

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 from Scotland, USA! No month is more synonymous with that title than May as we get ready for the 56th Highland Festival! Feel free to join us in the parade on Saturday, May 24. The start is on Michigan Avenue and heads west to the college. We will be leaving from Pathways at about 9:30 with the trolley if you'd like to ride over to the start. If you're at the festival, stop by our tent in the Clan area! We're also bringing in a new brother on May 28, we'd love to see the sidelines filled!

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

Ithaca Lodge #123 is in full swing for the spring season! Our May communication was on May Day with a meal of pasties, rhubarb desserts and two types of cake. Our Wednesday morning coffee club continues strong, bolstered by the return of snow birds from Florida & Texas. Join us any Wednesday morning from about 8:30 a.m. to 11. The spring rains appear to have revealed a leak in our lodge roof that we are investigating.

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

I'd like to thank everyone from all of our area lodges that attended our recent Past Master dinner! It was great to see some of our members we hadn't seen in years and present Past Master pins. We also were able to present a scholarship to the grandson of Bro. Dave Katt! We hope to see you at our 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 - 163
Lifetime Members - 26
Honorary Members - 8

BRECKENRIDGE #406

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

Secretary: Greg Shankel

Email:

breckenridge406@yahoo.com

Master Masons - 58
Lifetime Members - 18



Memorial Day, May 26

"all gave some, some gave all."

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

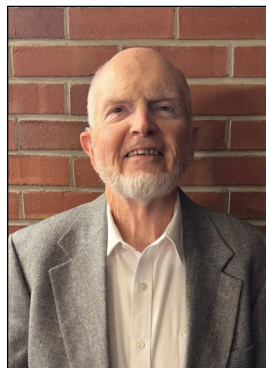
WM - Craig Hooper
SW - Ron Littell
JW - Carl Rummer
TR - Terry Nestle
SECY - Scott Johnson
SD - Ted Martyn
JD - Paul Showers
CHAP - Chris Sparks
MAR - Thomas Milligan
TILER - Jose Castillo
ST - Ronald Davis
ST - Jerry Rummer

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...

Richard Bartrem, Brck 406



Raised - 3/29/69, Breckenridge #406 (2x PM)
High School - Breckenridge '64
First car - '57 Pontiac
Favorite food - Hot dogs
Favorite Vacation—Family tour of the Upper Peninsula
Favorite Hobby - Reading
Favorite Sport - Football
Favorite Book - The Bible
Favorite Masonic role - Senior Deacon, attending the altar
Masonic influence - Father Lyle Bartrem

Ted Martyn, Ithaca 123



Raised - 10/24/09, Ithaca #123 (2x PM)
High School - Ithaca '61
First car - '54 Chevy Bel Air
Favorite singer - Hank Williams
Favorite Food - Roast Beef
Favorite Hobby - Hunting/fishing
Favorite TV Show - Gunsmoke/Tigers baseball
Favorite Book - The Bible
Favorite Masonic Role - Senior Deacon
Masonic Influence - Father Gladwin Martyn

Stormy Bordine, Alma 244



Raised - 4/24/24, Alma #244
High School - Dickson County High (TN)
First car - '97 manual Honda Civic EX
Favorite band - Sleep Token
Favorite Movie - Star Wars: Return of the Jedi
Favorite TV Show - The Last Kingdom
Favorite Book - The Bible
Favorite Masonic Role - Tiler
Masonic Influence - Bob Johns, Skip Edwards, Darren Thompson, Bruce McCann, Kevin McCormack and all the amazing brothers of our lodge!



MAY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Ithaca 123 Stated Comm	7:30 p.m.	Ithaca Temple
5	Alma Building Assoc.	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
5	B'ridge Ch. 323, OES	7 p.m.	Breck Temple
7	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
7	Alma 244 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
8	Ch. 43, OES	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
8	B'ridge 406 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Breck. Temple
14	Community Coffee	8 a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
14	Social/ritual practice	6:00 p.m.	Alma Temple
21	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
21	Friends & Family Dinner	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
24	Alma Highland Fest Parade	10:30 a.m.	Michigan Ave.
26	SL Memorial Day Parade	10 am.	St. Louis HS
28	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
28	EA Degree	7 p.m.	Alma Temple

