


MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, April 3, 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. Evan Fryzelka	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. John Mapes	Tiler
			Bro.	Educational Officer

- Meeting was opened in the EA degree in due form at 7:41 p.m. by WM Todd McQuiston.
- The death of Illustrious Brother Harold Algin Riggie was reported (02/06/1943 – 3/20/2025). He was Raised 4/4/1992, Twice Master of Centre Lodge (1997 and 2003), Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Bay City, 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, member of Royal Arch Mason at Chapter #169 Midland, member of Royal Select Masons at Saginaw Council #20 (Midland), member of Knights Templar Bay City Commandery #26 (Midland). Recipient of the Purple Cross of Constantine. He was exemplar for degree work at Centre Lodge. The later was draped in black and the lodge had a minute of silence.
- Visitors Nick Suchyta (W.M. Joppa-Wenona #315) and Tom Thaxter (Arcadis #278 – California) were announced and greeted by WM Todd McQuiston and the Wardens of Centre Lodge.
- No proficiency was conducted.
- The minutes from the months previous meetings were approved with corrections.
- No new information was presented about the background investigation of petitioner Jeffrey Brady.
- The investigation committee for Matthew Roosa reported back that he would be a good candidate followed by a vote in positive for him to receive the EA degree. The investigation committee for William Carraway reported back that he would be a good candidate, the lodge is waiting for his \$150 payment before voting.
- 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 24 brothers who still owe 2025 dues.
 - Sickness and relief: WB Time Birch said his health was getting better. WB Dave Skiendziel gave a quick talk about deceased brother Fran Martins roll in starting the local curling club, followed by Brother Gregg Young talking about the sports opportunity the local curling club gave for his son with Cerebral palsy.
- Warrant Orders #853 and 854 was presented with WB Dave Skiendziel motioning to adopt it and John Kall seconding it, followed by a vote in the affirmative.
- Unfinished Business
 - 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
 - The graduation for the Dyslexia center was discussed with a motion for Warrant Orders #855 to purchase \$25 Barnes and Noble cards for each graduate (\$200 total cost). It was motioned by Greg Dostal, seconded by Tom Sova and voted in the affirmative.
 - The Midland Antique Engine Association asked for \$80 for half page advertisement in the 2025 Show book. Warrant Orders #856 for the \$80 was motioned by Tim Birch, seconded by Ed Morris and voted in the affirmative.
 - From Alma Lodge WM Darren Thompson. Appeal to fund a grill for the Masonic Home. Alma is doing up to \$500. Let him if lodge would like to contribute and the "up to" amount you approve and we'll work with the Foundation to get things squared away. It was discussed if up to \$100 from Centre Lodge LCA fund would be used, but it was voted down.
 - The letter from the Masonic Services Association was read in lodge. A copy is attached to the second page of the minutes.

- WB Ed Morris passed the almoners box around for donations. Current amount collected sites at \$9,943.
- Past Masters were recognized by WM Todd McQuiston.
- Lodge was closed in due form by WM Todd McQuiston at 8:58pm
- Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and light refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

Todd McQuiston, Worshipful Master



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Dear Centre Lodge No. 273 F & AM ,

On behalf of the Masonic Service Association of North America, I extend our deepest gratitude for your generous support of our disaster relief programs. Your contribution of \$900 plays a vital role in helping us provide immediate assistance and long-term recovery to those affected by unexpected calamities.

In 2024, your support enabled us to respond to numerous disasters, including providing aid to communities affected by hurricanes along the Gulf Coast. Thanks to donors like you, we were able to contribute to the distribution of emergency supplies, offer temporary housing, and fund rebuilding efforts in these hard-hit areas.

Through your kindness, we can extend a helping hand to individuals and families facing some of the most challenging moments of their lives. Whether it's providing shelter, essential supplies, or emotional support, your donation ensures that we can respond swiftly and effectively when disasters strike.

Your commitment to the Masonic principles of charity and brotherly love is evident in your willingness to help those in need. It is through the collective efforts of donors like you that we are able to fulfill our mission of bringing relief and hope to communities across the nation.

Please know that your generosity has made a meaningful difference and is deeply appreciated by those who benefit from your support. We are honored to have you as a partner in this important work.

Thank you once again for your compassionate support.

Fraternally yours,

Craig Davis

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