


MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, May 7, 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. Jeff McNeal	S.W.		Bro. James Greene	J.D.
Bro. Todd McQuiston P.M.	J.W.		Bro. Matthew Roosa	Steward
Bro. Chris Parfeniuk P.M.	Sec'y		Bro. Harry Wells	Steward
Bro. John Kall	Treas.		Bro.	Steward
Bro. Ed Morris P.M.	Marshal		Bro.	Steward
Bro. Carl Puehl P.M.	Chaplain		Bro Tom Sova P.M.	Tiler
		Bro.	Educational Officer	

- Meeting was opened in the EA degree in due form at 7:42 p.m. by WM Peter Anders.
- The death of Brother Herbert B. Engwis was reported. He was born on October 10, 1926 and died on February 25, 2026. He served in the United States Army during World War II. Herb shared 59 beautiful years of marriage with the love of his life, Dolores, who preceded him in death in 2007. He was an electrician, business owner, and proud member of the Centre Lodge. He was never idle, there was always something to fix, something to plant, something to improve. The altar was draped in black and the lodge had a minute of silence.
- Visitors; Worshipful Brother Charles Garrow, PM/DDI District #8 (Cadillac Clam Lake #331) and Bo Widman (Vintergatan Lodge, Solleftea Sweden) were announced and greeted by WM Peter Anders and the Wardens of Centre Lodge.
- The minutes from the previous month's meeting were approved.
- Committee on Delinquent Dues
 - 22 remaining brothers owe 2026 dues.
- Warrant Orders #884 to #885 were presented with WB Dave Skiendziel motioning to adopt them and WB Chuck Birch seconding, followed by a vote in the affirmative.
- Grand Lodge Communications from the previous regular meeting were covered yet again:
 - 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.
 - Registration is now open for Fellowcraft at the Fort! We will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on multiple candidates Saturday, August 1, inside the walls of Fort Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City! The event will begin after the fort closes for the day at 7 p.m. There will be seating available but you are also free to bring your own chair if you would like. There will also be elevated standing room options on the inside of the fort walls!

If you wish to tour the fort during regular hours, a ticket from the visitor center will be required. Attendance is limited to 300, don't delay! [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up

- Grand Lodge 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.
 - The child ID event will be held on July 10th at the Loons game. Centre Lodge will also be running the pavilion at the Loons game on August 2nd and 11th. John Kall again asked other people to help with these events.
- New Business
 - Motion was moved to give \$100 for a hole sponsor at the Midland Area Shiners golf tournament. This became Warrant Order #886.
 - The 2026 Annual Communication Legislation was presentation with plenty of discussion.
 - The last blood drive had 17 people with 14 units collected. Next blood drive will be Friday June 26th between 12 noon and 5 pm at Venue 63.
 - June 18th will be an EA degree for Danilo.
 - Dave Skiendziel was concerned for the number of FC that we have and asked the top line signers for each brother to contact to see if they required any help with their proficiencies.
 - A request was sent to the temple committee to get key sets for the remainder of lodge officers.
- WB Charles Garrow gave a very good speech about speculative masonry. He also talked about how he would help lodges and Michigan Masons if he was elected to the Grand Lodge line.
- Brother Bo Widman from Vintergatan Lodge in Solleftea Sweden gave greetings from brothers in Sweden.
- WB Ed Morris passed the almoners box around for donations. Current amount collected is \$11,045.
- Past Masters were recognized by WM Peter Anders.
- Lodge was closed in due form by WM Peter Anders at 9:20 pm
- Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

WM Peter Anders