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February 25, 2026

Bear Brother,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and well. Aside from dues time, it's probably been a while since you heard from your Lodge or its Worshipful Master. You are missed, and we think of you often.

I have three main purposes in this letter:

*1. Lodge Activities and Fellowship**:* I want to inform you about our Lodge activities, charitable work, and opportunities for fellowship. If you don't know our website, you can find us at <https://lodgelocator.com/fellowship-236> or on Facebook by searching "Davison Fellowship Lodge 236."

2. Access to Grandview MyPortal: I want to provide information about accessing "Grandview MyPortal," where you can pay dues online, access resources like ritual books and study guides, find events, and reconnect with brothers. I'll include instructions on signing up and saving it as a favorite on your iPhone or Android. You can also use a personal computer if you prefer.

3. Personal Invitation to Rejoin Us: I personally invite you to return to Lodge. We all experience times when participation wanes, and it's natural to feel apprehensive about not remembering the signs and grips. Rest assured, you are always welcome back, and you will be greeted by brothers ready to assist you.

To close, my goal this year is to personally reach out to each Lodge member, whether they are in Genesee County or beyond. If you see "Fellowship Lodge 236" on your caller ID, it's likely that it will be me or our Lodge Secretary, Brian Mason, checking to see how you are doing.

Fraternally and sincerely,

*Todd Lamb
Worshipful Master
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FELLOWSHIP LODGE #236 IN COLLABORATION WITH
KING SOLOMON'S CLUB WISH TO PRESENT

A Night of Bourbon & Brotherhood

Join us for an unforgettable evening of **fun, fraternity, and fellowship with Masonic brothers and fellow bourbon lovers!**

Featuring an exceptional flight of curated Bourbons!

The perfect event for deepening friendships, sparking conversation and camaraderie where every sip creates lasting memories. Churchill's has one of Michigan's most extensive bourbon menus, additional elusive 'unicorn' brands are also available for purchase!

Paired with a full course dinner worth traveling for!

Each ticket includes a **NY Steak Strip entree**, accompanied by **two hearty sides, a soup course and dessert sampling.**

Have someone interested in joining Masonry?

This celebration of brotherhood, laughter, and the bonds we share is the perfect event to introduce interested men to the Fraternity. All brothers and prospects are welcome!

Tuesday, March 31, 6:00- 9:00 p.m.

Churchill's Food and Spirits

340 Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48502

**Tickets are \$65. Seating is limited,
No alcohol tickets are \$35 (Dinner only).
Reserve your seat by March 22.**

Scan QR code for tickets and details.

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March 2026

From the East



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From Celebration to Commitment: February’s Momentum Carries Us Forward

Brethren,

February proved to be a month worthy of our Craft—rich in history, strong in education, and fruitful in outreach. What we set out to accomplish, we accomplished with enthusiasm and purpose.

At our February 3rd Regular Communication, we were honored to present *A Ceremony for the Celebration of the Birth of Brother George Washington*. The ceremony served as a powerful reminder that Freemasonry shapes men who shape nations. Reflecting upon the life of Brother Washington stirred in us not merely admiration, but renewed resolve—to govern ourselves with the same discipline, integrity, and devotion to liberty that he exemplified.

This Friday, I will be traveling to Alexandria, Virginia to attend the Birthday Gala at the **George Washington Masonic National Memorial**, joining Masons from across the country in honoring our illustrious Brother. I look forward to bringing back reflections and insights from that historic setting, and I will provide an update from the East at our March Regular Communication.

Our educational labors in February also bore fruit. The Lodge Education Officers led thoughtful and meaningful discussions on the Entered Apprentice Obligation and the language found within our Ritual Book Dictionary and Glossary. These sessions continue to remind us that our ritual is not merely words to be memorized—it is instruction to be lived.

We also witnessed leadership through example. Senior Deacon Tyler Hart’s commitment to ritual proficiency has been steady and commendable, and through his example he is now joined by Brother Mark Surtz in attending the Wednesday morning ritual practices at Morning Star Lodge No. 556. Their initiative demonstrates what happens when one Brother’s dedication inspires another.

Brethren, this is how excellence spreads. I would like to formally invite any Brother who feels so inclined to join them and become one of Fellowship Lodge 236’s Ritual Proficiency Ambassadors. These practices—held on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (coffee at 8:00 AM, Lodge at 9:00 AM)—offer a relaxed, supportive environment to sharpen your work, build confidence, and strengthen fraternal bonds. Ritual is the heartbeat of our Craft. Those who labor to improve it elevate the entire Lodge.

