


MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, March 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. Gordon Siu	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 EA degree in due form at 7:40 p.m. by WM Todd McQuiston.
- The death of lodge brothers Widow, Carolyn June Burkholder, was reported followed by a minute of silence.
- No visitors were present for the meeting.
- Brothers Mark O'Keefe, Harry Wells and Andrew Manchester completed their Entered Apprentice proficiency as conducted by WB Chuck Birch followed by a vote in the affirmative.
- The minutes from the months previous meetings were approved with corrections.
- The petitions for Matthew Roosa and Jeffrey Brady was read in lodge. WB Carl Puehl, WB Chris Parfeniuk and SW Peter Anders volunteered to be on Matthew Roosa's investigation committee. The petition for Jeffrey Brady was held for further background investigation.
- The investigation committee for William Carraway whose petition was read during Februarys regular will meeting with him on March 12th.
- Reports of Standing Committees
 - Finance Committee: Treasurers reported starting and ending bank account balances for the past month..
 - Dues: Quickly went over the time line for delinquent dues timeline again. Currently there 28 brothers who still owe 2025 dues.
 - Sickness and relief: WB Harold Riggie health has been improving since he has been at home. WB Time Birch health has also been improving. Brother Tom Mapes talk about his pneumonia issues last month and recovery.
 - Property and Home: No update this month.
- Warrant Orders #851 was presented with WB Dave Skiendziel motioning to adopt it and WB Chuck Birch seconding it, followed by a vote in the affirmative.
- Unfinished Business
 - Delaware Lodge #46 communication of the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team doing the Master Mason Degree dates was covered. Degree date is August 2nd with a 4pm dinner start time and 6pm start time for the master mason degree. Dinner cost is \$25, dinner and degree are \$50. More detail at [Delaware Lodge 46 F & AM - Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree](#)
 - Centre Lodge will be participating in Midland blooms. Start time is 8am on Saturday May 17th. We are across from the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library on Eastman Ave.

- New Business

- Brother Ken Copp sent an email giving us an update on what he has been doing since moving away from Midland way back in 1985. All the brothers present at the regular wishes Ken and his wife the best of health.
- A person contacted the lodge inquiring about a coin he had. It looks like it is originally a Knights of Pythian coin due to the image of the knight and the FCB initial (Friendship, Charity Benevolence motto of K of P) Stamped on the same side is Chapter 169 Royal Arch Mason of Midland Michigan. On the back is a square and compasses with the date 1915.



- Grand Master Eugene E. Abbaticchio of the Grand Lodge of Michigan and Grand Master Bernt C. Walker of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Michigan cordially invite you and your guest(s) to join in a celebration of the nearly 30 years of recognition and harmony between our two jurisdictions! On Sunday, March 23rd at the Detroit Temple there will be a special event featuring dinner, historical presentations, a ceremonial joint resolution signing with a champagne toast and more!
- Consolidation of Lodges
 - February 14, 2025
Dear Brother -
Please be advised that Grand Master Eugene Abbaticchio has approved the consolidation of Williamston Lodge #153 into Perry Lodge #350, the resultant lodge to be known as Perry Lodge #350. Perry Lodge #350 will continue to meet every first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 702 N. Main St., Perry, MI 48872.
 - March 5, 2025
Dear Brother -
Please be advised that Grand Master Eugene Abbaticchio has approved the consolidation of Flushing Lodge #223 into Genesee Lodge #174, the resultant lodge to be known as Genesee Lodge #174. Genesee Lodge #174 will continue to hold its stated communication every first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at 349 S. Seymour Rd., Flushing, MI 48433.
- Bro. Bill Arndt, PM of St. Charles Lodge #313 invited people to a Memorial Day event.
 - You are invited to attend St. Charles Lodge #313 on Wednesday May 7, 2025 for a Special Program in honor of Memorial Day. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. for our stated regular meeting and the public program will start immediately following. White aprons and gloves are required. Bring your own if you prefer, or there will be some available at

our lodge. You are encouraged to bring your family and any family members that are veterans or currently serving in the military, as this program will be open to the public. Soup and sandwiches will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP by April 30th to billarndt66@gmail.com

- Midland County Fair Sent a letter asking for the yearly donation for awards. \$60 total Donation for “Mid. Co. Special Breeding Sheep” and “Grand Champion Youth Rabbit”. Motion was presented and passed. This became warrant order #852.
 - Thursday April 10th and 17th will be used for doing EA degrees. Lance Rynearson EA degree will be on April 17th.
 - Brother Jack Berdasco Thanked Chuck Birch, Dave Skiendziel, John Kall and John Mapes for helping with the las blood drive. There was a total of 27 donors. The next blood drive will be on April 28th at the Curling Center.
 - W.B. Chuck Birch motioned that Centre Lodge donate \$2,445.20 from the Lodge Charity Account to the Midland Juvenile Diabetes Center. It was seconded by John Kall and voted in the affirmative.
- WB Ed Morris passed the almoners box around for donations. Current amount collected sites at \$9,714.
 - Past Masters were recognized by WM Todd McQuiston.
 - Lodge was closed in due form by WM Todd McQuiston at 9:06pm
 - Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and light refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

Todd McQuiston, Worshipful Master