

MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, July 2, 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. Ira Thumma P.M.	J.D.
Bro. Chuck Birch 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.	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 7:43 p.m. by WM Peter Anders.
- The passing of MWB Larry Judson, Grand Master of Masons in Michigan 2023-24 was announced. 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
- The altar was draped in black and the lodge had a minute of silence for the passing of MWB Larry Judson.
- The minutes from the previous month's meeting were approved.
- Committee on Delinquent Dues. Names of brothers owing 2026 dues was read again in lodge.

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▪ Ardis, James C ▪ Bell, Craig Stephen ▪ Fletcher, Frederick D ▪ Hanna, Andrew Edward ▪ Hard, Walter Ronald ▪ Jacobs, Joshua A ▪ Jurek, John James ▪ Larges, Kevin Devere ▪ Nelson, Eric William ▪ Viele, Michael James ▪ Wirth, Nolan Thomas

- Warrant Order #888 and 889 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 from the previous regular meeting were covered yet again. New announcements from Grand Lodge are as follows:
 - On June 24th at 1:30 p.m., the Michigan House of Representatives formally recognized the Grand Lodge during a legislative session. This recognition was part of a broader bicentennial tribute that also included ceremonies outside the Capitol and a screening of a documentary on the lodge's history. Masons from across the state, including lodges from Northeast Michigan, attended, with some sitting in the House for the plaque presentation.



- **Honoring the Hands That Built Us - Celebrating 200 Years of Brotherhood and Devotion in October.**
The proclamation from Grand Master Roberts was read in lodge. It encourages lodges to host an event specifically engaging the widows of our departed Brothers, providing them a welcoming space to share their memories of departed brothers. Current Brothers are called to also share memories of their mentors who have passed away. Lodges hosting qualifying widow-based events, such as a dinner, are eligible for a partial expense reimbursement of up to 50% by submitting receipts and the Sweethearts Reimbursement Form. This initiative is designed to honor and preserve the stories of the Brethren whose lives, leadership, and devotion helped build our Lodges and our Fraternity. It is not a memorial service—it is a celebration of legacy, pride, and the enduring impact of Brotherhood.
 - The Fellowcraft at the Fort was again announced in Lodge. The even takes place on August 1 inside the walls of Fort Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City.
- Unfinished business.
 - The vote for Brother Jason Ballor's transfer to Centre Lodge was conducted with it being voted in the affirmative.

- New Business
 - The next blood drive will be on August 26 between 12 noon and 5 pm at Venue 63.
 - Multiple members of Centre Lodge went up to Marquette to do the 32nd degree for a Scottish Rite Reunion. Stories from the trip were shared with the lodge.



- WB Chuck Birch passed the almoners box around for donations.
- Past Masters were recognized by WM Peter Anders.
- Lodge was closed in due form by WM Peter Anders at 8:42 pm
- Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

WM Peter Anders