

MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, August 6, 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. Chuck Birch P.M.	J.W.		Bro.	Steward
Bro. Chris Parfeniuk P.M.	Sec'y		Bro.	Steward
Bro. Jerry Chambers P.M.	Treas.		Bro.	Steward
Bro.	Marshal		Bro.	Steward
Bro. Greg Dostal 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.
- Visitors Right Worshipful Brother Gary Paquet the Senior Grand Warden of Michigan Grand Lodge, Worshipful Brother Jonathan McDonald of Hudsonville Lodge #262 in KY and Worshipful Brother Steve Kinde from Hubbard - Winsor #420 were announced and greeted by WM Peter Anders and the Wardens of Centre Lodge
- Brother Danilo Olivi completed his EA proficiency as conducted by WB Todd McQuiston followed by a vote in the affirmative.
- The minutes from the previous month's meeting were approved.
- Warrant Order #890 to 892 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 are as follows:
 - Please be advised that Grand Master Michael Roberts has approved the consolidation of Dimondale Lodge #449 into Potterville Lodge #367, the resultant lodge to be known as Potterville Lodge #367. Potterville Lodge will continue to hold its stated communication every first Monday at 7 p.m. at 4925 Royston Rd., Potterville, MI 48876.
 - Brothers shared their experience with "Grand Lodges Fellow Craft at the Fort" event. The Fellowcraft Degree was conducted inside Colonial Michilimackinac.



- **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.
- Unfinished business.
 - Tom Sova thanked the brothers for the \$100 donation to the shrine golf outing.
- New Business
 - The next blood drive will be on August 26 between 12 noon and 5 pm at Venue 63.
 - The lodge voted to donate \$100 to sponsor a hole at Scottish Rite Golf event to raise money for their Almoners fund.
 - RWB Gary Paquet gave greetings from Grand Lodge. He thanked Centre Lodge for being very welcoming to him. He is in the process of visiting every lodge in the state and he has 47 left to go. He desires to be known as approachable and went on to say how important it is to meet on the level. He talked about The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan receiving a formal legislative tribute and recognition at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing on June 24, 2026, honoring its bicentennial. The Legislators were surprised when all masons present said “So Mote it be” in unison and loudly after the pledge of allegiance. They thought it was fantastic and it was the loudest pledge of allegiance they heard.
- WB Chuck Birch passed the almoners box around for donations. Current amount collected is more than \$10,500.
- Past Masters were recognized by WM Peter Anders.
- Lodge was closed in due form by WM Peter Anders at 8:45 pm
- Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

WM Peter Anders