



July 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 South



July Meal

Aperitif

Famous Dave's Naked Wings
Salad

Main Course

Famous Dave's Brisket, Pork & Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn, Corn Bread,

Dessert

Chocolate Chip Brownies & Pie

From the East



Flag Day Celebration Demonstrates What Lodge Revitalization Looks Like

A Reflection on Success and a Look Toward the Future



Brethren,

As we begin planning for the second half of 2026, it is appropriate to reflect upon one of the most ambitious undertakings our Lodge has attempted in many years—our America 250 Flag Day Celebration and Masonic Open House held on June 14th at the Swartz Creek Masonic Temple.

When we began our Strategic Lodge Revitalization Plan in January, we established a simple but important goal: increase Fellowship Lodge's visibility within our communities, strengthen our ties to the values of Freemasonry, and re-ignite the fraternal spark among our membership. The Flag Day Celebration was designed to support all three objectives.

The event featured live musical entertainment, family activities, bounce houses, food vendors, patriotic ceremonies, educational exhibits, a Masonic Open House, and several charitable presentations that showcased the positive impact Freemasonry continues to have throughout our communities. Visitors learned about Michigan Freemasonry's rich 200-year history through exhibits and presentations, while families enjoyed a day of fellowship and entertainment.



Mother Nature, however, had plans of her own.

Heavy rain throughout much of the day significantly reduced attendance and undoubtedly prevented many community members from joining us. Fortunately, our planning team anticipated that possibility and made preparations accordingly. Because of those efforts, every major activity proceeded as planned despite the weather.

As Masons, we understand that success is not measured solely by circumstances beyond our control. Rather, we judge our labors by our intentions, our efforts, and our results. By that measure, I believe the event was a success.

One of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to demonstrate Freemasonry's commitment to charity and community service through several public presentations. Fellowship Lodge No. 236 proudly presented:

- \$2,000 to Michigan's Save the Flags Program for preservation of the 4th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Battle Flag.



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From the West



Putting Brotherly Love into Action

Brethren,

One of the first lessons we receive as Freemasons is the importance of Brotherly Love. While we often think of it as friendship and mutual respect, Brotherly Love is also demonstrated through action.

Our recent Flag Day Celebration gave us much to be proud of. A dedicated group of Brothers devoted many hours planning, organizing, promoting, and executing the event. Their efforts allowed Fellowship Lodge to showcase Freemasonry, support worthy charitable causes, and strengthen our presence within the communities we serve.

The event also reminded us that no Brother should carry the burden alone. In our ritual, we are taught that we travel the same road together. The success of our Lodge depends not upon the efforts of a few, but upon the participation of many.

Whether through event support, ritual work, mentoring, committee service, or simply attending Lodge, every Brother has something valuable to contribute.

When we step forward to help a Brother or support the work of the Lodge, we are practicing Brotherly Love in one of its highest forms.

As Fellowship Lodge continues its revitalization journey, let us remember that our greatest strength has always been found in our unity.

Many hands make light work.

Fraternally,

Mario Zepeda—Senior Warden



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From the East (cont'd)

\$1,000 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial's "Seal the Envelope" Campaign.

\$1,000 to support our proposed partnership with McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park and its ongoing flag preservation efforts.

\$5,500 for a new flagpole and American flag at the Otisville Baseball and Softball Complex.

Special thanks are due to our Senior Warden, Brother Mario Zepeda, who coordinated the event's billboard and radio advertising campaign. His efforts helped ensure that our message reached thousands of people throughout the region and significantly expanded public awareness of both the event and Freemasonry.

I would also like to recognize Worshipful Brother David Norris and Brother Dan Hall for their efforts in organizing and coordinating the musical performers and entertainment schedule. Their work helped create a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere for all who attended while showcasing local talent from throughout our community.

Our newest plural members, Brothers Steve Dolan and Rick Windle, immediately stepped forward to assist with setup, logistics, and event operations. Their willingness to become actively involved from day one exemplifies the type of engagement that strengthens our Lodge and demonstrates the spirit of fellowship we hope to foster among all our members.

Special thanks are also due to Secretary Brian Mason and Treasurer Don Schoellig, whose behind-the-scenes efforts ensured vendors, entertainers, charitable partners, and financial obligations were properly coordinated and handled in a timely and professional manner.



Most importantly, I wish to thank every Brother, family member, volunteer, performer, vendor, and community partner who contributed to making the event possible.

The Flag Day Celebration also provided an important lesson as we continue our Strategic Lodge Revitalization Plan.

