

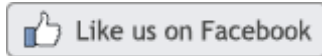
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# Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center

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*Dear Jackson-Coolidge Webmaster*



Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center  
Lodge Blue Room



**Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.**



Frank W. Lutze P.M.  
Worshipful Master  
517-212-1857



## **Ritual - To memorize or not to memorize**

A recent article in a Scottish Rite magazine by Ill. Gail Kemp 33°, Past Grand Master of Indiana titled "Whatever Happened to Memorization?" explores the causes of why memorized ritual is becoming more difficult to have. He states that with the decline of lodge membership there are fewer brothers who are willing or able to memorize the work. With the introduction of smart phones and tablets, which places a wealth of information at one's fingertips, schools no longer emphasize memorization. The world we live in has many more demands on our time than in the past. Brother Kemp proposes several options such as degree teams, either inside or outside a lodge, recognizing good ritualist via a certificate or pin. He also proposes the option of electronic presentation of the ritual.

At the School of Instruction held last month at Jackson Lodge #17 we learned that the Grand Lodge of Michigan has no intention of abandoning the memorization of ritual. Worshipful Brother Frank Peters, Regional Grand Lecturer, presented the future requirements of certification of lodge officers. Currently certification of officers is voluntary. A lodge officer may request the opportunity to demonstrate his proficiency and if he is successful he will be certified in the office he holds. The certification requirements that exist today cover both the current office and the next office in line. For example, the Junior Warden requirements are:

The Junior Warden must be capable of performing all the work in the South on all three degrees.

- Give 1 obligation
- Sit in the West for opening and closing of the Lodge in all three degrees
- Instruct the candidate on how to approach the Altar
- Instruct the candidate on how to wear his apron
- Go from Labor to Refreshment.
- Go from Refreshment to Labor.
- Perform his work at the Middle Chamber.

This must be performed without the aid of an open ritual. Although it is not mentioned specifically I assume that the limited use of a prompter would be acceptable.

The program of officer certification would insure that a brother was ready, from the viewpoint of ritual, to move up to the next office.

In days gone by the proficiency demonstration contained more ritual memorization and the only printed ritual was the single letter key. To be successful in learning the ritual and demonstrating proficiency a brother most likely would have to work with one or more brothers to decipher the code. The memorization of a significant portion of each degree ritual was required to demonstrate proficiency which went a long way in preparing a brother for future offices he might hold. The required demonstration of proficiency was decreased from several pages to a few sentences further deemphasizing the need for memorization. With the introduction of the complete ritual in printed words, the need to work with other brothers on proficiency was greatly decreased.

Brother Kemp closes his article with the following: "Remember ritual is important but it must be presented in an enjoyable and inspirational manner. Just as important, however, is what do you and your lodge do with the lessons presented in all of our rituals; are they merely words or are they put into practice?"

This is a most interesting and thought-provoking question.



*Wor. Bro. Stephen D. Vining P.M., Secretary  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.*



*From the Secretary's Desk*



**October**

**2018**



**Thursday, October 4th**

[Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.](#)

F.C. Degree 2nd Section Practice, 7:00 p.m.



**Thursday, October 11th**

[Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.](#)

Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Lodge Dinner, 6:30 p.m.





**Thursday, October 18th**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
Fellowcraft Degree, 7:00 p.m.  
Three Candidates



**Thursday, October 25th**  
Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple Association  
Board of Trustee's Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
[ All are welcome to attend ]







