# MASONIC TEMPLE, Thursday Evening, Oct 1, 2026

*At Regular Communication of Midland Centre Lodge No. #273, Free & Accepted Masons*

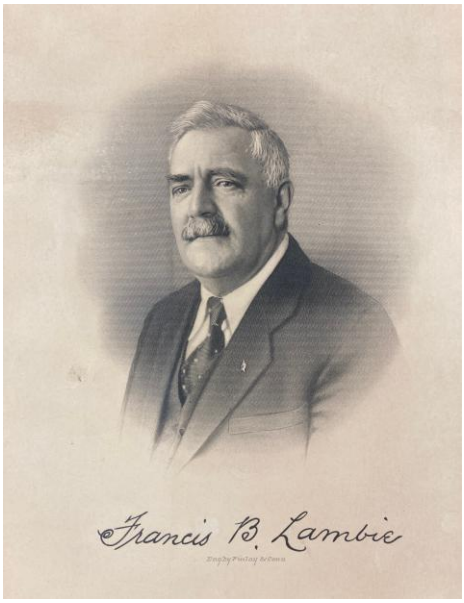
HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE, PRESENT:

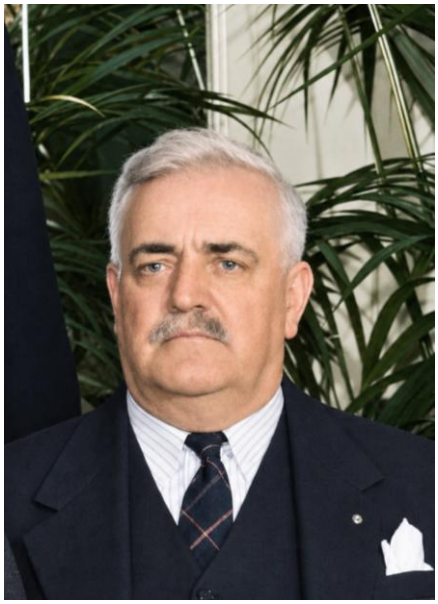
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| Bro. Jeff McNeal | W.M. | | Bro. Greg Dostal P.M. | S.D. |
| Bro. James Doan | S.W. | | Bro. Matthew Roosa | J.D. |
| Bro. Chuck Birch P.M. | J.W. | | Bro. Harry Wells | Steward |
| Bro. Chris Parfeniuk P.M. | Sec'y | | Bro. | Steward |
| Bro. John Kall | Treas. | | Bro. | Steward |
| Bro. Ed Morris P.M. | Marshal | | Bro. | Steward |
| Bro. Jerry Chambers P.M. | Chaplain | | Bro John Mapes | Tiler |
| | | | Bro. | Educational Officer |

- Meeting was opened in the EA degree in due form at 7:46 p.m. by Jeff McNeal.
- The minutes from the previous month's meeting were approved.
- Warrant Order #894 and 895 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 are as follows:
    - Lodges, Chapters, and Masonic family across Michigan were asked to donate to the "Employee Support Fund" The request was read in full at the regular meeting. Highlights are as follows:
        - At the Michigan Masonic Home Campus, our employees are more than staff members. They are caregivers, problem-solvers, mentors, and friends. Every day, they bring compassion, dedication, and heart to the work of serving our residents, members, and mission. They celebrate life's joys with those they serve and stand beside them through difficult moments.
        - When unexpected hardships arise in the lives of these remarkable employees, the Employee Support Fund offers a helping hand during times of greatest need. Whether facing a medical crisis, unexpected housing expenses, family emergencies, or other unforeseen challenges, this fund provides critical assistance and hope when it matters most.
        - **Why Your Support Matters**
            - Every dollar donated stays right here on our Campus.
            - Every gift directly assists employees experiencing financial hardship.
            - Every contribution reflects the Masonic principle of relief in action.
    - NOTICE REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED SOLICITATION was read at lodge. Highlight are as follows:
        - **Lodges and individual members are asked NOT to:**
            - Solicit donations for "Hope for the Holidays"
            - Collect funds or gifts on its behalf
            - Remit donations through this program
        - If you receive a solicitation or have questions about authorized fundraising efforts, **contact the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation before proceeding.**
- Unfinished business.
    - Helping brother Red Quill in his move the New York state. If brothers had to carpool to Ludington to help him pack, the Almoners fund would pay for gas.

- New Business
    - John Kall made a motion to fund $500 for the Christmas fund with Chuck Birch seconding the motion followed by a vote in the affirmative.
    - The next blood drive will be on October 27 between 12 noon and 5 pm at Venue 63.

