



May 2026

Lodge Dress Code:

All Lodge Degrees
Officers: Tuxedo (Tails preferred)
Members: Dark Suit & Tie
Lodge Regulars
Dark Suit & Tie
Special Communications
As per Worshipful Master
- Dress appropriate to the dignity of the occasion

Monthly Stated
Communications

First Tuesday, 7:00PM

7449 Miller Rd., Swartz
Creek, MI 48473

Lodge Phone/Text/Voice
Mail: (810) 228-5256

**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 East



**Membership Growth & Lodge Re-
vitalization**
Reigniting the Spark at Fellowship Lodge 236

Brethren,

At the beginning of this year, we launched a 3–5 year Strategic Lodge Revitalization Plan—a deliberate effort to strengthen Fellowship Lodge 236 and secure its future in the communities we serve. This is not a short-term initiative, but a long-term commitment to rebuilding an engaged and thriving Lodge.

As part of that effort, our focus this month is membership growth. But growth must be understood correctly.

We currently have 127 members on our rolls, yet only about 10–15% regularly attend. That reality presents both a challenge—and an opportunity. Because the future of our Lodge will not be determined solely by the men we bring in... it will be determined by the Brothers who choose to come back.

Growth Through Engagement

Our plan sets a clear objective: to increase active participation by 30–50 Brothers over the next 3–5 years.

This begins with something simple—invitation.

Every communication, every event, and every meeting is an opportunity to reconnect. If you have not attended Lodge in some time, consider this your personal invitation:

Please come back. Sit with us. Be part of what we are building.

Welcoming New Brothers—The Right Way

We are seeing encouraging signs of growth, with new Brothers joining through transfer and plural membership, and additional interest developing.

We remain committed to doing this the right way.

Using the Six Steps to Initiation, we ensure that every candidate is properly introduced, prepared, and connected. Freemasonry is not an event—it is a lifelong journey, and how a man begins that journey matters.

Our goal is simple: **3–5 quality new members per year**—men who will remain active and engaged. (Cont'd on Page 2)

From the West



Our Senior Warden reminds us of a simple, important expectation: that each brother “demean himself as a becomes man and a Mason.” Those words speak to more than ceremony — they call us to carry the lodge’s values into everyday life. Even when we are apart, let us remain upright and steadfast, mindful of our conduct and courteous in our dealings. Small acts of respect and integrity reflect the best of our fellowship and honor the trust we share.

From the South



May Meal

Aperitif
Chips & Salsa

Main Course
Taco & Burrito Bar
Refried Beans

Dessert
Cookies

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



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From the East (cont'd)

Membership is Everyone's Responsibility

Revitalization is not the work of a few—it is the work of all.

Each of us can contribute:

- Welcome and mentor new Brothers
- Reach out to those we have not seen
- Attend meetings and events
- Support the work of the Lodge

Small efforts, taken together, rebuild Brotherhood.

Reigniting the Fraternal Spark

This effort is about more than numbers. It is about restoring fellowship, education, shared purpose, and connection.

We joined Masonry to be part of something greater. This is our opportunity to ensure that same experience exists for those who follow.

A Personal Appeal

To those Brothers who have been away—you are not forgotten.

Your seat is still here.

Your presence matters.

And your return would strengthen this Lodge.

Our Path Forward

- 3–5 quality new members annually
- 30–50 Brothers re-engaged over 3–5 years
- A Lodge that is active and thriving

Brethren, the plan is in place.

Now we bring it to life—together.

Fraternally,

Todd Lamb
Worshipful Master
Fellowship Lodge 236

Fraternity Report Report - March 31st - Bourbon and Brotherhood - A Night of Fun and Fraternity!



Churchill's was the scene of a full evening of Fun Food and Fraternity where 28 Brothers and prospective petitioners gathered to eat, taste and learn about America's Whisky - Bourbon!



Brothers Lynn Ross, Austin Conquest, Nic Custer, Steve Dolan with a couple of prospective petitioners.



Churchill's owner/whisky expert John Saites, Son of Fellowship Lodge 236 Member Konstantinos Saites, educates us on ALL things Bourbon. He really knew his stuff.



