


MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, June 5, 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. Chuck Birch P.M.	S.D.
Bro. Peter Anders	S.W.		Bro. James Doan	J.D.
Bro. Jeff McNeal	J.W.		Bro. Gordon Siu	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. Eric Swanson P.M.	Chaplain		Bro. Tom Sova P.M.	Tiler
			Bro.	Educational Officer

- Meeting was opened in the EA degree in due form at 7:39 p.m. by WM Todd McQuiston.
- The death of Brother Frant Whitehill was reported. He passed away Saturday, May 3, 2025. He was born June 1, 1951 in Shelby, Michigan. He enlisted in the United States Army, serving during Vietnam. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Frantt took welding classes, becoming a pipefitter. He retired in 2009 from Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #85 in Saginaw. He was Raised 1/21/1981 at Joppa #315 and transferred to Centre Lodge #273 on 11/08/2012. Frantt is survived by his wife, Carol Wirtz-Whitehill. The altar was draped in black and the lodge had a minute of silence.
- Visitors from Benzie Area # 270; W.M. Don Haines, Senior Steward Orville Ramey, W.B. James Larson (Secy.) and W.B. Don Mills were announced and greeted.
- Brother Matthew Roosa completed his Fellowcraft proficiency as conducted by WB Dave Skiendziel followed by a vote in the affirmative.
- The minutes from the months previous meetings with changes were approved.
- Reports of Standing Committees
 - Finance: Motion by John Kall to increase dues by \$25/year and seconded by WB Chuck Birch. The motion will be voted on at the August Stated Communications meeting. This would allow for the amendment to the bylaws to be mailed out to all Master Masons.
 - Committee on Delinquent Dues: Names were read in lodge of brothers who still owe 2025 dues. John Kall put a motion forward that Fred Fletcher, Russel Flaughner and Gerald Jones dues be waived with a second by W.B. Chuck Birch. The letter from Alan Osburn was read in lodge asking for a one-year waiver of due. W.B. Chuck Birch motioned that Alan Osburn's name be added to the vote for a one-year waiver for dues. The motion was passed by a majority of the brothers. The Form 52, "NPD Worksheet", for each member still on your delinquent dues list was given to JW Jeff McNeal to allow him to call the brothers. The restoration petition for John Jurek was voted on in the affirmative.
- Warrant Orders #858 was presented. W.B. Dave Skiendziel motioned it be passed with W.B. Jerry Chambers seconding followed by a vote in the affirmative. Warrant Orders #859 was also voted to donate \$100 for sponsorship to a golf hole at the Midland Area Shriners golf tournament.
- Unfinished Business
 - No unfinished business.

- New Business

- Vote was held for the transfer of Fellowcraft Scott Glinke from Plymouth Rock Lodge #47 to Centre Lodge #273. The forms from Grand Lodge were filled out to allow for the transfer.
- Grand lodge May 2nd communication:

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the constituent Lodges in Michigan: Greetings, Please be advised that I have received and accepted the resignation of WB James Huff from the office of Junior Grand Warden. I have subsequently made the following appointments, effective immediately:

 1. RW Bro. Terry Troutt is advanced from Senior Grand Deacon to Junior Grand Warden
 2. WB Craig Lehrke is advanced from Junior Grand Deacon to Senior Grand Deacon
 3. WB Gary Paquet is advanced from Grand Marshal to Junior Grand Deacon

These changes are reflected in the directory posted in Grand View and on the michiganmasons.org website. Open spots in the Grand Line will be decided by those entitled to vote at Annual Communication, May 19-20, 2025.
- Please be advised that Grand Master Eugene Abbaticchio has approved the following: Rogers City Lodge #493 has been declared defunct. Members of the lodge have been moved into Grand Master Lodge #700 and sent letters and transfer forms detailing the change and how to affiliate with another lodge.
- Grand Lodge Communications:
 1. Olive Branch #542 is holding a reception in celebration of the election of Grand Master William Sauguet. The event will be Sunday, June 22 at the Italian-America Banquet Center in Livonia. See flyer or [CLICK HERE](#) to register.
 2. Grand Master William Sauguet and the Grand Lodge Officers are holding a series of town hall meetings. They will be June 7 at 10 a.m. at the Alpena Temple; August 16 at 11 a.m. at the Traverse City Temple; September 20 at 10 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Temple and October 11 at 10 a.m. at the Wayne Temple.
 3. Our annual group outing with Prince Hall to Jimmy Johns Field in Utica will be Saturday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. \$25 ticket (plus \$2.69 service fee) includes game ticket, hot dog, chips & pop, free parking in Lot A, kids run the bases afterward plus \$10 from each ticket sold is donated back to the Charitable Foundation in the name of your Lodge Charity Account so you are growing your annual draw with each ticket. See flyer attached or [CLICK HERE](#) for tickets.
 4. There will be a special ceremony on Friday, June 13 at 7 p.m. to install RW Senior Warden-elect Terry Troutt and WB Charles Plater, appointed Grand Steward. The event will be at the Dearborn Scottish Rite Center, 907 Monroe St., refreshments will follow. Parking around the building on a Friday night will be at a premium so please allow ample time to find a spot and be inside for the start of the ceremony.
- A vote was conducted for 2025 Constitutional Amendment Number One with it passing in the affirmative. This amendment gives a longer time for amendments to be reviewed before the annual communications meeting. The form was sent to Grand Lodge after the vote.
- WB Stan Menerey was presented with a lifetime certificate and lapel pin from Centre Lodge. Stan is also a prepaid member and a member of Benzie Area #270 Lodge. His brothers from that lodge attended the meeting for the lifetime award presentation.



- WB Ed Morris passed the almoners box around for donations. Current amount collected sites at \$10,285.
- Past Masters were recognized by WM Todd McQuiston.
- Lodge was closed in due form by WM Todd McQuiston 9:20pm
- Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and light refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

WM Todd McQuiston