

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



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

Greetings, brothers! Ithaca Lodge #123 resumes regular communication on Thursday, September 4 after a summer break. We look forward to seeing members and guests at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and lodge at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening out after Labor Day weekend! Our Wednesday morning coffee continues at the lodge at 8:30 a.m. every week, stop by!

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

Breckenridge Lodge would like to invite you to attend our lodge picnic on Thursday, September 18! We'll plan to eat at 6 p.m., the picnic will be at the park across from the United Methodist Church at 3rd and Chestnut streets. Also be sure to stop by every Thursday morning for coffee, pancakes and great fellowship! We look forward to seeing you!

Alma #244 WM Darren Thompson - dmitch73@gmail.com

Our brothers, families and residents of the Home recently enjoyed another successful picnic at the Masonic Pathways pavilion! Special thanks to Bro. Mitchell (see page 2!) for donating some amazing brats! We've got a busy September & October, starting right after Labor Day with an EA Degree on the 3rd and a MM Degree on Saturday the 6th. Please come out and support our newest brothers!

LODGE SNAPSHOTS

ITHACA #123

Address: 325 E. Newark St.
Ithaca, MI 48847

Secretary: Scott Johnson

Email:
scottie2298@gmail.com

Master Masons - 49
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 - 165
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 - 55
Lifetime Members - 18



Halloween
Friday, October 31

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 - Bradley 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

Please make sure your 2025 dues are paid ASAP! September is the month the lodge must consider the membership of those that have not yet paid. Reach out to your WM or Secretary if you are experiencing a hardship. 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....

Thomas Milligan, Ithaca 123



Raised -
11/13/19, Ithaca #123
High School -
Shelbyville, IL '80
First car -
1980 Pinto
Favorite food -
Meatloaf
Favorite movie -
Terminator
Favorite band -
ZZ Top
Favorite hobby as youth -
Baseball
Favorite Masonic role -
Steward
Masonic influence -
Carl Rummer, Scott Johnson, Terry Nestle

William Mitchell, Alma 244



Raised -
3/26/25, Alma #244
High School -
Chippewa Hills '95
First car -
'85 Mercury Lynx, white w/red velvet interior
Favorite band -
Journey
Favorite Concert -
Trans-Siberian Orchestra
Favorite Food -
Porterhouse steak
Favorite Movie -
Full Metal Jacket
Favorite TV Show -
Alone
Favorite Book(s) -
The Unwind series
Favorite Piece of Ritual -
Fellowcraft lecture
Masonic Influence -
Robert Conley

Jim Peck, Breckenridge 406



Raised -
5/19/97, St Johns-Ovid #105
High School -
Alma '56
First car -
'48 Hudson, with suicide doors!
Favorite band -
Statler Bros
Favorite food -
Prime rib & pineapple upside down cake
Favorite Movie -
Anything with John Wayne
Favorite TV Show -
Jeopardy
Favorite hobby as youth -
Bowling & roller skating
Favorite Masonic Ritual -
Opening of lodge
Masonic Influence -
Robert Crosby



SEPTEMBER

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Community Coffee at Ithaca Temple, 8:30 - 10 am

EVERY THURSDAY, Community Coffee at Breck. Temple, 7 –10 a.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	HAPPY LABOR DAY!		
3	EA Degree	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
4	Ithaca 123 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Ithaca Temple
6	Breakfast/MM Degree	11 a.m.	Pathways Chapel
8	Alma Building Assoc.	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
8	Breck. Ch. 323, OES	7 p.m.	Breck. Temple
10	Alma 244 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
11	Alma Ch. 43, OES	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
11	B'ridge 406 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Breck. Temple
17	Friends & Family Dinner	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
18	B'ridge 406 picnic	6 p.m.	Park @ 3rd & Chestnut
24	FC Rehearsal	6 p.m.	Alma Temple

OCTOBER

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Community Coffee at Ithaca Temple, 8:30 - 10 am

EVERY THURSDAY, Community Coffee at Breck. Temple, 7 –10 a.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Alma 244 Stated Comm.	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
2	Ithaca 123 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Ithaca Temple
6	B'ridge Ch. 323, OES	7 p.m.	Breck. Temple
6	Alma Building Assoc.	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
8	Practice/Social or Degree	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
9	Alma Chapter 43, OES	7 p.m.	Alma Temple
15	Friends & Family Dinner	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
14	B'ridge 406 Stated Comm.	7:30 p.m.	Breck. Temple
22&29	Practice/Social or Degree	6 p.m.	Alma Temple
23	Alma Fall Festival	5 p.m. - 7	Alma Temple

Happy Birthday!

