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Fellowship Lodge #236, F&AM

7449 Miller Road
Swartz Creek, MI

Fellowship Lodge #236, Swartz Creek Lodge #458 and Morningstar Lodge #556 will have a flagpole and Veteran's Monument Dedication on June 17th, 2025 at Swartz Creek Lodge, 7449 Miller Road, Swartz Creek, beginning at 6PM with dinner to follow in the Swartz Creek Masonic Hall. Also that evening, Fellowship Lodge will be presenting their annual donation to the continuing work of SAVE THE FLAGS, an organization vested in the care and conservation of the over 240 battle flags and banners from Michigan units who served in the Civil War and other American military actions.

SAVE THE FLAGS, located in the Capitol of the State of Michigan, is fighting a continuing battle against time which will eventually rob Michigan of these sacred banners that are actually dissolving into virtual red, white and blue "dust" unless they can be stabilized and prepared for conservation. These banners were once draped on flagstaffs in the Capitol Rotunda, on public display, until Capitol renovations found that many of them were being destroyed because of that open display. The flags are now in the archives of the State of Michigan where they are atmospherically protected, studied and cataloged.

Fellowship Lodge has donated many thousands of dollars to this cause beginning with the "adoption" of the battle flag of Flint's 10th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. The 10th Michigan Infantry, that trained in Flint, is best known for their valiant service with General William T. Sherman in the western campaigns, into Georgia and the taking of Atlanta and on to Sherman's March to the Sea.

The flag pole and monument are a gift to the Brothers of Swartz Creek Lodge, Morningstar Lodge and the Swartz Creek Community from Fellowship Lodge who moved from the historic Flint Masonic Temple to Swartz Creek in November, 2021.

This event is open to the public and Fellowship Lodge welcomes anyone interested to attend and partake of the celebration and subsequent dinner and festivities.