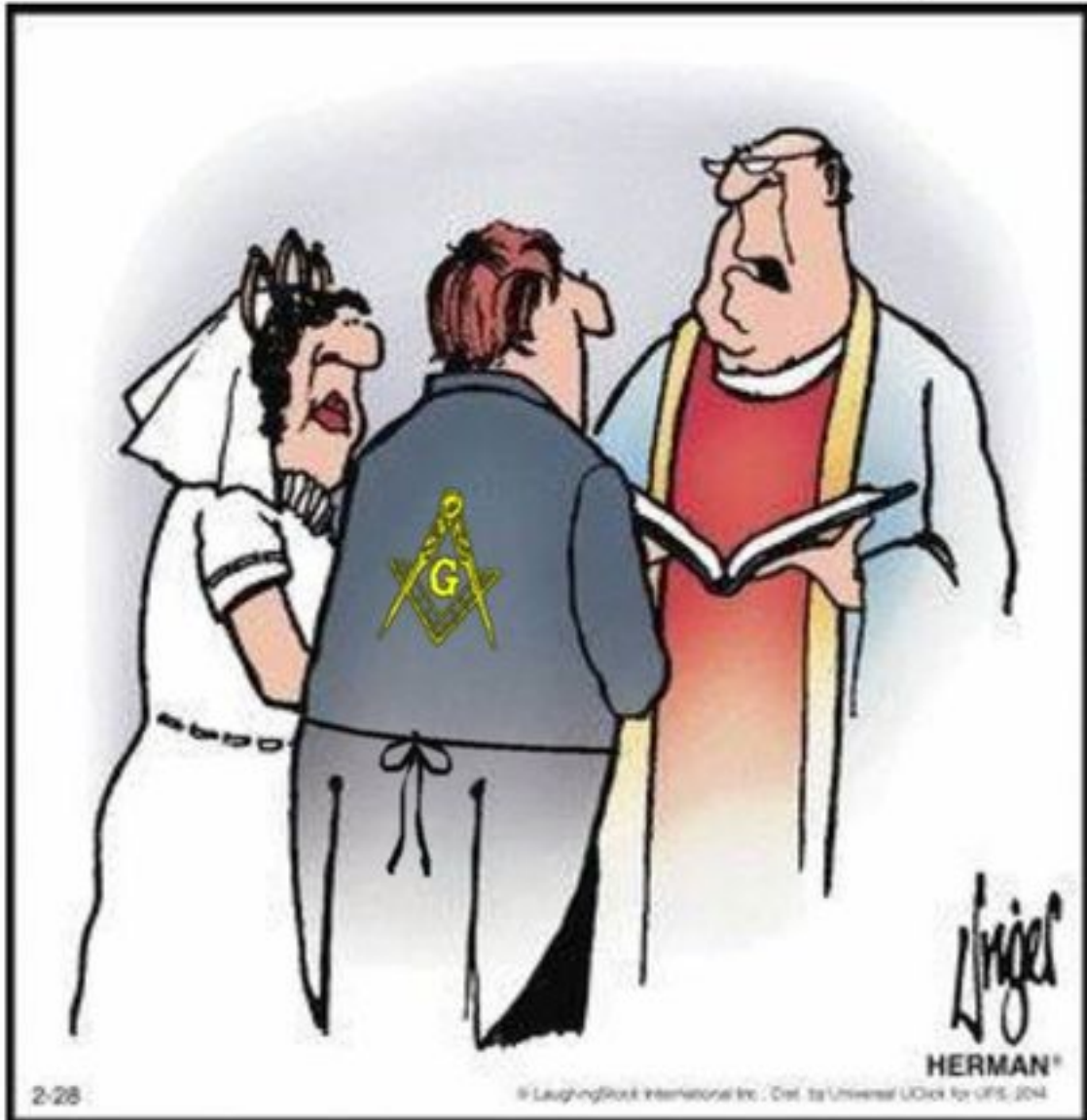
Acting W.M. Richard Shea PM and acting S.W. Leo Cauzillo PM greet W.M. Greg Poling PM of Napoleon #301 at Altar at the September 13, 2018 Regular Communication of Jackson #17.



District #33 D.D.I. Richard Shea PM presents W.M. Leo Cauzillo PM of Cement City #435 with the Walter F. Wheeler PGM Ritual Pin.



**FILED UNDER: There's a time & a place...**



**"You're supposed to say 'I do,'  
not 'So Mote It Be!'"**

**- JSN**

***Lodge Dinner***

*| Monthly Lodge Dinner |*



## **Monthly Lodge Dinner's**

### **Menu for October:**

**Pork Loin, Mashed Potato & Gravy,  
Corn, Salad and Dessert**

### **Dinners September thru June**

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Regular Communication.  
Come to lodge and enjoy the fellowship, dinner and meeting.

Dinner served by  
Jackson Rainbow Assembly No. 7, I.O.R.G.  
for a \$5.00 donation.



**2018 Lodge Officer's**



Worshipful Master

Frank Lutze P.M.



Senior Warden

Richard Shea P.M.



Junior Warden

Jason Wright



Treasurer - Emeritus

Dale D. Brown P.M.



Secretary

Stephen Vining P.M.



Chaplain

George Otis P.M.



Senior Deacon

Conroy Smith Jr.



Junior Deacon

Nicholas Slayton



Steward

Nigel Wyckoff



Steward

Samuel Brafford



Marshal

Garry Gooldy Jr. P.M.



Tiler

Charles McNamara Jr.



Education Officer

William Snyder P.M.



Musician - Emeritus

Tommy Amidon P.M.