Perhaps one of the most exciting outward-facing successes of the month came over Valentine’s Day weekend. Fellowship Lodge 236 proudly participated as a vendor at the Back to the Bricks Chrome and Ice Car Show at the Dort Event Center. Our presence there was intentional—we went to promote Freemasonry in Genesee County, and the results were impressive. Over the course of the weekend, nine prospects expressed genuine interest in our fraternity. That is not merely a number—it represents nine potential men seeking light. We will now do our part to follow up with diligence and care.

As we move into March, our overarching focus shifts toward Charity Committee initiatives. Charity is not an accessory to Masonry; it is one of its pillars. Our Program of the Month, “Civic Responsibility in Masonry,” **Continued on Page 3.**

Brothers take note that we have a School of Instruction this month that we have been summoned to attend on March 18th at Welfare Lodge # 517 - Please see the calendar on the next page

Monthly Stated Communications every 1st Tuesday, 7:00PM

Monthly Special Lodge Education Communication every 3rd Tuesday, 7:00PM

7839 Miller Rd., Swartz Creek, MI 48473

If you need a ride to lodge, let us know!

All Visitors Welcome!

"The most important part of any masonic gathering is not the business, but the fellowship. We have meals before each Stated/Special Communication beginning at 6:00 PM. to foster fellowship! Please come and Join us!"

From the South



March Meal

Aperitif

Tossed Salad

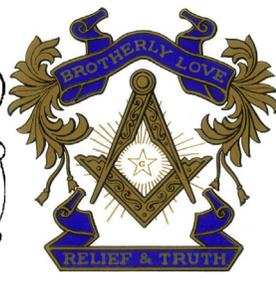
Main Course

French Dip Sandwiches

Dessert

Cookies

This lodge is your lodge, and your friends are welcome—bring them to dinner. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship.



March Birthdays
 Edward White 03/02
 Billy Trarop - 03/03
 Carl Ross - 03/04
 Nathan Bellville - 03/11
 Colonel Lake - 03/13
 Rady Walker - 03/15
 James Beal - 3/16
 Scott Wogen - 03/17
 Robert Garceau - 03/20
 Robert Conley - 03/21
 Eugene Cummings - 03/21
 Marcello Johnson - 03/26
 William Pailthorpe - 03/26
 Thomas Wickam - 03/30

Membership Statistics
 127 Members
 124 Master Masons
 3 Entered Apprentices
 52 Honorary Members

If it has been sometime since you have attended lodge, We would be honored to see you again! Will you please join us at our next lodge regular?



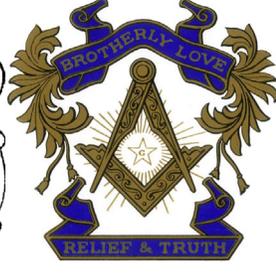
Upcoming Meetings & Events

Who	Date	Time	What
Fellowship 236-Swartz Creek MT	Tuesday, February 17	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Lodge	Lodge Education Special Communication
Swartz Creek Lodge \$458 ,Swartz creek MT Travel Opportunity!	Wednesday, February 18	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Lodge	Round Robin - Worshipful Master Night MM Degree
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Travel Opportunity!	Friday, February 19th - Sunday, February 21st	8:00 AM-12: 00 PM 5:00 PM-9:00 PM	GW Symposium Gala reception & Banquet
Grand Blanc Lodge #571, Grand Blanc Masonic Temple Travel Opportunity!	Thursday, February 26th	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Lodge	EA Degree Conferral (2 Candidates)
Fellowship Lodge 236, Swartz Creek, MI	Tuesday, March 3rd	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Lodge	Stated Regular Communication
Fellowship Lodge 236, Swartz Creek, MI	Tuesday, March 17th	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Lodge	Stated Regular Communication
Welfare Lodge # 517	Wednesday, March 18th	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Lodge	SUMMONS! School of Instruction Districts 15, 16 & 17 Open on Fellowcraft Degree
Fellowship Lodge 236, Swartz Creek MT WM's, Wardens and PM's of Fellowship 236	Wednesday, March 25th	7:00 PM	District 16 BGP & DDI Elections Lodge WM, Wardens and Past Masters

