having fun. We did manage to squeeze in a Super Bowl Party, a Ladies at Table dinner and an EMS demo. The Ladies at Table was a smashing success. No one should miss the event next time it comes around.

We will continue to focus on improving ourselves as Masons and as citizens in our community. We started the year by reviewing the Tiler's Oath and the proper protocols and procedure while in Lodge. We will continue to work internally on the proper protocols while in Lodge by revisiting the Signs, Words, and the points of our Entrance. It was not by happenstance that we have opened our Stated Communications on each of our Degrees. My purpose has been to ensure each Brother demonstrated a high level of proficiency.

## FROM THE WEST & SOUTH

With March already upon us and the impending changes of seasons, we are reminded of how the nature of things is to renew and refresh as we complete our journey's together under the inescapable laws of the universe that sustains us. With this in mind, we can garner our own renewed vigor and fervor for our collective brotherhood and Masonic family, while laying the foundation with opened arms and hearts for our perspective new candidates, allowing them the best of what Masonry has to offer and especially within the halls of our own revered lodge. Looking forward to sharing their experiences and helping to enrich them along with all of you.

– S.W. GARY M. SANDLER

Feb. 28 we had a great educational session on CPR from the Westport EMT's. March 14 Masonic lite will be provided by worshipful brother Gary Ecsedi on brother George Washington. Dinner will be served at 7pm. The menu is corned beef and cabbage with all the fixins.

– J.W. BRUCE DUFF

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To that end we not only tested but enlightened as well. Newer Brothers said to me that they appreciated the instructional value it offered, while older Brothers equally appreciated the "refresher" aspect of it. Saying that as long-time members, they were embarrassed to ask because it had been so long since they had to use them. We should all remember that no Brother should be embarrassed to ask about what they have forgotten. It happens to the best of us. We will continue the practice as "many" of us are fuzzy on what is required and when. My goal is to get to a point where everyone is familiar enough to travel to any Lodge and feel confident in knowing what is required to not only gain admission but to properly conduct themselves as Masons.

Next month we will start to look for Dues Cards, so if you haven't paid your dues, kindly do so and remember to bring your cards to our meetings.

At our last meeting we agreed to re-institute fees for each of our degrees. I don't exactly know when they were discontinued, but I think it is good they are back and will show a commitment on behalf of any new candidate to finish all his degrees.

At that meeting, as part of our education effort, we asked our EMS friends to stop by to help us better understand and use our defibrillator and demonstrated the "new" CPR techniques. The session was very informative and most useful to all who attended. I am a big proponent of the training and see to it that my Boy Scout Troop goes through the training at least once every year. You never know when any one

of us may need it or need to give it. In our case, we purchased a defibrillator years ago and my fear has been that most of us do not even know where it is, let alone how to use it. (By the way, it is in the hallway on the second floor). After the session, I had several Brothers ask me to have them back again so we can have a more in-depth training and certification. I am willing to do that, but I need to know how many people (this last demo was open to friends and family) are interested. If you are, please let me know by email or text. There is a charge for the course of \$30 per person and I do not want to commit if no one is going to attend.

Well, so much for February. Meanwhile, March has come in as a lion, lots of snow, cold, and wind. I only hope it will exit as tradition would dictate.

At our next communication we will celebrate St Patrick's Day with an appropriate dinner. We will also continue to shine our light on protocols and since we had to defer WB Ecsedi's presentation on George Washington due to the EMS demonstration, Gary has been good enough to offer to do it then. We will also be discussing new members and our upcoming degrees.

Speaking of new members; I encourage each and every one of you to help recruit new members. If you know of anyone, begin a dialogue. If you are uncomfortable in doing so but know of a deserving person whom you feel would make a good brother, let us know and we can take it from there.

I trust by now you should all have received your Masonic paper. If you haven't read it, I encourage you to turn to pages 16 & 17 and see the great layout of our Pin Night Ceremony. When I sent them the video and told them they could select the pictures they wanted, I never thought they would pick so many. What a great honor for our Lodge and for our recipients. Many thanks to RW Sandy Lunt for his article and once again congratulations to all of you.

Earlier this month, WB Corsalini and I traveled to Union 5 Lodge and assisted in their FC Degree. Once again Dennis wowed them. I always enjoy watching the prompter when he gives the Charge. Their expression when he goes into the NY version is always priceless.

As I said, it has been a busy month, but let's look at what's ahead:

We have an Entered Apprentice Degree scheduled for March 28.

#### EVENT CALENDAR 2019

**MAR 14 – Meeting/St Patrick Dinner**

**MAR 21 - Officers Meeting**

**MAR 28 – Stated Communication/EA Degree**

March 21st will be the next Officers meeting.

The Grand Lodge meeting will take place on April 7th & 8th. If you plan on attending let the Secretary and Treasurer know.

We will also host a dinner at the Westport Homeless Center in April.

During May we will continue to reach out to our community by helping clean up our neighborhood and host our Blood Drive.

May 5th Cinco de Mayo Concur  
Anyone interested in attending the Westport Car Show let me know.

May 9th Cinco y Quattro de Mayo Fiesta.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 27th.

My thoughts and best wishes go out to WB Tony Giunta who is slowly recovering from his heart surgery. Hang in there Tony!

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](mailto:GARYMSANDLER@GMAIL.COM)

Yours in Harmony,  
**W.B. Richard Ruggiano**

## 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

## 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

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CONCERT FOR SHRINERS HOSPITAL  
@ FTC

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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

## 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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