

Fellowship Lodge No. 236, F. & A. M.

Stated Meeting – Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025

Austin Conquest, P.M.
Lynn Ross, P.M.
Matt Berry
Don Schoellig
Jeff Downing, P.M.
Austin Conquest, P.M.
Brian Mason

W.M.
S.W.
J.W.
Treasurer
Secretary
Chaplain
S.D.

Jared Whitman
Larry Whitman

J.D.
Sr. Steward
Steward
Steward
Steward
Tiler
Marshal



Grand Lodge Officers & Representatives present: Larry Whitman, Grand Lodge Child ID program

Past Masters Present: WB Lynn Ross, WB Jerry Preston, WB Austin Conquest, WB Jeff Downing

Members Present: 13

Honorary Members Present: 0

Lodge Opened: 7:00pm on the Master Mason Degree

Presentations: None

Minutes: Approved as corrected

Petitions: No new petitions

Investigation Committees: N/A

Charity Committee: In accordance with Grand Lodge bylaws found by Worshipful Master-Elect Lamb, the Worshipful Master and Secretary elected to provide relief to a distressed brother. The Secretary will request to remit the 2026 dues for the distressed brother, and the Charity Committee will forgive the remainder of his arrears.

Communications: All communications were read.

Sick & Relief Committee: Nothing to report.

Bills & Accounts: Bills were read. They included a circus program ad to the Shriners, meal expenses, and office supplies for the Treasurer. Motion by Bro. Mason, supported by Bro. Matt Berry to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Secretary's Receipts: Secretary's receipts were read and presented to the Treasurer for payment. Receipts included the monthly stipend, expenses for presentation aprons, and expenses for WM-Elect gifts.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was read. No corrections required. Report was approved subject to audit.

Old Business: In the absence of the WM-Elect, Sr. Warden-Elect Zepeda read the appointed positions for 2026. Those officers are: Bro. Tyler Hart - Sr. Deacon. Bro. Jared Whitman - Jr. Deacon, WB Austin Conquest - Chaplain, Bro Roy Mejia and Bro Nic Custer - Sr. Stewards, Bro Mark Sturtz and Bro Eugene Herbig - Stewards, Bro. Larry Whitman - Tiler, WB Dave Martin - Marshal, and WB Frank Loveless - Musician.

The second reading of Bro. Robert Presson's request for Life Membership was read. After this second reading, a vote was taken to grant life membership. The vote was unanimous in favor. Secretary Downing will proceed with the filing with Grand Lodge.

New Business: WM Conquest requested all Past Masons of the Year meet at the Secretary's Desk after the meeting was closed to vote on Mason of the Year.

There was no other New Business to come before the Lodge.

Good of the Order: WB Downing reported on the Shrine's FEZtival of Trees. Our Lodge's tree was slightly above the middle of the pack in popularity. WB Downing requested the Lodge be involved again next year.

Bro. Matt Berry discussed the Shrine's Sportsman's Raffle and informed the Lodge he has tickets available. They are \$20 per ticket or a book for \$60, which includes an extra chance to win.

WM Conquest then went over the calendar for the rest of the month. Dates of note are: Closed Installation of Officers on Tuesday, December 9th - dinner at 6pm, installation at 7pm. There are many other installations this month - refer to the Mid Michigan Masons email group for dates and times. The next regular communication of Fellowship Lodge will be Tuesday, January 6th - dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm.

Lastly, WM Conquest thanked everyone for the amazing support over the last three years. He also thanked the Treasurer and Secretary for being his right and left hand guys. The lodge gave all three brothers a hearty round of applause.

Lodge Closed at 7:41 pm on the Master Mason Degree.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Downing, P.M.
Fellowship Lodge 236