- Richard Brewster volunteered to help with “Mittens from Masons”.
- The installation will be help at Centre Lodge on December 5th at 2pm followed by appetizers.
- The following was presented to commemorate the life and times of Past Grand Master Doc Lambie.



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TO PLAY TUESDAY NIGHT GAMES THURSDAY

# Lambies Return From England Praising British 'Graciousness'

The graciousness of the English and Irish people was praised today by Dr. and Mrs. Francis B. Lambie, who returned yesterday from London, where they attended installation of the Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Masons. The installing officer was King George.

Dr. Lambie, Grand Master of Michigan Masons, was one of four Michigan Masons who attended. Others from the state were Clark MacKenzie, Past Grand Master of Kalamazoo, and son, Gordon, George Dolliver, editor of the Battle Creek Moon-Journal, and Mrs. Dolliver.

**14,000 At Ceremony**

Installation services, held in the Olympic hall, was the most impressive ceremony he has ever seen, Dr. Lambie said. Fourteen thousand Past Masters — only ones allowed to attend — were in the hall, and 20,000 were turned away. All were in full morning dress, Masonic regalia, and wore white kid gloves.

Twenty-eight states and 14 foreign countries were represented at the ceremony, which Dr. Lambie said was the "greatest event in Masonic history."

**King "Most Gracious"**

Dr. Lambie sat on the dais, fourth from the king at his left. Following the installation, Dr.

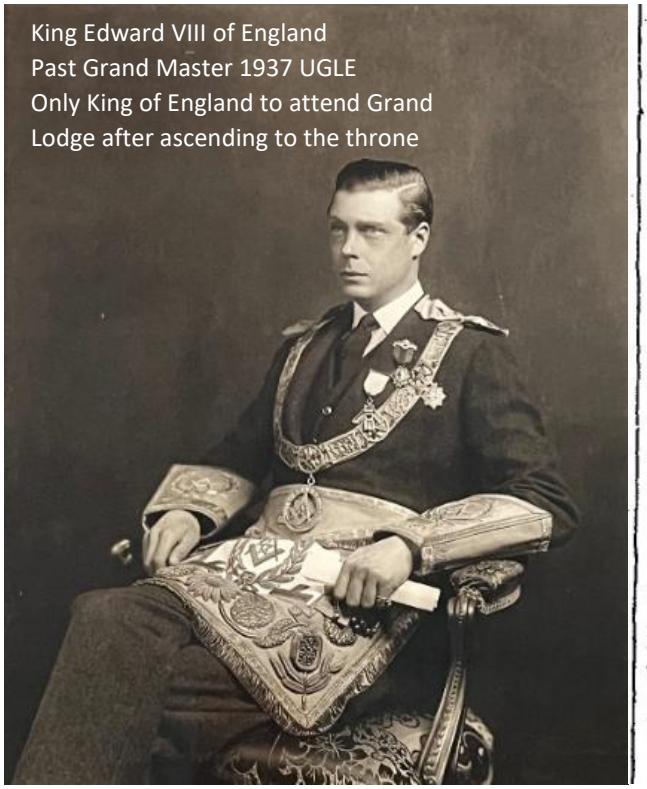
Lambie met the king in a reception room, and the Midlander describes the ruler as a "most gracious fellow." Dr. Lambie was impressed by the minute detail with which the installation and other affairs connected with it were planned.

Dr. and Mrs. Lambie had the privilege of attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace and eating off golden dinnerware. "Everything at the table, even the soup ladles, was made of gold, except the china cups," Dr. Lambie said.

Formality rules at the parties attended by royalty, and no one smokes until after the toast to the king, Dr. Lambie said.



George, Duke of Kent
Grand Master UGLE 1939 to 1942(death)



King Edward VIII of England
Past Grand Master 1937 UGLE
Only King of England to attend Grand Lodge after ascending to the throne

**Praises Masonic Schools**

Visits to the Royal Masonic institutes for boys and girls were enjoyed by the Lambies, and Dr. Lambie said the projects were worthy of emulation by all countries. There are 1,600 boys and 1,600 girls, all orphans or semi-orphans of master Masons, studying at the schools, which are elaborately equipped for all types of training. The Lambies saw a musical drill put on by 200 girls at the school, and described it as the most intricate they have seen.

The schools are supported by voluntary donations, maintenance cost being about half a million dollars each year. The annual May festival, sponsored by royalty, is a big factor in raising funds for the schools.