Brothers Mario Zepeda and Jeremy Burhans with a prospective Petitioner



Brothers save the Date! Fellowship Lodge's 2026 Flag Day Celebration will be held on **Sunday, June 14th, 2026 from Noon to 6PM at the Swartz Creek Masonic Temple.** This is a promotional event to raise our visibility within our served communities. We are planning the following:

- 1) 4 or 5 musical acts featuring a variety of musical genre's
- 2) Adopt a Flag ceremony/donation & Save the Flags Preservation Video
- 3) Temple Open House—History of Michigan Freemasonry Showcasing "Light of the Lakes Michigan Masonry Documentary.
- 4) Food trucks and more.
- 5) Digital marketing campaign

Attention Lodge Officers!
Please **See above** each of you now have a Lodge email address assigned to your position in the line. The format is:

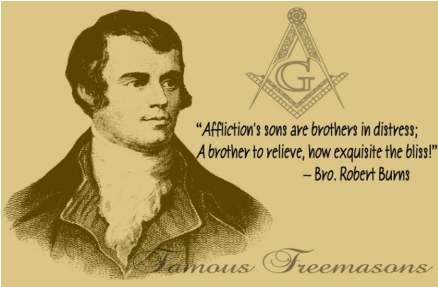
Office@fellowshiplodg236.com

secretary@fellowshiplodg236.com

Email sent to your lodge address

Upcoming Charitable Activity

Cause	Organization	Donation	Source	Budgeted	Present Date
Youth Community Theatre/ Performing Arts	The Actor's Playhouse	\$ 604.50	Lodge Assets/Local Community Causes— Davison	Yes	May 5th
Bikes for Books	Swartz Creek Lodge 458	\$ 650.00	Lodge Assets—Local Community Causes	No	
Military/Historic Preservation	Save the Flags/ State of Michigan	\$1,000.00	Lodge Assets/State Level Cause	Yes	June 14th
Military/Historic Preservation	Save the Flags/ State of Michigan	\$1,000.00	Lodge Charity Account	Yes	June 14th
Memorial Preservation	George Washington Masonic National	\$1,000.00	Lodge Assets/ National Causes	Yes	TBD



"Affliction's sons are brothers in distress;
A brother to relieve, how exquisite the bliss!"
— Bro. Robert Burns

Famous Freemasons

Sick & Visitation Program

Chair— Chaplain Austin Conquest, P.M.

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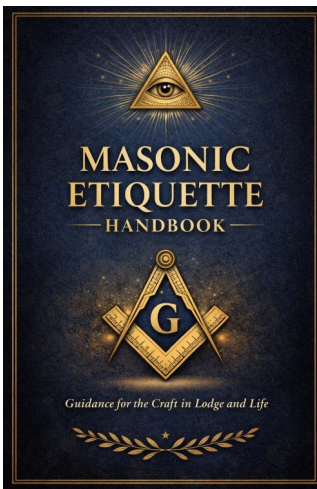
I am saddened to report that Donna Moore, Wife of Brother Floyd Moore, informed me of his passing on February 22nd following a long battle with lung cancer. Brother Moore was Regularly Initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 25, 1979, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on June 13th, 1979, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on September 26th, 1979. He became a lifetime member on January 4th, 2022, and laid down the working tools of life as a 46 ½ year member of our fraternity. Flowers were sent along with a card expressing the lodges condolences. The Alter was draped and a moment of silence held at our April 7th Stated Regular Communication. Rest in Peace Brother.

Further Chaplain Conquest and WB David Norris have been hard at work Re-establishing our Sick and Visitation Program. Having sent a Letter to each Lodge Member along with a Survey card they have been collecting them since and will render a full report on the Program's Status at the May Stated Regular Communica-

Charitable Activities

I am pleased to report that all Applications for Charitable Disbursements from our Lodge Charity Account have been entered and checks are now being written for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial \$1000.00, State of Michigan—Save the Flags Battle Flag conservation—\$1000.00 and Davison Schools Youth community Theatre Program called The Actors PlayHouse. We spent all of the charitable funds allocated to us by the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation for the period from April 1st, 2025 to March 31st 2026. On April 1st our Lodge Charity Account will be reloaded with \$3,4000.00 this year further enhancing our charitable impact for this next Calander year.