Lodge Education

Date	Curriculum
March 3rd	3rd Degree Oath <u>Recite Lines 11 to 40 from Memory</u> Discussion on Meaning, 1 st Half Discussion: Masonic Dictionary & Glossary letters L, M, N, O, P, Q & R Discussion: Officers Stations & Duties, Tyler, JD & SD <u>Assignment: Continue Memorizing 3rd Degree Oath</u> Page 81, Line 41 to Page 82 Line 37 <u>Assignment: Masonic Dictionary & Glossary</u> Words beginning with the letters S, T, U, V, W, X, Y & Z Page 141 & 142 + 146 Ritual Book
March 17th	3rd Degree Oath (cont.) <u>Recite Entire Oath from Memory</u> Discussion on Meaning 2 nd Half Discussion: Masonic Dictionary & Glossary letters S, T, U, V, W, X, Y & Z Discussion: Officers Stations & Duties WM, SW & JW <u>Assignment: Continue Memorizing 3rd Degree Oath</u> Page 81, Line 41 to Page 82 Line 37 <u>Assignment: TBD</u>





Living Past Masters	
John Arnould	1986 - Fellowship 490, 2012 Fellowship 490
Andrew Borromey	1999 - Davison 236
Austin Conquest	2023,2024, 2025- Fellowship 236
Norman (Pete) Crane	2000- Fellowship 490
Jeffrey Downing	2019-Fellowship 236
Andy Freeman	2018 - Fellowship 236
Philip Gean	1992, 2013– Fellowship 490, 2020,2021-Fellowship 236
Franklin Lamp	1983-Davison 236
Dave Martin	2002, 2008, 2009 - Davison 236
Don Millikan	2001, 2011—Davison 236
Ralph Murphy	1995, 1999—Fellowship 490
Dave Norris	1996, Fellowship 490
Jerry Preston	1995, Golden Rule 159
Lynn Ross	1984 Fellowship 490, 2017-Fellowship 236
Ronald Simmons	2003—Davison 236
Travis Schlosser	2022-Fellowship 236
Roger Wills	2003 Davison 236
Dustin Woodliff	2011,2015, 2016— Davison 236

Standing Committee Chairman Roster

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Widows & Orphans	Tyler Hart	(810) 493-4968	teachout1992@gmail.com

Faithful Support Sustains the Craft

Brethren, this past month we witnessed a meaningful demonstration of commitment to our Lodge, with 24% of our outstanding dues now brought current. That is no small accomplishment, and it reflects both your dedication and your understanding that our Lodge operates only through the faithful support of its members. Your dues sustain our building, our programs, our charitable efforts, and the many unseen operational needs that allow Fellowship Lodge 236 to remain active and vibrant. While we celebrate this progress, we must also press forward, as the remaining balance is essential to ensuring our continued stability and effectiveness. Let us keep up the great work and finish strong, remembering always that Freemasonry is not a benefit society promising financial return, but a fraternity built on brotherly love and relief—where charity is extended to those who, through no fault of their own and by unforeseen circumstances, find themselves in need, and where no worthy appeal for help is ever made in vain.

I look forward to laboring with you in March.

From the East (Cont'd from page 1)... will explore how our obligations extend beyond the Lodge room into our communities. We will address this important subject at our March Regular Communication, examining how we, as Masons, are called to be engaged, responsible citizens.

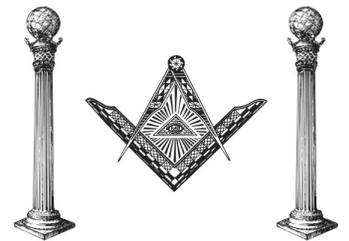
Educationally, we will deepen our labors by reviewing and reciting the Master Mason's Obligation, culminating in a Master Mason Re-Obligation at our April Regular Communication. This will not be a mere formality—it will be a moment of recommitment, reflection, and renewal. I encourage every Master Mason to prepare himself thoughtfully for that occasion.

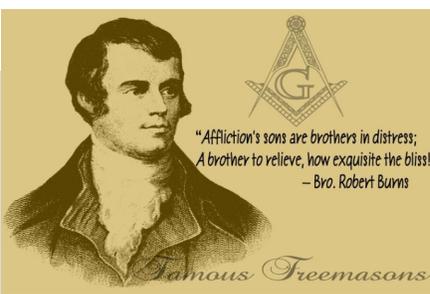
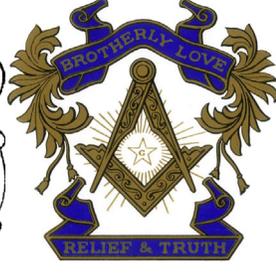
Brethren, the momentum is real. February demonstrated that our Lodge is active, visible, and growing—both inwardly in knowledge and outwardly in influence. Let us carry that energy forward with purpose.