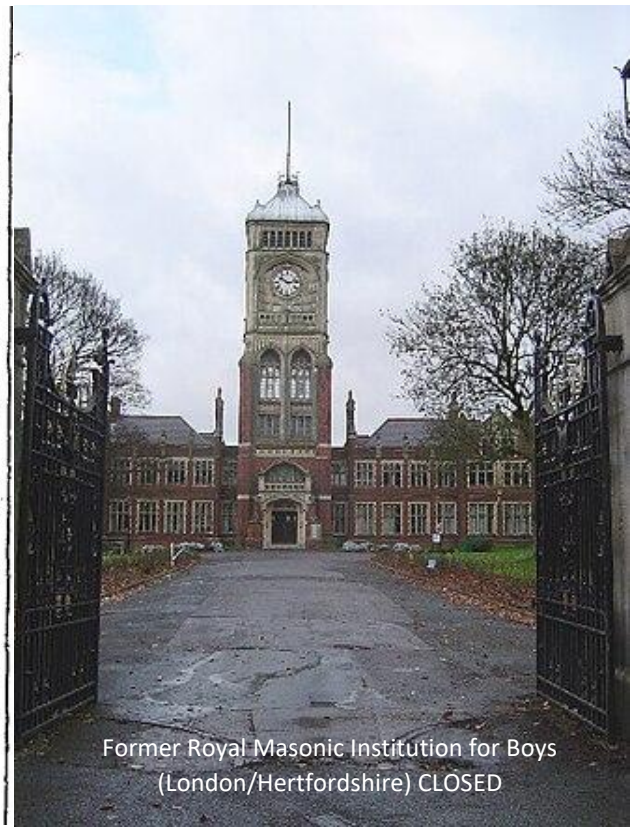
**A Gift From a Lord**

## A Gift From a Lord

Typifying the graciousness of the English people was the kindness of a Lord Harris of Devonshire, who sat next to Dr. Lambie at one of the functions. The two men got into a discussion of cherry growing, and Lord Harris was surprised to learn that Michigan cherry orchards are cultivated between rows, contrary to the English practice of allowing grass to grow between the trees.

On returning to their hotel from a trip two days later, the Lambies found in their room a box of delicious cherries — a gift from Lord Harris.

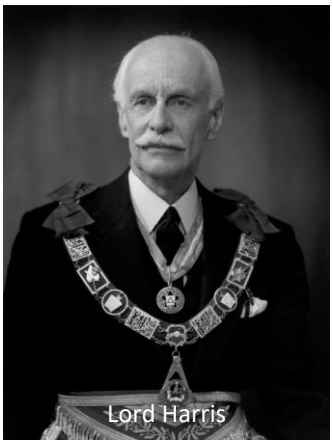
The Lambies spent a week in Scotland, where they visited the grave of Dr. Lambie's parents, and also visited in Ireland for three days, sailing from Belfast.



Former Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (London/Hertfordshire) CLOSED



Royal Masonic Institution for Girls



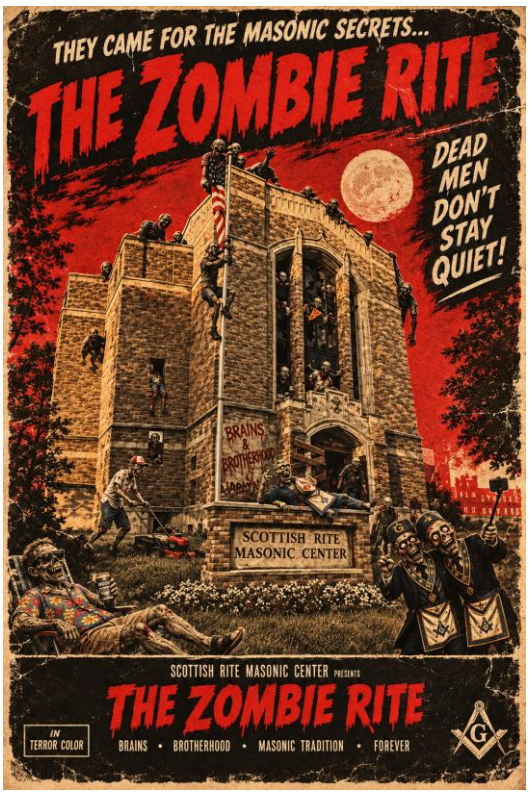
Lord Harris



Royal Masonic Institution for Girls

- Happy Halloween to the brothers of Centre Lodge.




- WB Ed Morris passed the almoners box around for donations. Current amount collected is more than $10,951.
- Past Masters were recognized by Jeff McNeal.
- Lodge was closed in due form by Jeff McNeal at 8:40 pm
- Members retired to the dining room for fellowship and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Parfeniuk, P.M. Secretary

SW Jeff McNeal