



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!"**

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



From the East

**Reflecting on Our Progress —
Preparing for the Work Ahead**



Brethren,

As we approach the midpoint of 2026, it is fitting that we pause for a moment to reflect upon what Fellowship Lodge No. 236 has accomplished together during the first half of this year. Since January, our Lodge has continued moving forward with purpose, determination, and renewed energy as part of our ongoing Lodge revitalization efforts.

Over the past several months, we have strengthened our presence within the communities we serve, continued building fellowship among the Brethren, and worked diligently to rekindle the fraternal spirit that makes Masonry such a meaningful part of our lives. We have seen encouraging participation in our Lodge activities, improvements in ritual proficiency, increased public engagement, and continued momentum behind our vision for the future of Fellowship Lodge.

Yet our work is far from complete.

During the next six months, our focus will continue to center on improving our ritual excellence and operational proficiency within the Lodge. Particular emphasis will be placed upon strengthening our collective knowledge and confidence in opening and closing Lodge on all three degrees, as well as preparing our officers and ritual teams to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree without outside assistance. This is an important step in strengthening the long-term health and independence of our Lodge, and it will require the participation and commitment of many Brothers working together.

In addition to our ritual work, Fellowship Lodge will continue expanding its visibility and involvement throughout the communities of Davison, Flint, and the surrounding area. Community engagement remains one of the most important tools we possess for improving membership and demonstrating the values of Freemasonry through action rather than words alone. The coming months present several excellent opportunities for Brothers to become involved:

- **Davison Festival of Flags Parade** — Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026 Line-up begins at 5:00 PM
- **Sloan Auto Fair at Crossroads Village** — Saturday & Sunday, June 27–28, 2026
- **Bike Back to the Bricks** — August 2026
- **Bikes on the Bricks** — September 2026

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From the West



As Senior Warden and Charity Committee Chair, I am proud to report how our Masonic obligation to aid distressed Brothers, their widows, and orphans was exemplified this month when one of our Brothers lost his home to fire. The response was immediate: our Senior Deacon notified the Worshipful Master, He then alerted the Chaplain who confirmed the situation, and our Charity Committee mobilized without delay. The network of our officers and members worked—our Treasurer and Worshipful master both contacted Grand Lodge Member Outreach for additional assistance, and local brethren provided immediate support to meet urgent needs. This is Masonry in action: compassionate, organized, and steadfast in relieving a Brother in distress. Well, done brothers!

From the South



June Meal

Aperitif
Tossed Salad

Main Course
Sloppy Joes
Potato Chips

Dessert
Cookies



From the East (cont'd)

These events allow us to strengthen community relationships, increase public awareness of Freemasonry, and continue building Fellowship Lodge's growing reputation as a visible and engaged Masonic presence within our region.

I would respectfully encourage every Brother who is able to consider volunteering his time to help staff these events. Whether for a few hours or an entire day, your participation truly makes a difference. Many hands make light work, and every Brother who steps forward helps ensure the success of our Lodge and its mission.

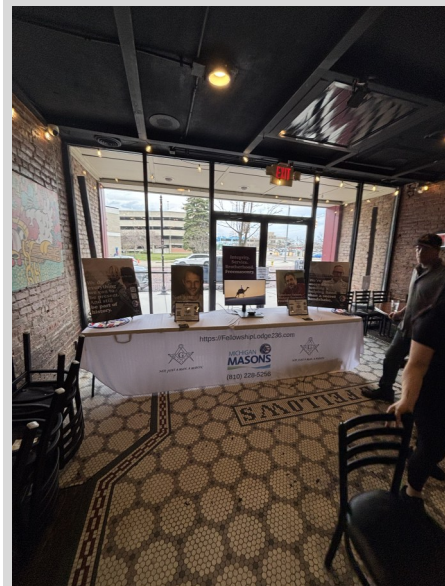
The future of Fellowship Lodge No. 236 will not be built by a single officer or a small group of dedicated members alone. It will be built by Brothers working side-by-side in true fellowship, united by a common purpose and a shared commitment to preserving and strengthening our Fraternity for future generations.

Thank you, Brethren, for all you have done thus far this year. I look forward to what we will continue accomplishing together during the months ahead.

Fraternally,

Todd Lamb
Worshipful Master

The below pictures show the recently purchase Canopy tent and table to support Promotion of Freemasonry in support of membership growth.