Fraternally
Todd Lamb, Worshipful Master



Brothers please take note in 2026, Fellowship Lodge 236 will not be going dark this year and will operate during the months of July and August!





Sick & Distressed Brothers
Stay tuned our S&DB Committee are ramping up their activity and we will have more to report here soon.

Under Construction

February Charitable Activity

Cause	Organization	Donation	Source	Budgeted
Fraternal Relief	Morning Star Lodge 556	\$5,000.00	Lodge Assets	Yes
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Youth Community Theatre/Performing Arts	The Actor's Playhouse	\$ 500.00	Lodge Assets/Local Community Causes—Davison	Yes
Bikes for Books	Swartz Creek Lodge 458	\$ 600.00	Lodge Assets—Local Community Causes	No
Military/Historic Preservation	Save the Flags/ State of Michigan	\$1,000.00	Lodge Assets/State Level Cause	Yes
Military/Historic Preservation	Save the Flags/ State of Michigan	\$1,000.00	Lodge Charity Account	Yes
Total February		\$9,100.00		



Widows & Orphans
Stay tuned our W & O Committee are ramping up their activity and we will have more to report here soon.

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If it has been sometime since you have attended lodge, We would be honored to see you again! Will you please join us at our next lodge regular?

Charitable Activities

I am pleased to report that the Lodge Charity Committee met on 1/13/2026 for its first meeting. SW Mario Zepeda Presided.

The committee reviewed all of the above requests except Bikes for Books. Each was verified as having budget allocated and funds available prior to committee recommendation at Lodge February Regular. Committee motioned for their approval and all passed by unanimous consent.

Bikes for Books was advanced under new business at February regular by Honorary member WB Dennis Ward. Discussion focused on this being an annual request that Fellowship lodge had historically supported. Motion was advanced to support the program by a Regular Member, supported and subsequently voted on. The Motion carried by unanimous consent to fund. This item will be considered for the calendar year 2027 as an budgeted item.

March Charity focus will be on reviewing the various charities/causes that Freemasonry and Fellowship Lodge have historically supported. Review a list of available causes/charities in our served communities of Flint/Davison and discuss which most align with masonic and lodge values.

What does Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth Look like? (Excerpt from The Six Steps to Initiation's "Address to the Brethren")

...Before I conclude, my brethren, let me endeavor to portray to you the ideal of a Freemason.

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who, without blemish, fulfills his duty as a man a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellowman without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship. Whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger;

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, nay, even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth;

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbor; who endeavors to oppose errors without arrogance, and to promote intelligence without impatience; who properly understands how to estimate and employ his means; who honor's virtue, though it be in the most humble garment, and who does not favor vice though it be clad in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or cottages;



