


MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, February 6, 2025

At Regular Communication of Midland Centre Lodge No. #273, Free & Accepted Masons

HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE, PRESENT:

Bro. Todd McQuiston	W.M.		Bro. Greg Dostal P.M.	S.D.
Bro. Peter Anders	S.W.		Bro. James Doan	J.D.
Bro. Jeff McNeal	J.W.		Bro. Jack Berdasco	Steward
Bro. Chris Parfeniuk P.M.	Sec'y		Bro.	Steward
Bro. John Kall	Treas.		Bro.	Steward
Bro. Ed Morris P.M.	Marshal		Bro.	Steward
Bro. Carl Puehl P.M.	Chaplain		Bro. Tom Sova P.M.	Tiler
			Bro.	Educational Officer

- Meeting was opened in the FC degree in due form at 7:40 p.m. by WM Todd McQuiston.
- No deaths were reported.
- Visitors Cornilius Nix PM/BGP/Treasurer of Joppa-Wenona 315, Keith Clark, Bill Arndt PM and David Arndt PM of St. Charles 313 were escorted west of the altar, announced and welcomed to Centre Lodge by WM Todd McQuiston and the Wardens of Centre Lodge.
- Brothers Gregg Young and James Greene completed their Fellowcraft proficiency as conducted by WB Dave Skiendziel followed by a vote in the affirmative.
- The minutes from the months previous meetings were approved as written.
- The petition for William Tyler Carraway was read in lodge. WB Carl Puehl, Greg Dostal and WM Todd McQuiston volunteered to be his investigation committee.
- The investigation committee for Lance Ryneerson reported favorably on the visit. The secret ballot was affirmative for Mr. Ryneerson to take the entered apprentice degree at a date to be determined later.
- Reports of Standing Committees
 - WB Ira Thumma reported the Finance Committee:
 - Audit the books of the Treasurer and Secretary. Motion to adopt the audit by WB Ira Thumma, seconded by WB Greg Dostal and voted on in the affirmative.
 - Budget covering anticipated expenses for the ensuing Masonic year. Motion to adopt the budget by WB Ira Thumma, seconded by WB Chuck Birch and voted on in the affirmative.
 - Review of the Lodges Checking, Savings, CD's, Widows and Memorial Funds. Motion to adopt the review by WB Ira Thumma, seconded by WB Chuck Birch and voted on in the affirmative.
 - Review of the Secretary, Treasurer, Tilers and Musician salaries. Motion to adopt the review by WB Ira Thumma, seconded by WB Chuck Birch and voted on in the affirmative.
 - Dues: The time line for delinquent dues was reviewed to ensure that the Junior Warden understand the timeline for contacting brothers who are delinquent. The next milestone is mailing out form 25 "Notice of Non-Payment of Dues" in May. June is when the Junior Warden will be contacting brothers who have not paid their dues.
 - Sickness and relief: WB Harold Riggie has been in hospital, then to hospice and new at home with hospice care. Comment was made that WB Harold had made a lasting impact on Brothers

in the lodge and has established a legacy of being a great person and a great Mason. WB Tim Birch health is improving and he is on an antibiotic regime.

- Property and Home: The landlord has received all the information requested by his insurance provider.
- Warrant Orders #849 and 848 were presented with WB Dave Skiendziel motioning to adopt it and WB Jerry Chambers seconding it, followed by a vote in the affirmative.

Unfinished Business

- Stan Menerey had asked if he could be awarded his lifetime membership during the summer months to allow for a more safe and pleasant trip to visit Centre lodge. Stan Menerey has asked about his lifetime membership, since he is prepaid, his application fits under line 7 of section IX of the lodge bylaws. WB Chris Parfeniuk motioning to adopt and WB Chuck Birch seconding it, following by a vote in the affirmative.
- New Business
 - There will be a joint Fellowcraft Degree with Prince Hall at the Roseville Temple on Saturday, March 1. No registration required but you will need a valid 2025 dues card. Doors open at noon, gavel falls at 1 p.m.
 - The third annual Lodge Leaders Day will be Friday, March 14 at Masonic Pathways in Alma. Sign up and more information is available through your Grand View portal here: <https://mi.grandview.systems/events/2241>
 - Sunday, March 23 at the Detroit Temple will be a celebration of the recognition between our jurisdiction and the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Michigan.
 - Saturday, April 5 will be a joint Master Mason Degree with Prince Hall at the Detroit Temple. More information to come.
 - Annual Communication #199 will be May 19 & 20 at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant. Please make sure your lodge has a delegate if the WM is unable to attend. Registration information will be sent out next month.
 - Grand Master Arthur L. Salazar Jr of California has requested the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSA) to issue this Disaster Relief Appeal. Earlier this month, large parts of Los Angeles County were ravaged by several horrific fires which took several lives, destroyed entire communities, and flattened thousands of structures. While we are not aware of any member lives that were lost, we have received daily requests from members who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their worldly possessions. Now they need your assistance. WB Ed Morris motioned to send \$300 to MSA for California fire relief and WB Tom Sova seconding it, following by a vote in the affirmative. This became warrant order #849.
 - Mittens from Masons Donation request was presented. WB Tom Sova motioned to send \$250 to Mittens from Masons and WB Chuck Birch seconding it, following by a vote in the affirmative. This became warrant order #850.
 - The invitation was read in lodge for an event to honor Masons at Martha Washington Chapter #113 O.E.S. The event is on February 24th, 2025, at the Saginaw Masonic Center 2655 N Center Rd, Saginaw Michigan.
 - WBs from St. Charles Lodge #313 talked about the upcoming Lodge of Instruction at their lodge on February 26th.
 - Date for Master Mason degrees are as follows: Br. Gregg Young's MM degree will be on March 20th; Br. James Greene's MM degree will be on March 27th.

- WB Ed Morris passed the almoners box around for donations. Current amount collected sites at \$9,522.
- Past Masters were recognized by WM Todd McQuiston.
- Lodge was closed in due form by WM Todd McQuiston at 9:03pm
- Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and light refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

Todd McQuiston, Worshipful Master