It demonstrated what can be accomplished when Brothers work together toward a common purpose.

At the same time, it highlighted one of our continuing challenges.

Much of the planning, coordination, and execution still falls upon the shoulders of Lodge leadership and a relatively small group of dedicated volunteers. While those Brothers performed admirably, true revitalization will require broader participation from our membership.

Today, Fellowship Lodge No. 236 has 126 members on its rolls. Yet only a small percentage regularly attend our meetings and activities. If we are to achieve our goal of increasing active participation by 30 to 50 Brothers over the next three to five years, more of us must become involved.

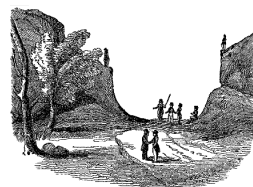
The future of Fellowship Lodge will not be built by the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, or a handful of officers alone. It will be built by Brothers working side-by-side in true fellowship, each contributing according to his abilities and circumstances.

The old saying remains true:

"Many hands make light work."

Faternally,

Todd Lamb
Worshipful Master
Fellowship Lodge No. 236 F. & A.M.



Davison Community Re-engagement has begun



June 4th 2026 - Davison, MI— Fellowship Lodge # 236 participated in Davison's America 250 Festival of Flags parade. Pictured from left to right are: Lodge Secretary Brian Mason (Carrying 10th American Infantry Flag), Junior Warden Matt Berry (Left side of banner, Treasurer Don Schoellig Center (Behind Flag), WM Todd Lamb (Right side of banner) and Brother Duane Whitman (Carrying the American Flag). Not picture is WB David Norris who followed in a truck with Fellowship Lodge 236 Signs on it. This marks Fellowship Lodges first community re-engagement activity for one of our two served communities of Flint and Davison, MI. Photo courtesy of WB Norris who was taking pictures while Driving... and he's a former cop! WHODA THINK IT?



Figure 4 - Worshipful Master Todd Lamb and Fellowship Lodge member Brother Duane Whotman presents a \$4000.00 with a future commitment for another \$1,000 donation to representatives of the Davison Area Historical Society in support of the preservation and restoration of the historic Dr. F. E. Woolley Veterinary Building in Davison, Michigan.

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@fellowshiplodged236.com

secretary@fellowshiplodged236.com

Email sent to your lodge address



WM Todd Lamb and SW Mario Zepeda present a donation of \$5,500.00 to Judy Daughton of the Otisville Youth Baseball & Softball Program to fund a new 40' Flag Pole, Flag and Installation at the Otisville Baseball & Softball Complex. This donation will ensure that the children playing at the complex are provided the opportunity to take their hats off in reverence as the National Anthem is played at each game.

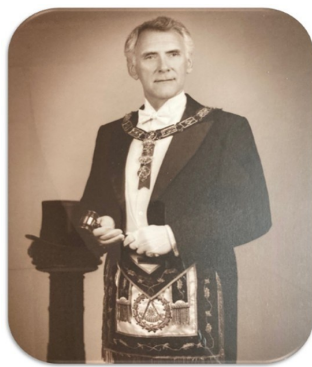
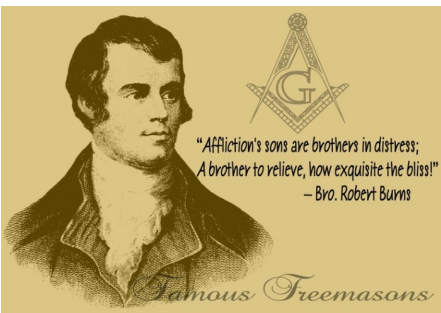


The Grand Lodge of Michigan regrets to inform you of the passing of MWB Larry L. Judson. He was born November 17, 1949 in Durand, Michigan and passed away today, June 11, 2026.

MWB Judson joined the fraternity with Byron Lodge #80, raised on June 17, 2000. He held plural memberships with Morning Star #556, Perry #350, and Owosso #81 as well as 25 honorary memberships around the state. He was Mason of the Year with both Byron #80 and Perry #350 and also a District Mason of the Year in 2011. He served five terms as Byron #80 Worshipful Master and was elected to the Grand Line in 2018, serving as Grand Master of Masons in Michigan in 2023-24.

