

Gratiot County sons



Ithaca Lodge #123

Chartered January 11, 1860
1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Alma Lodge #244

Chartered January 15, 1869
1st Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Breckenridge Lodge #406

Chartered January 25, 1893
2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

From The East

Alma #244 WM Darren Thompson - dmitcht73@gmail.com

Greetings and welcome to our inaugural edition of "Gratiot County Masons!" Our lodges are well into a productive and active 2025, we hope you are able to join us soon! Alma Lodge is getting together every Wednesday whether for a communication, degree, practice, dinner or just shooting the breeze. Check the trestle-board on page 3 or feel free to reach out to myself or Secretary McCormack with any questions!

Ithaca #123 WM Craig Hooper - chooper_51@outlook.com

Our lodge continues to be active through the bitter cold and we are looking forward to spring. We meet the first Thursday of each month for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and lodge at 7:30. The menu for February was oyster stew and chili, we have corned beef and cabbage planned for March 6! We also have a lodge-sponsored coffee every Wednesday morning, often shortly after 8 and runs anywhere until 10:30 a.m. to noon. You are all welcome to join us!

Breckenridge #406 WM Dale Shankel - shankelns1@yahoo.com

Hello from Breckenridge #406! Our lodge is looking toward an active year. We are planning to hold a Past Master dinner for all area lodges on April 23. This will be at the United Methodist Church and will be pot-luck style. Please reach out to myself or Secretary Greg at our emails shown if you would like to attend and we'll see you at lodge every second Thursday!



LODGE SNAPSHOTS

Ithaca #123

Address: 325 E. Newark St.
Ithaca, MI 48847

Secretary: Scott Johnson

Email:
scottie2298@gmail.com

Master Masons - 50
Lifetime Members - 10
Honorary Members - 1

ALMA #244

Address: 301 1/2 N. State St.
Alma, MI 48801

Secretary: Kevin McCormack

Email:
kiss57mack@outlook.com

Master Masons - 160
Lifetime Members - 26
Honorary Members - 9

Breckenridge #406

Address: 122 E. Saginaw St.
Breckenridge, MI 48615

Secretary: Greg Shankel

Email:
breckenridge406@yahoo.com

Master Masons - 58
Lifetime Members - 18



From The Secretary's Desk



2025 OFFICERS

Alma #244

WM - Darren Thompson
SW - Bradly Thompson
JW - Dale Whitmore
TR - Greg Mapes
SEC - Kevin McCormack
ASST SEC - Lowell Easton
SD - Keith Virgo
JD - Bruce McCann
CHAP - Bob Johns
MARSH - Skip Edwards
TILER - Stormy Bordine
LEO - William Dobbs
ST - Mike Molesky
ST - Spencer Kemmer
ST - Jeff Blackwell
ST - Xander Thompson

Breckenridge #406

WM - Dale Shankel
SW - Colby Putnam
JW - Stan McMann
TR - Jim Peck
SEC - Greg Shankel
JD - John Hull
CHAP - Terry Snow
TILER - Bruce Levey

Ithaca #123

WM - Craig Hooper
SW - Ron Littell
JW - Carl Rummer
TR - Terry Nestle
SECY - Scott Johnson
SD - Ted Martyn
JD - Paul Showers
CHAP - Chris Sparks
MAR - Thomas Milligan
TILER - Jose Castillo
ST - Ronald Davis
ST - Jerry Rummer

Thank you to all who have taken care of their dues for 2025, your lodge appreciates your support! If you have not yet paid, please do so at your earliest convenience or contact your secretary if you need to discuss payments or a possible remission. Checks can be made out to the lodge and sent to the address shown on the main page. You can also pay online through the Michigan Masons' new membership system, Grand View. Visit mi.grandview.systems/membership_registration to set up an account today. Your member portal also gives you access to view and register for events, locate lodges in Michigan and out of state while traveling, download resources like the Blue Book and much more! Contact your secretary or the Grand Lodge office at 989-466-3087 with any questions.

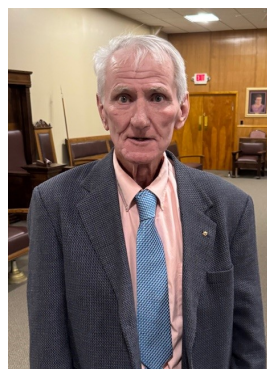
Getting to Know....

Chuck Simmons, Alma #244



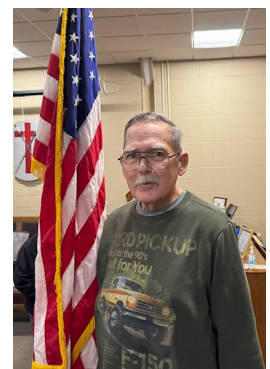
Raised - 11/3/90, Gladwin #397
High School - Gladwin
First car - '63 Bel Air
Favorite food - Chili
Favorite Movie - The Wind and the Lion
Favorite Singer - Neil Diamond
Favorite TV Show - Star Trek: Next Generation
Favorite Book - The Lord of the Rings
Favorite Masonic role/ritual - SD part of Fellowshipcraft Degree
Masonic influence - Grandfather John Simmons

Maynard Davis, Brck #406



Raised - 5/19/01, Merrill #411
High School - Merrill '69
First car - '68 Plymouth Satellite
Favorite singer - Amy Grant
Favorite Concert - Bob Seger
Favorite Movie - Thunderball
Favorite TV Show - Highway Patrol
Favorite Book - Grapes of Wrath
Favorite Masonic Role - Senior Deacon
Masonic Influence - Grandfather Archie Clark