JUNE

2	Alma Building Assoc.	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
2	B'ridge Ch. 323, OES	7 p.m.	Breck. Temple
4	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
4	Alma 244 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
5	Ithaca 123 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Ithaca Temple
11	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
11	Practice/Social	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
12	B'ridge 406 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Breck. Temple
12	Alma Chapter 43, OES	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
18	Friends & Family Dinner	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
25	Community Coffee	8a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
25	Practice/Social or Degree	6 p.m.	Alma Temple



**ANNUAL COMMUNICATION #199
May 19-20, 2025**

Annual Communication will once again be in our neighborhood, at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant! The festivities will begin with a golf outing on Sunday, May 18. Monday, May 19 will feature informational breakout sessions, vendors & information booths, a legislative & budget meeting in the afternoon and the Awards Banquet Monday evening! The General Session will gavel at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20. All Master Masons are welcome to attend, suit & tie with a dues card are required. A public installation of officers will follow lunch on Tuesday. Registration for the golf outing and session is open, check the Grand Lodge calendar and weekly news for links. Also, our brethren at Wabon #305 are hosting breakfast May 19 & 20 so stop by even if you aren't attending the session!

RAISE-IVERSARIES - MAY

<u>Lodge Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
B Melvin Bigelow	63
B Dale Bushre	39
B/A Robert Conley	43
B/A Maynard Davis	24
B/A/I William Syckle	6
B John Gruett	41
B Bruce Levey	49
B Jeffery Weigold	22
B/I James Peck	28
I Benson Beck	66
I Craig Hooper	47
I Phillip Kench	47
I Donald Sanborn	41
I Ronald Sosebee	37
I David Stokes	45
A Fares Azzam	6
A Jeffrey Barker	34
A Ernest Bebow	35
A Jeremy Becker	10
A Donald Burnham	25
A David Caswell	55
A Sam Crawford	33
A Raymond Francis	30
A Frank Hinderleider	68
A Kenneth Joslin	58
A Alberto McCormack	10

JUNE

B Michael Goodyear	52
B Alan Hick	38
B Terry Oswald	52
B Roger Whiting	51
I Allen Burk	21
I William DeVuyst	21
A Neil "Jay" Atchinson	37
A Steve Burrows	56
A Lawrence Campbell	55
A John Charlton	38
A Micho Davis	36
A David DeYoub	16
A Warren Everett	40
A Wilson Henry	68

A Robert Johns	60
A R. Gordon Hahn	39
A Richard Kaufman	39
A William McKinstry	40
A John Phillips	43
A Andrew Riegger	4
A James Seals	39
A James Sharrar	43
A Jeffrey Shook	39
A Phillip Taylor	24
A Bradly Thompson	18
A Michael Walker	11
A William Weaver	29



BIRTHDAYS - MAY

<u>Lodge Name</u>
B Alan Hick
B Neil Jenkins
B Leslie Schurr
I Brent Fuller
I Jarid Hooker
I Terry Nestle
A Kristopher Banker
A Robert Green
A Ralph Grossbauer
A Gary Haffey
A Bradley Hall
A Frank Hinderleider
A Joseph Holcomb
A Jerry Hollenbeck
A Robert Johns
A Spencer Kemmer
A William LeVeque
A Gregory Mapes
A Kim Newson

A Danny O'Shay
A James Oswald
A Reuel Rockafellow
A Rakesh Saxena
A David Smith
A Keith Virgo
<u>JUNE</u>
B Duane Cassiday
B Gregory Goodyear
B Richard Greening
B William Griffith
B Colby Putnam
B Lyle Rigg
B/A/I William Syckle
B Fred Van Riper
I Robert Beracy
I Kelly Glynn
I Scott Gray
I David Harlow
I/A/B Scott Johnson
I Donald Sanborn
A Jeffrey Barker
A Alvin Bartholomew
A Mark Bartholomew
A David Bradley
A Shareen Challapalli
A Skip Edwards
A R. Gordon Hahn
A Gary Johnson
A Lawrence Lippert
A Bruce McCann
A John McCormack
A Roger Myers
A Gregory Oaks
A Michael Patterson
A John Phillips
A Gary Randall
A William Rose
A Ray Simcox
A Bernard Winn

