


MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, March 5, 2026

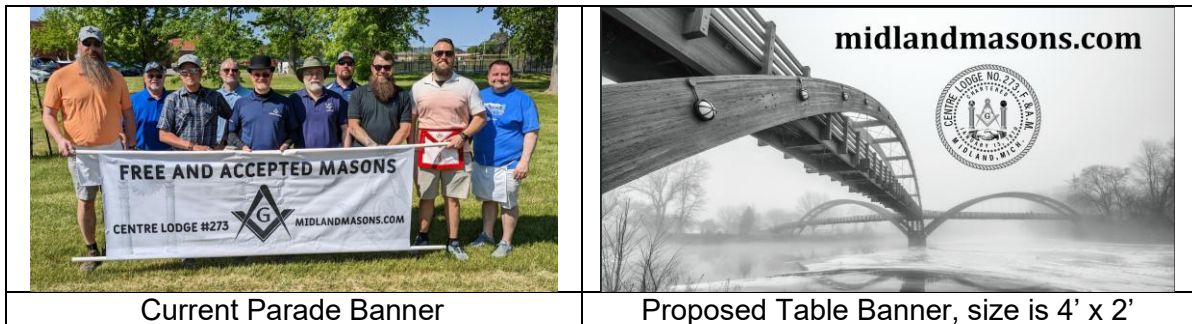
At Regular Communication of Midland Centre Lodge No. #273, Free & Accepted Masons

HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE, PRESENT:

Bro. Peter Anders	W.M.		Bro. James Doan	S.D.
Bro. Greg Dostal P.M.	S.W.		Bro. James Greene	J.D.
Bro. Chuck Birch P.M.	J.W.		Bro. Matthew Roosa	Steward
Bro. Chris Parfeniuk P.M.	Sec'y		Bro.	Steward
Bro. John Kall	Treas.		Bro.	Steward
Bro.	Marshal		Bro.	Steward
Bro. Carl Puehl P.M.	Chaplain		Bro John Mapes	Tiler
		Bro.	Educational Officer	

- Meeting was opened in the EA degree in due form at 7:44 p.m. by WM Peter Anders.
- The death of Brother Jerry Allswede was reported. Jerry Allswede passed away February 28, 2026. Jerry served his country honorably with the United States Navy during the Korean War and went on to have a 32-year career as an engineer with Dow Chemical Company He was raised a Master Mason on 3/19/1964. He enjoyed traveling, woodworking, antique cars, and motorcycle enduro races. Jerry will be remembered for his strength, sense of humor, and love for his family. The altar was draped in black and the lodge had a minute of silence.
- Visitors; Worshipful Brother Steve Kinde, PM (Hubbard - Winsor – 420) and Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Craig E. Lehrke, PM (Verona-Huron - 365) were announced and greeted by WM Peter Anders and the Wardens of Centre Lodge.
- The minutes from the previous month's meeting were approved.
- The investigation committee for Richard Brewster reported back to the lodge in the affirmative. The secret ballot was unanimous to receive his EA degree on March 26th.
- Warrant Orders #879 was presented with WB Dave Skiendziel motioning to adopt them and WB Chuck Birch seconding, followed by a vote in the affirmative.
- Grand Lodge Communications
 - The [Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team](#) will be conferring the Master Mason Degree for one of our Fellowcrafts on Sunday, May 17 at the Soaring Eagle Resort! The degree will start at 3 p.m. No registration is necessary but please arrive early as we will be checking dues cards. This will be a great kickoff to Annual Communication #200 May 18 & 19!
 - June 24 is the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Michigan! The day will begin at the capitol with a tribute on the House floor presented to our Grand Master. The House session opens at 1:30. There is limited public seating in the gallery, it is suggested to be there no later than 1 p.m. but seating is first come, first serve so probably the earlier the better. Following the presentation, we will gather for a photo on the capitol steps before heading over to the Lansing Center for a viewing of our new Michigan Masons documentary followed by a gala dinner. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the dinner.
 - More information to come about a special outdoor Fellowcraft Degree in Mackinaw City August 1, they would like to get a group together to participate in the Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge walk, and there will be a special Festive Board at the Detroit Temple to close out the year on December 27!

- Unfinished business.
 - Jack Berdasco reported that 22 units were collected at the last blood drive. He thanked Dave Skiendziel for bringing cupcakes to the event and for the help of John Mapes, Chuck Birch and Peter Anders.
 - Table banner design was presented that can be used for functions. The size will be 4 feet by 2 feet. The image below shows the exiting parade banner and the proposed table banner.



