

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 Alma #244! We've had a great first half of the year and are looking forward to finishing strong! This month we'll be passing a brother to the degree of Fellowcraft on the 30th and we'll have one, perhaps two more petitions to bring before the lodge! Our all-area picnic will be in the Masonic Pathways pavilion on August 20, come enjoy the food & fellowship! Also, our new apparel store is ready, visit <https://almamasons2025.itemorder.com> and shop away!



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

Greetings! Ithaca #123 is taking a short summer break with a return to regular communication on the first Thursday in September, the 4th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with gavel at 7:30. Our Wednesday morning coffee will continue at the lodge during the summer, stop by!

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

Breckenridge Lodge has launched a Thursday morning breakfast which starts at 7 a.m. Stop on by! We will continue breakfast through the summer and we will be meeting in July and August as well, 2nd Thursday at 7:30. We are also planning a picnic in August, we'll announce the date and time as soon as it is set. Have a great summer!

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



Independence Day
Friday, July 4

From The Secretary's Desk



2025 OFFICERS

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 - Bryce Hooker

ST - Jerry Rummer

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

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.

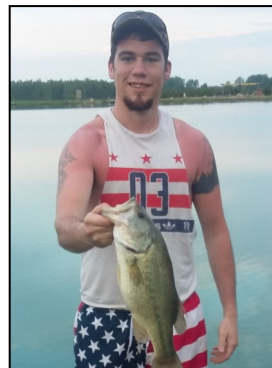
Getting to Know....

Jeff Blackwell, Alma 244



Raised -
3/13/24, Alma #244
High School -
St. Louis '19
First car -
'07 Ford Explorer
Favorite food -
Cheeseburgers
Favorite Vacation -
Arizona/Grand Canyon
Favorite Singer -
Ryan Upchurch
Favorite TV Show -
Rick & Morty
Favorite Book -
About Face - D. Hackworth
Favorite Masonic role -
Steward
Masonic influence -
Skip Edwards

Colby Putnam, Breck 406



Raised -
8/28/21, Elsie #238
High School - Ovid-Elsie '10
First car -
'96 GMC Sierra
Favorite band - Blink 182
Favorite Food -
Sushi/Chinese
Favorite Movie -
Escanaba in Da Moonlight
Favorite TV Show -
M*A*S*H
Favorite Book -
The Hobbit
Favorite Masonic Role -
SW Degree work
Masonic Influence -
Father-in-law Rod Ridge-
way. Great guide in and
out of lodge.

Terry Nestle, Ithaca 123



Raised -
2/2/92, Ithaca #123
High School - Shepherd '69
First car -
'64 Rambler Ambassador
Favorite band - Steve Miller
Favorite Movie -
My Darling Clementine
Favorite TV Show
M*A*S*H
Favorite Food -
Enchiladas/fajitas
Favorite Hobby -
Riding ATVs
Favorite Masonic Role -
Treasurer/meal preparer.
Love the sound of silence in
the dining room, you know
the guys are enjoying it!
Masonic Influence -
Alvin Stokes & Ed Hooper



JULY

Date	Event	Time	Location
4	HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!		
7	Alma Building Assoc.	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
7	B'ridge Ch. 323, OES	7 p.m.	Breck Temple
9	Community Coffee	8 a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
9	Alma 244 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
10	Breakfast	7 a.m.	Breck. Temple
10	Ch. 43, OES	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
10	B'ridge 406 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Breck. Temple
16	Community Coffee	8 a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
16	Friends & Family Dinner	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
17	Breakfast	7 a.m.	Breck. Temple
23	FC Rehearsal	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
24	Breakfast	7 a.m.	Breck. Temple
30	Community Coffee	8 a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
30	FC Degree	7 p.m.	Alma Temple

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4	Alma Building Assoc.	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
4	B'ridge Ch. 323, OES	7 p.m.	Breck. Temple
6	Community Coffee	8 a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
6	Alma 244 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
7/14/21/28	Breakfast	7 a.m.	Breck. Temple
13	Community Coffee	8 a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple
13	Practice/Social	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
14	B'ridge 406 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Breck. Temple
14	Alma Chapter 43, OES	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
20	Community Coffee	8 a.m. -10	Ithaca Temple
20	All-area picnic	6 p.m.	Pathways Pavilion
27	Community Coffee	8 a.m.-10	Ithaca Temple

PICNIC AT PATHWAYS!



All area Masons, family & friends are welcome to attend the annual Alma #244 picnic at the Masonic Pathways pavilion! Alma Lodge will supply the grillables, drinks and plates/napkins/silverware.

Please consider bringing a side dish to pass or dessert. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to 989-330-6785 or dmitcht73@gmail.com so we have a reasonable head count.

See you there!



RAISE-IVERSARIES - JULY

Lodge Name Years

A Darren Thompson 12
 A Matt Robertson 12
 A Robby McCormack 13
 A Kim Newson 13
 A Eric Ostahowski 13
 A Stephen Smejkal 13
 A Spencer Kemmer 4
 A Scott Kemmer-Slater 4
 A Dale Whitmore 4
 A Willard Leiferman 31
 A Robert Green 31
 A John McCormack 40

AUGUST

B Colby Putnam 4
 B Stuart Goodyear 33
 A Charles Burgard 10
 A Robert Carnell 67
 A James Crandall 30



BIRTHDAYS - JULY

Lodge Name

B Michael Siefka
 B Dale Shankel
 B Richard Bartrem
 B Donald Fisher
 B James Buchanan
 I Ronald Davis
 I William Bowen
 I Frederick Bare
 A Harold Metcalf
 A Larry DeVuyst
 A Vicente Ramirez
 A Albert McCormack
 A Daniel Clevenger
 A Bradley Tack
 A Gary Rayburn
 A Phillip Taylor
 A Michael Cole
 A Thomas Plaxton
 A William Mitchell
 A Robert Carnell
 A John Charlton
 A William Grabmeyer
 A Roger Morris
 A William Orlich
 A Tyler Haase

AUGUST

B David Katt
 B Jack Newson
 B Douglas Eastman
 B Joe Halcomb
 B Dale Bushre
 I William DeVuyst
 I Ronald Sosebee
 A Robert Snyder
 A Edwin Meyer
 A Raymond Francis
 A Andrew Riegger
 A Sanford Simon
 A James Gunter
 A Don Snyder
 A Donald Burnham
 A Bradly Thompson



Recent happenings...



Ithaca #123 Secretary Scott Johnson and WM Craig Hooper recently presented a donation to Vicky Thum in support of the Ithaca Food Pantry.



Alma #244 sponsored a softball and baseball team this year and hosted them for a season-end pizza party!

Breckenridge #406 hosted a PM dinner in April at the United Methodist Church.