Scott Johnson, Ithaca #123



Raised - 9/30/82, Ithaca #123
High School - Ithaca '72
First car - '62 Ford Galaxy (3 on the tree!)
Favorite singer - Bob Seger
Favorite concert - ELO at the Silverdome
Favorite Movie - Close Encounters of the Third Kind
Favorite TV Show - McHale's Navy
Favorite food - Steak, med to med rare
Favorite Masonic Role - Senior Deacon
Masonic Influence - Grandfather John Maynard



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! MARCH

MARCH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
3	Alma Building Association	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
3	B'ridge Ch. 323, OES	7 p.m.	Breck. Temple
5	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
5	Alma 244 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
6	Ithaca 123 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Ithaca Temple
12	Community Coffee	8 a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
12	Social/ritual practice	6:00 p.m.	Alma Temple
13	B'ridge 406 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Breck. Temple
13	Chapter 43, OES	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
19	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
19	Friends & Family Dinner	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
26	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
26	MM Degree	7 p.m.	Alma Temple

APRIL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
2	Alma 244 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
3	Ithaca 123 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Ithaca Temple
7	Alma Building Association	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
7	B'ridge Ch. 323, OES	7 p.m.	Breck. Temple
9	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
9	Practice/Social	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
10	B'ridge 406 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Breck. Temple
10	Alma Chapter 43, OES	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
16	Friends & Family Dinner	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
23	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
23	Past Master Dinner	6 p.m.	Brck UM Church
30	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple

B - Marshall Jenkins
 B - David Gulick
 B/A - Robert Conley
 B - Ronald O'Bryant
 I - Bryce Hooker
 I - Ted Martyn
 I - Jeffery Reinsmith
 A - David Banker
 A - Jeremy Becker
 A - Micho Davis
 A - David Doty
 A - Thomas Hooper
 A - Edward Kelly
 A - Kelly O'Shay

APRIL

B - Jay Ballinger
 B - Robert Bushre
 B - David Rusch
 B - Terry Snow
 I - Charles Emery
 I - Gerald Kench
 I - Phillip Kench
 I - Thomas Milligan
 I - Jerry Rummer
 I - Paul Showers
 I - Gary Skriba
 I - David Stokes
 A - Jay Atchinson
 A - Stanley Bieker
 A - Jeffrey Blackwell
 A - Lawrence Campbell
 A - Harvey Clark
 A - Jacob Cook
 A - Lowell Easton
 A - Richard Grace
 A - Wilson Henry
 A - Scott Kemmer-Slater
 A - Larry Lawhorne
 A - Willard Leiferman
 A - Jeffery Lodholtz
 A - Steven Price
 A - William Price
 A - Bobby Rose
 A - Jeffrey Shook
 A - Charles Simmons
 A - Adam Terwilliger
 A - Xander Thompson

RAISE-IVERSARIES - MARCH

Lodge Name Years

B	Jay Ballinger	47
B	Richard Bartrem	56
B	Richard Conklin	14
B	Daryl Duncan	14
B	Gregory Goodyear	43
B	Marshall Jenkins	29
B	Barry Marlow	41
B	Stanley McMann	43
B	Kelly Purcell	16
B	Terry Roberts	15
B	Michael Siefka	29
B	Fred Van Riper	49
I	Charles Emery	47
I	Brent Fuller	13
I	Verlynn Kench	55
I	Ken LeMasters	13
I	Ronald Littell	55
I	Carl Rummer	47
I	Paul Showers	67
I	Larry Trexler	74
A	Mark Bartholomew	25
A	Jeff Blackwell	1
A	Harold Brock	59
A	Johannes Buiteweg	15
A	Michael Cole	45
A	Jacob Cook	66
A	David Doty	27
A	Skip Edwards	56
A	Trey Garland	17
A	David Gorte	45
A	James Grace	27
A	Jeffrey Grace	27
A	Michael Grover	22
A	Gary Haffey	18
A	Dennis LaFleur	26
A	Chris Lytle	15
A	Kevin McCormack	45
A	Edwin Meyer	27
A	Todd Moeggenborg	25
A	Mike Molesky	15
A	William Orlich	35
A	Danny O'Shay	30
A	Gary Randall	26

A	David Roslund	27
A	Tyler Smith	15
A	Adam Terwilliger	14
A	Bernard Winn	42

APRIL

B	William Bush	33
B	Richard Greening	33
B	William Griffith	63
B/I	John Hull	18
B	Neil Jenkins	30
B	David Katt	44
B	Ronald O'Bryant	66
B	Lyle Rigg	52
B	Larry Sensabaugh	30
B	Dale Shankel	33
B	Terry Snow	14
I	Fred Bare	24
I	Robert Beracy	55
I	Jeff Bosley	30
I	William Bowen	18
I	Dean Bradley	24
I	Gerald Kench	54
I	Lewis Rabb	30
I	Scott Wilson	16
A	Stanley Bieker	22
A	Stormy Bordine	1
A	Bradley Hall	9
A	Charles Hicks	69
A	Joseph Holcomb	22
A	Todd Nemeth	23
A	Gregory Oaks	54
A	William Rose Jr.	54
A	Sanford Simon	58
A	Gary Smith	69
A	Xander Thompson	1