He was active with Elf Khurafeh Shrine, as well as the Scottish Rite Valley of Michigan NE Region. He received the 33° on August 26, 2025. MWB Judson was also a member of Durand Chapter 139, RAM, Durand Council 38, Durand Commandery 21 and Flint York Rite College. On Saturday, July 11,

visitation will be held starting at 10 a.m. at Owosso Lodge #81, 301 N. Washington St. A Masonic Memorial will begin at Noon followed by a celebration of life and luncheon. Please keep Mary Anne and all of the family in your thoughts & prayers.



The Grand Lodge of Michigan regrets to inform you of the passing of MWB Kenneth Bolton. He was born December 17, 1931 in Great Ayton, England. He was raised a Master Mason in 1971 with New Era Lodge #5991 in Gravesend, Kent under the United Grand Lodge of England. He affiliated with Stony Creek Lodge #5 in 1975 and was granted lifetime membership in 2012. He served Stony Creek #5 as Worshipful Master several times and was the Grand Master of Masons in Michigan in 1988-89. MWB Bolton passed away on May 22, 2026 and was preceded in death by his wife Ann on February 26, 2026.

A private family service will be held at Mynatt Funeral Home in Knoxville, TN

Relief in Action

Charitable Activities

Fellowship Lodge's aka "Brotherhood of Flags" Annual Flag Day Celebration provided the perfect backdrop Exercising our second masonic tenet...**Relief**" The lodge has established charitable giving at three levels: National, State and both local served communities of Flint & Davison., and we were able to contribute at all three levels.

Our national cause is the George Washington Masonic national memorial. Building on the \$16,200.00 donated since 1998 Fellowship again donated \$1,000.00 to the Memorials "Seal the Envelop" campaign which is a \$2.5M fund raising campaign to repair much of their damage sustained from a 2015 earthquake.

At the state level the "Brotherhood on Flags" adopted its 5th Flag, The 4th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Flag and donated \$2000.00 by combining \$1,000.00 from our Lodge General Account and \$1,000.00 from our Lodge Charity Account.

At the local level in Flint, the Lodge Donated \$1000.00 to McFarlan Veterans Memorial park and have become the Perpetual Stewards of the American Flag and 6 Service Flags that grace the memorial. While in Davison we gave to \$4000.00 to the Davison Historic Society to help preserve the F.E Wolley Veterinarian Bldg. and Finally, Committed to \$5,518.00 to Otisville Baseball & Softball complex for a 40' Flag Pole, flag & Installation. Overall a very good day for freemasonry!



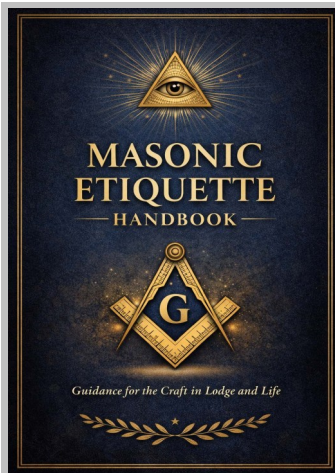
Widows and Orphans

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WB's Austin Conquest and David Norris have re-initiated our Widows And Orphans program and have began by mailing a survey to each of our Widows in an initial effort to make contact with them and ascertain their needs.



Arrival and Punctuality

Punctuality is among the simplest yet most profound expressions of Masonic courtesy.

The wise Brother arrives well before the stated hour of opening, allowing ample time to greet his Brethren with the proper grip and word, to exchange fraternal salutations, and to compose his thoughts for the labor ahead.

Rushing through the door as the gavel is about to fall disrupts the harmony and shows disregard for the Worshipful Master's time and the appointed schedule.

Upon entering the anteroom or preparation area, sign the attendance register without delay. This simple act records your presence and fulfills an administrative duty that supports the lodge's records.

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July Birthdays

July's warmth shines clear and true,
On Brothers old and Brothers new.
May friendship, peace, and blessings stay,
And light your path throughout the day.

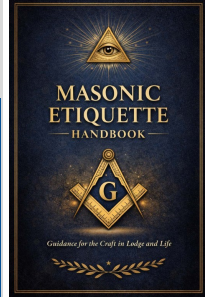
- Jamie Berry - 07/01
- Tom Welch- 07/01
- James Jungel - 07/03
- Jeffrey Threet - 07/08
- Charles Bond - 07/03
- Tim O'Brien - 07/10
- Scott Casey - 07/14
- Eugene Herbig - 07/15
- James Redumski - 07/15
- Duane Whitman - 07/18
- Gerald Tebo - 07/19
- Ron Paruszkiewicz -07/23
- James Allen - 07/29
- Bobby Shirey - 07/03
- Stephen Pedrotti - 07/31