- New Business
 - WB Carl Puehl presented the 2025 Lodge Audit and motioned that it be passed and spread upon the minutes. Motion was seconded by WB Greg Dostal following by a vote in the affirmative.
 - WB Carl Puehl presented the 2026 Lodge Budget and motioned that it be passed and spread upon the minutes. Motion was seconded by WB Greg Dostal following by a vote in the affirmative.
 - WB Carl Puehl presented a motion for the 2026 Lodge Salaries and motioned that it be passed and spread upon the minutes. Motion was seconded by WB Greg Dostal following by a vote in the affirmative. Salaries for 2026:
 - Tyler \$75.00
 - Organist \$50.00
 - Treasurer \$175.00
 - Secretary \$500.00
 - WB Carl Puehl presented a motion that the Depository of Centre Lodge remain Huntington Bank in Midland. Motion was seconded by WB Greg Dostal following by a vote in the affirmative.
 - WB Chris Parfeniuk motioned that the full amount in the LCA funds be given to the My Michigan Health Foundation for their Diabetes Center. Motion was seconded by WB Chuck Birch following by a vote in the affirmative.
 - WB Jerry Chambers motioned that we purchase gift cards for the graduating students at the Dyslexia learning center. Greg Dostal seconded the motion followed by a vote in the affirmative.
 - John Kall talked about the July 10th child ID event at the Loons game and asked for volunteers to help out. Scottish Rite will also be at the same game with food and drinks in Lasorda's Landing.

- Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Craig E. Lehrke thanked the lodge for our hospitality and commented on the good work we were doing in the community. He talked about the upcoming events as part Grand Lodges 200th anniversary and hoped to see us at the annual communications at Soaring Eagles Casino.
- WB Chuck Birch passed the almoners box around for donations. Current amount collected is more than \$10,380.
- Past Masters were recognized by WM Peter Anders.
- Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Craig E. Lehrke closed the lodge by proclamation at 8:40 pm
- Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

WM Peter Anders



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To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Centre Lodge #273 F & A M:

The following is a report of the Finance Committee on the annual audit of the books of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Balance on hand 1/1/2025		<u>\$53,800.63</u>
Receipts from Dues (thru 12/31/2025)	\$17,161.89	
Receipts from other sources (thru 12/31/2025)	\$2,831.41	
Fees (thru 12/31/2025)	\$1,225.00	
Interest Income (thru 12/31/2025)	\$907.65	
Total Receipts		<u>\$22,125.95</u>
Total Available Cash		<u>\$52,703.20</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$17,512.99</u>	
Balance on Hand as of 12/31/2025		<u>\$58,413.59</u>

This is substantiated by a bank statement from Horizon Bank of Midland on Acct # 50-2095-6 showing a balance on hand of \$31,589.95 plus savings accounts totaling \$2,307.59.

Centre Lodge is the owner of two certificate of deposit #6011004378 issued by the Huntington Bank to the total of \$24,516.05.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that these accounts be continued and should there be any surplus funds available, that they should be invested in like investments as determined by the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Centre Lodge Finance Committee

Ira Thumma

Eric Swanson

Carl Puehl



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To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Centre Lodge #273 F & AM:

The Finance Committee being charged with the preparation and presentation of a suitable budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the coming year submits the following projected budget:

Expected Receipts

Expected receipts from dues (106 @ 175.00)	\$18,550.00	
Back rent from Royal & Select	\$2,340.69	
<u>Total Expected Receipts</u>		<u>\$20,890.69</u>

Expected Expenditures

Rent	\$8,400.00	
Per Capita (106 @ \$46.66)	\$4,945.96	
Salaries	\$ 800.00	
Secretary Supplies	\$1,000.00	
Past Master's Apron	\$ 453.18	
Master's Charity	\$ 500.00	
On Line Cost	\$ 100.00	
Membership Development	\$ 750.00	
Flowers	\$ 500.00	
Installation	\$ 776.00	
Advertising	\$ 500.00	
<u>Total Expected Expenses</u>		<u>\$18,725.14</u>

The Finance Committee recommends that any excess funds be invested in suitable interest bearing accounts with the depositories of the Lodge for future unexpected and unforeseen expenses of the Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Centre Lodge Finance Committee

Ira Thumma

Eric Swanson

Carl Puehl

Motion:

I move that the Salaries for the year 2026 be set as follows:

Tyler	\$75.00
Organist	\$50.00
Treasurer	\$175.00
Secretary	\$500.00

I move that the Depository of Centre Lodge remain Huntington Bank in Midland.