Those National, State and local organizations that our lodge has historically supported include—the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Save the Flags, Flint Public Library, Old Newsboys, Bikes for Books, Carraige town Ministries, My Brothers Keeper, Eastern Michigan Woodworkers Club. Over the next year we will evaluate several charities/causes that further align with those causes that Freemasonry has historically supported in the areas of Health and Medical Causes, Education & Scholarships, Schol construction, Disaster Relief and Community Services to further broaden our impact and footprint.



Section 1: Preparation for Lodge

Brethren, as we draw near to the sacred precincts of the lodge, let us pause to reflect upon the gravity of our undertaking.

Preparation for lodge is no mere formality; it is an act of reverence that honors the traditions handed down to us through centuries of faithful labor.

In the words of our ancient Charges, we are reminded to behave ourselves as Masons ought, both in and out of the lodge.

The manner in which we ready ourselves speaks directly to our commitment to the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

It is the foundation upon which the harmony of the evening is built, ensuring that every Brother may enter the temple with a mind clear of distraction and a heart attuned to the work before us.

Dress Code

The attire we choose reflects the dignity of our Institution and the equality we all share within its walls. In most regular lodges under established jurisdictions, the accepted standard calls for a dark suit of conservative cut, a white dress shirt, and a subdued tie.

Black shoes, well-polished and in good condition, complete this ensemble. Such clothing promotes uniformity, so that no Brother's appearance draws attention away from the solemn proceedings.

When the lodge requires Masonic regalia, the apron should be worn properly tied, the collar adjusted with care, and any jewels borne with quiet pride rather than ostentation.

Avoid garments that are casual, brightly colored, or overly patterned, for these detract from the solemnity we seek to maintain.

In some lodges, particularly those in warmer climates or with modern by-laws, business casual attire may be permitted on stated meetings, but always confirm with your Secretary or officers beforehand.

The key remains modesty and respect: we dress not to impress men, but to honor the Craft and one another as equals before the Great Architect.

Consider the historical precedent. From the earliest days of Speculative Masonry, as recorded in Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 and the Charges that precede them, Brethren were enjoined to appear in decent and becoming apparel.

This tradition endures because it reminds us that outward form supports inward virtue. A neatly pressed suit and polished shoes signify self-discipline and consideration for your fellow laborers.

If circumstances make formal attire difficult, communicate with your lodge in advance; charity extends to understanding genuine hardship, but never to indifference.



Widows and Orphans

Chaplain Austin Conquest, P.M.

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Nothing to report yet. Chaplain Conquest and WB David Norris will have been hard at work re-establishing our Widows & Orphans Program and will render a full report to the lodge at our June or July Regular Communication

May Birthdays

Brothers born beneath
spring's gentle light,
May's blossoms crown
your days with grace;
May wisdom guide each
step and rite,
Brotherhood warm as this
sacred place.
Health and joy in every
hour—be strong,
Blessed be your year, in
fellowship and song.

- Nicholas Custer - 5/1
- Bum Han - 5/5
- David Martin - 5/12
- Jason Darby - 5/19
- Jason Barton - 5/20
- Matthew Berry - 5/22
- Thomas Sherwood - 5/24
- John Porritt - 5/25
- Daniel Hall - 5/27
- Franklin Lamp - 5/29
- Norman(Pete) Crane - 5/29
- Terry Bird - 5/30

Membership Statistics

127 Members
124 Master Masons
3 Entered Apprentices
45 Honorary Members

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

Flag Day Celebration -
(Cont'd from Page2) The
day will be a busy one and
will need the participation
everyone to succeed.