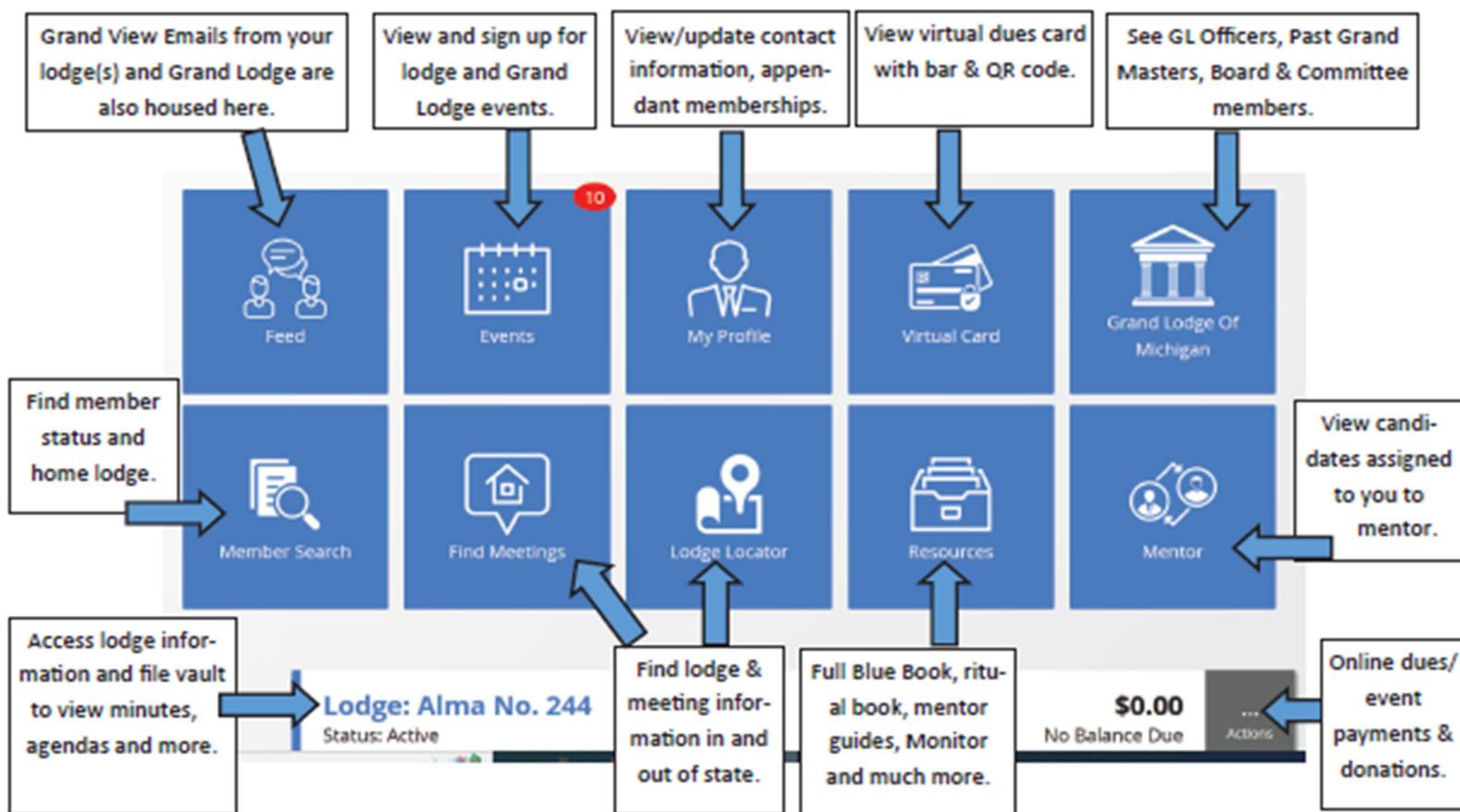
GRAND VIEW



For Grand View questions/account issues, contact Darren Thompson at 989-466-3087 or dthompson@grandlodgemi.org

Create your Grand View member account here: mi.grandview.systems/membership_registration

Bookmark the home screen here: mi.grandview.systems/users/sign_in



Installing the App

The process of installing is a little different than what you're used to. Please follow the instructions below.

The following mobile devices/browsers are supported: iPhone/Safari, Android/Chrome, Android/Firefox

iOS device using Safari Browser

From this page, Click on the share icon  at the bottom of the browser (Note: you may need to hide stored logins and keyboards to display this option). From there you choose the "Add to Home Screen" option. Then choose "add".

Android using Chrome Browser

From this page, look for a pop-up at the bottom of your screen that looks similar to this:



Tap "Add" on the pop-up.

or

Click on the menu in the upper right side of the chrome browser. This looks like three dots stacked vertically . There you will choose the "Add to Home Screen" option. Then choose "add".

Android using Firefox Browser

From this page, look in the address bar right next to the url you will see what appears to be a house with a plus sign in it . Click this button and select the "Add to Home Screen" option. Then choose "add".

NOTE: Your add to homescreen option may be in a menu. Look through the drop down options in Firefox for the option to "Add to Home Screen"

Now close the browser and look for the app on your home screen keeping in mind that it may be on the last page if you have several pages of apps installed. Upon opening you will log in with the username and password you have set up for your member portal.

About the App

The Grand Lodge of Michigan App is built using a technology called Progressive Web Applications (PWAs). This technology is intended for applications that access, update, and utilize information from a private central server.

Traditional or native apps were intended for software that runs directly on the phone or tablet. The traditional method requires all code go through an approval process and meet strict guidelines set by the app stores. This process poses several hurdles that delay a developer's ability to update and enhance an app. Further complicated by the fact that not all users update apps at the same time resulting in a user-base with varying versions of the software.

While PWAs are relatively new, they offer several distinct advantages over traditional apps. PWAs install, function, and feel like a local app but use the native browser as a shell to access code and data in your Grand View server. This allows us to create a unique app for each jurisdiction, update instantly, and ensure everyone is on the same version.

Is it a real App?

Yes! PWAs or Progressive Web Applications are real apps that install through a browser on your device. By installing through a browser the app is regulated by the permissions and restrictions of the browser alleviating the need to go through app stores for distribution. This allows many advantages over traditional apps without the hassle of going through the app store's approval process.