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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) 2 to 3 musical /variety 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 Masonic Journey Documentary.
- 4) Food trucks, Bounce houses and more. .
- 5) Digital marketing campaign– Underway. Be on the look out for Digital Billboard advertisement, Facebook event Invitations and radio advertisements.

When: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026. 5 PM Line-up. 6 PM parade
Where: Please use Alger Drive off of Lapeer rd (M-15) to enter Parade Lineup area. **Continued on Page 4—Bottom Left**

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:

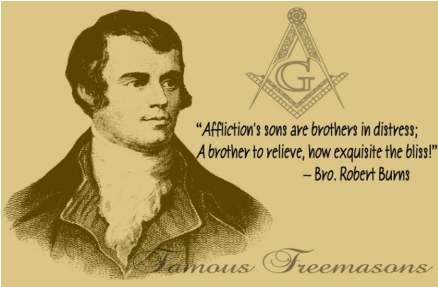
Office@fellowshiplodg236.com

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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 Memorial	\$1,000.00	Lodge Assets/ National Causes	Yes	TBD



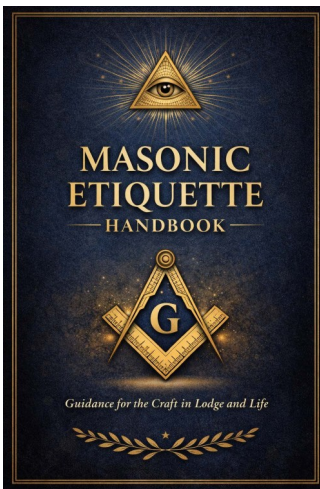
Sick & Visitation Program
 Chair— Chaplain Austin Conquest, P.M.
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The following is an excerpt from the "Information you should know" hand out which is given to a prospective petitioner as part of the "Six Steps to Initiation. *"Freemasonry is not a benefit society—a fact which cannot be too strongly emphasized. We do not draw sick pay or other benefits, or make provision for those we leave behind; there are other excellent societies founded for this purpose. No man should enter the ranks of Freemasonry unless he feels reasonably assured, humanly speaking, that he will never require help from its funds. Masonic charity is intended for those who, through no fault of their own and from unforeseen circumstances, have met with misfortune. For such, help is always forthcoming, and no worthy deserving appeal is ever made in vain."* Brothers if this occurs in your life please contact the Worshipful Master or our Chaplain Austin Conquest.

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(cont'd): Personal Grooming

Our personal presentation must likewise reflect self-respect and regard for the Brethren with whom we assemble.

Approach the lodge clean in body and neat in appearance.

A fresh shave or a well-trimmed beard, combed and orderly hair, and clean, trimmed fingernails are marks of a man who values himself and his obligations.

Hygiene is paramount in the close confines of the lodge room; use cologne or aftershave sparingly, if at all, to avoid overpowering scents that might distract during solemn moments.

Jewelry should be modest: a simple Masonic ring or lapel pin is appropriate, but avoid excessive or flashy adornments that might suggest vanity over virtue.

These standards are not arbitrary. They echo the teachings embedded in our ritual, where we learn to square our actions and keep our passions within due bounds.

By grooming ourselves thoughtfully, we demonstrate temperance and fortitude, preparing both body and mind to receive further light.

A Brother who presents himself unkempt risks diminishing the dignity of the occasion for all present.

Let each of us strive to embody the plumb line of uprightness in even the smallest details.



Widows and Orphans
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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 e or July Regular Communication

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

Legislative report and results from 2026 Grand Lodge of Michigan F&AM Annual Communication

1-2025 - Proposed Amendment Number -Changing the due date of proposed amendments to be filed with the Grand Secretary—Result: Passed
1-2026 Proposed Amendment No. 1 (regarding changes in who gets mileage to attend the annual session): Tabled to 2027 Annual Communication: Result—
2-2026—Proposed Amendment—Result: Withdrawn as its passage was dependent on Amendment 1- 2026 being passed.
3-2026—Withdrawn
4-2026—Proposed Amendment –Failed
5-2026—Proposed Amendments to remove the restriction on Master masons from attending any Shrine Trial. Result: passed with a 82% in favor 18% opposed split.
6-2026—Proposed Amendment—Withdrawn—found out of order by Jurisprudence committee.
7-2026—Proposed Amanedment giving Lodges the flexibility to require a newly initiated or passed brother to have to memorize the obligation I order to be deemed proficient. Result: Failed



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**

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

Celebra-

tion. The day will 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 RSVP by June 16th.

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