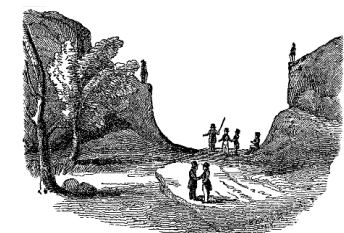
Please bring your families
and to this and enjoy this
fraternal event of Fun, Food,
Family, Fraternity and Phi-
lanthropy.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Who	Date	Time	What
Swartz Creek Lodge # 458 Swartz Creek Masonic temple	Wednesday, April 22	5:30 PM-Dinner 6:30 PM-Lodge	EA Degree conferral (2 Brothers)
Swartz Creek Masonic Temple Hosted by Dennis War & Linden Lodge	Thursday, April 23rd	7:00 PM-Lodge	Full Production Practice of 2nd Half of MM Degree. All MM's Welcome
Swartz Creek Lodge #458 Swartz Creek Masonic temple	Saturday, April 25th	6:00 PM-Dinner	Charity Euchre Tournament All Are Welcome! \$10 Entry 1st Place = 20% 2nd Place = 10% 3rd place = Entry Fee refund
Vassar Lodge #163	Tuesday, April 28th	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Lodge	Stated regular Communication Open on the EA Degree
Fellowship Lodge 236 Swartz Creek Masonic Temple	Tuesday, May 5th	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Lodge	Stated regular Communication Open on the EA Degree
King Solomon's Club, Swartz Creek Lodge #458 Swartz Creek Masonic Temple	Wednesday, May 13th	5:30 PM Cocktail hour Labor to Refreshment	Hill Billy Master Mason Degree
King Solomon's Club, Linden Masonic Temple	Friday, May 15th	6:00 PM-Dinner 7:00 PM-Meeting	KSC Business Meeting All lodge Brothers are welcome to come
Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort	Sunday, May 17th	3:00 PM-Lodge	Master Mason Degree Conferel—All Master Masons Welcomed to Attend his free Event
Grand Lodge and All Michigan Lodge Voting Representatives Soaring Eagle Casino Resort	Monday, May 18th Tuesday, May 19th	7:30 AM Monday to 3PM Tuesday	2026 Annual Communication WM, SW & JW, and any other interested Lodge Members can attend.
Genesee Lodge #174	Wednesday, May 27th	5:30 PM -Lodge Labor to Refresh-	Master Mason Degree

Standing Committee Chairman Roster

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Save the Flags	David Norris	(810) 730-2902	norrispi@gmail.com
Widows & Orphans	Austin Conquest	(810) 493-4968	Chaplain@Fellowshiplodge236.com



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

Outstanding Dues Sees Continued Improvement

Brethren,

I'm pleased to share that we continue to see improvement in dues payments. Thank you to those who have responded to the call to action, bringing 29% of outstanding dues current. This accomplishment reflects your dedication to our Lodge.

We have 28 regular dues paying members remaining who have not yet paid their dues, down from 36 at the beginning of March. While we celebrate this progress, we must press forward to ensure our continued stability.

Remember 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 in need and where no worthy appeal for help is ever made in vain.



Brothers we are fortunate to be Freemasons in our Grand Jurisdictions Bi-centennial Year and we are all joyfully invited to join the Grand Lodge on **Wednesday, June 24th, 2026, for the official 200th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge the Michigan!**

I would like to get some brothers together to travel to Lansing as a lodge and join them for special **Bicentennial Celebration**. The day will

You are joyfully invited to celebrate with the Grand Lodge of Michigan on Wednesday, the 24th of June, 2026, at the

MICHIGAN MASONS BICENTENNIAL

Gala

State Capitol Proclamation Presentation
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Commemorative Group Photograph
After Presentation on the Capitol Steps

A Light on the Lakes: 200th Anniversary Documentary Screening at Lansing Center
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Reception & Dinner at Lansing Center
4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Formal attire encouraged
\$50 per person
RSVP by June 16th, 2026

Lansing Center
333 E Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48933

begin with a special presentation at the Capitol during the House Session. The session opens at 1:30 p.m. There is limited first-come, first-served seating in the House gallery. Following the presentation, all Masons are encouraged to take part in a special photo op on the Capitol steps! We will then head over to the Lansing Center for a special viewing of the 200th Anniversary Documentary, followed by a Gala/Dinner. Cost is \$50.00 to register. Must

Brothers—The lodge is in need of a:

Digital Communications Manager

Duties are:

- Solicit upcoming events and activities from the officers and members
- Administer our Sectorlink Host/Email Hosting Service
- Learn about, manage the creation and maintenance/update of our commercial web page
- Administer our Sectorlink Email Accounts by adding/Modifying or deleting email accounts for lodge members.
- Post video and events on web page
- Implement the Private side on commercial pages and post materials there or in the File Vault on Grand View
- Handle social media posts for both closed and public Facebook pages
- Post on others' pages
- Teach the brothers about Instagram, X, Snapchat, etc. and use them