9/3 - John Wood - A
 9/5 - Wm. Sutherland - A
 9/7 - Daniel Parker - A
 9/7 - Stormy Bordine - A
 9/8 - Trey Garland - A
 9/9 - Christopher Lyttle - A
 9/12 - Leif Peterson - I
 9/14 - James Seals - A
 9/15 - Charles Hicks - A
 9/15 - James Peck - B
 9/15 - Stan McMann - B
 9/17 - William Dobbs - A
 9/18 - Daryl Duncan - B
 9/18 - Terry Clements - A
 9/26 - Michael Casteel - A
 9/27 - Ernest Bebow - A
 9/27 - Gerald Spada - A
 9/29 - Nicholas Klug - A
 9/30 - Scott Wilson - I
 10/1 - Daniel Kline - A
 10/3 - Terry Oswald - I
 10/3 - Arnold Sanderson - A
 10/6 - Steve Burrows - A
 10/9 - David Gorte - A
 10/10 - Terry Roberts - B
 10/10 - Jeffery Weigold - B
 10/14 - Carl Rummer - I
 10/14 - Dean Bradley - I
 10/14 Todd Moeggenborg - A
 10/16 - Todd Nemeth - A
 10/16 - Danny Derry - I
 10/17 - Edward Woelfert - A
 10/20 - Bruce Levey - B
 10/20 - Paul Lux - A
 10/20 - Gerald Conrad - A
 10/21 - Rod Ridgeway - B
 10/22 - Grand LaFave - A
 10/25 - Charles Garringer - A
 10/27 - John Renneberg - A
 10/30 - Benson Beck - I

RAISE-IVERSARIES

Name	Lodge	Date/Years	Name	Lodge	Date/Years
Ralph Sandel	A	10-17/69	Gerritt Bott	A	9-17/17
John Wood	A	10-17/63	Jeffrey Lodholtz	A	10-11/17
Richard Grace	A	10-19/59	Jack Newson	B	10-24/16
Duane Cassidy	B	10-28/58	Doug Eastman	B	10-29/10
Bobby Rose	A	10-28/56	Ronald Davis	I	9-23/8
Gerald Spada	A	9-16/54	John Misenhelder	I	9-23/8
Michael Peters	I	10-29/48	Ben Wolfgang	A	9-19/7
Craig Gates	I	10-18/46	Kristopher Banker	A	10-10/7
Paul Lux	A	9-30/44	John Renneberg	A	9-19/7
Rakesh Saxena	A	9-20/44	Nicholas Klug	A	10-23/5
Greg Mapes	A	10-21/44	Greg LeDuke	A	9-17/3
Kevin Mapes	A	10-21/44	Chris Straight	I	9-17/3
Scott Johnson	I	9-30/43	Bradley Tack	A	9-17/3
Gerald Conrad	A	9-26/34	Jose Castillo	I	10-14/2
James Buchanan	B	10-22/33	Bryce Hooker	I	10-14/2
Don Snyder	A	9-15/32	Jarid Hooker	I	10-14/2
Ralph Grossbauer	A	10-12/31	Jerry Rummer	I	10-14/2
John Musser	B	9-17/31	Davi Fabela	I	10-12/1
Bruce McCann	A	10-22/28			
Larry DeVuyst	A	10-28/27			
Jerry Hollenbeck	A	10-28/27			
Robert Fraker	A	9-18/23			
Robert Endter	A	10-5/23			
Hal Groat	A	9-15/17			



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