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Who	Date	Time	What
Grand Lodge of MI and ALL Michigan Masons,	Wednesday, June 24th	Proclamation:1PM-3PM Documentary: 3:00PM Recep/Dinner: 4:30	Michigan Masons Bi-Centennial Gala @b Michigan State Capital & Lansing Center
Fellowship Lodge #236 Swartz Creek Masonic Temple	Saturday June 27th & Sunday 28th	8:00 AM to 5:0 PM	Sloan Auto Fair Community Visibility Event @ Crossroads Village
Fellowship Lodge #236 Swartz Creek Masonic Temple	Tuesday, July 7th	Dinner: 6:00 PM Lodge: 7:00 PM	Regular Stated Communication
Fellowship Lodge #236 Swartz Creek Masonic temple	Tuesday, August 4th	Dinner: 6:00 PM Lodge: 7:00 PM	Regular Stated Communication
Swartz Creek Lodge # 458 Swartz Creek Masonic temple	Saturday, August 8th	Lodge: 12:00 PM Noon Labor to Refreshment	Open Air Master Mason Degree
Fellowship Lodge #236	Saturday, August 15th	8 AM—5PM	Back to the Bricks Community Visibility Event

Membership Statistics

127 Members
124 Master Masons
3 Entered Apprentices
45 Honorary Members



Masonic Etiquette (Continued from Pg 3) -If unavoidable circumstances delay you, enter quietly and without fanfare once the lodge is opened. Seek the earliest appropriate moment to be recognized by the Worshipful Master, offer your apology if necessary, and resume your place with decorum.

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Early arrival also affords opportunities for mentorship. A new Brother benefits greatly from observing seasoned members prepare, ask questions discreetly, and absorb the quiet rhythm of lodge life.

For officers especially, punctuality is imperative, as their roles demand readiness to open and conduct the proceedings without hesitation.

In many jurisdictions, the Worshipful Master opens the lodge precisely at the hour appointed, honoring the Brethren's time and exemplifying order.

A Master who begins promptly deserves the reciprocal courtesy of timely attendance. Tardiness wastes collective effort: if fifty Brethren wait ten minutes, the lodge loses hours of productive labor.

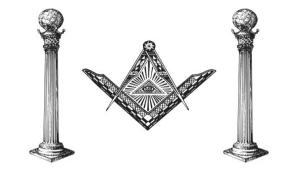
Punctuality, therefore, is not mere politeness; it is a practical application of justice and relief toward one another. (Continued on Page 5)

If it has been sometime since you have attended lodge, We would be

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

Standing Committee Chairman Roster

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Living Past Masters

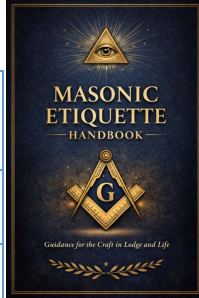
John Arnould	1986 - Fellowship 490, 2012 Fellowship 490
Andrew Borromey	1999 - Davison 236
Austin Conquest	2023,2024, 2025- Fellowship 236
Norman (Pete) Crane	2000- Fellowship 490
Jeffrey Downing	2019-Fellowship 236
Andy Freeman	2018 - Fellowship 236
Philip Gean	1992, 2013— Fellowship 490, 2020,2021-Fellowship 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

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



(Continued from Page 3) Additional Preparations of Mind and Spirit

Beyond outward appearance and timely arrival, prepare inwardly. Reflect upon the day's labors and set aside worldly cares as you approach the door.

Many Brethren find it helpful to pause in quiet meditation or to review a portion of the ritual or Monitors in advance.

Carry your own copy of the lodge by-laws or a small Masonic text if it aids concentration, but remember that the true preparation lies in a receptive heart open to instruction.

If you serve in any capacity, whether as an officer, steward, or committee member, review your duties beforehand.

A well-prepared Tyler ensures smooth entry; a prepared Chaplain delivers thoughtful invocations; a prepared Secretary maintains accurate minutes. Such forethought upholds the lodge's efficiency and demonstrates fidelity to your obligations.

Brethren, these elements of preparation (dress, grooming, punctuality, and mental readiness) are the cornerstones upon which a successful meeting rests.

By attending to them diligently, we show reverence for our ancient Institution, respect for our Worshipful Master and officers, and fraternal consideration for every Brother present.

Let us approach the lodge each time with renewed dedication, ever mindful that our conduct outside the tiled door prepares us to labor worthily within.

Brethren, shall I now prepare Section 2: Conduct in the Lodge Room for you?



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 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.