*And so it has come to pass, a Brother Master Mason having completed all the design's laid down on the Trestleboard of Life, has answered the summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven and Earth and has entered into the Grand Lodge over which the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides.*

*Although our beloved and respected Brother has passed through the portals of Eternity, his passing memory will forever remain to inspire all who mourn His passing to live life as he did, respected and depart this life regretted. As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep, So one by one, in each of us must come the touch of sleep. As one by one, the roses burst into the morning light, So one by one, our soul will wake again beyond the night.*

*Soft and safe be the earthly bed of our Brother; may our Heavenly Father protect him and enfold him in his arms with love. Until then, dear friend and Brother , Until then –  
– – Farewell!*





*Worshipful Brother Ralph Earl Ray P.M.*

*Born on April 7, 1951  
Battle Creek, Michigan*

*Age: 67*

*Died on September 13, 2018  
Parma, Michigan*

*Entered Apprentice Degree – February 21, 1980 (Ira A. Beck Lodge #503)  
Fellowcraft Degree – March 13, 1980 (Ira A. Beck Lodge #503)  
Master Mason Degree – May 3, 1980 (Ira A. Beck Lodge #503)*





*Worshipful Brother Lynwood T. Branch P.M.*

*Born on November 28, 1934  
Bell Oak, Michigan*

*Age: 83*

*Died on September 14, 2018  
Cement City, Michigan*

*Entered Apprentice Degree – July 12, 1960 (Cement City Lodge #435)  
Fellowcraft Degree – September 13, 1960 (Cement City Lodge #435)  
Master Mason Degree – November 5, 1960 (Cement City Lodge #435)  
Life Membership – November 5, 2000 (Cement City Lodge #435)  
50 Year Membership – November 5, 2010 (Cement City Lodge #435)  
Worshipful Master – (Cement City Lodge #435)  
Honorary Member – (Addison Lodge #157)*

*(Father of Jackson Lodge #17 Past Master Kenneth L. Branch)*





*Worshipful Brother Arthur E. Holzworth P.M.*

*Born on April 4, 1938  
Fairview, New Jersey*

*Age: 78*

*Died on February 13, 2017  
Vass, North Carolina*

*Entered Apprentice Degree – November 28, 1961 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*Fellowcraft Degree – January 23, 1962 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*Master Mason Degree – March 27, 1962 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*Worshipful Master – 1985 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*Affiliated Lodge – December 15, 1986 (Southern Pines Lodge #484 N.C.)*

*Life Member – March 27, 2002 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*50 year Member – March 27, 2012 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*Lodge Merger – January 6, 2016 (Jackson Lodge #17)*



***Masonic Degree Schedule***



*Entered Apprentice Degree - 1st °*



*Fellowcraft Degree - 2nd °  
October 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.*



*Master Mason Degree - 3rd °*



**Jackson Scottish Rite Club**



**Jackson  
Scottish  
Rite Club**  
**Valley of Detroit**





Lawrence C. Sanford Jr.  
President

Lawrence Sanford Jr.	Conroy Smith Jr.	Garry Gooldy Jr.	Michael Hicks
(517) 783-3505 President	(517) 240-3297 Vice President	(517) 414-2819 Treasurer	(517) 206-1586 Secretary

Dear Brother's,

We are in the process of starting the Jackson Scottish Rite Club back up again for the Jackson area. The current initial plans are to meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple. As we have no records to work from we ask that if you are a 32° Mason please let us know so we can update the records.

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

You can contact Garry Gooldy by texting or calling 517-414-2819 or email by [clicking here](#).

Hope to hear from you soon.



**Jackson Chapter No. 3  
Royal Arch Mason's  
2018-2019**

Excellent Companion Garry L. Gooldy Jr.  
Excellent High Priest  
517-414-2819



Excellent Companion Stephen D. Vining P.H.P.  
Secretary  
517-914-8400

**Wednesday, October 10th**



Jackson Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.  
Stated Convocation, 7:30 p.m.



*High Priest - Garry L. Gooldy Jr.  
King - Michael E. Hicks, PHP  
Scribe - George M. Otis, PHP  
Treasurer - Thomas E. Royce, PHP  
Secretary - Stephen D. Vining, PHP  
Chaplain - Lawrence G. McGowen  
Captain of the Host - Conroy L. Smith Jr.  
Principle Sojourner - Thomas E. Royce, PHP  
Royal Arch Captain - Charles W. McNamara Jr.  
Master of the 3rd Veil - Wayne T. Murphy  
Master of the 2nd Veil - Marcus U. Blue Jr.  
Master of the 1st Veil - Nigel R. Wyckoff  
Sentinel - Bruce W. James*

**Jackson Council No. 32, R. & S.M.**



**Jackson Council No. 32  
Royal and Select Mason's  
2018**

Illustrious Companion Garry L. Gooldy Jr.  
Thrice Illustrious Master  
517-414-2819



Illustrious Companion Stephen D. Vining P.T.I.M.  
Recorder  
517-914-8400

**Wednesday, October 10th**  
Jackson Council No. 32, R. & S.M.  
Stated Assembly, 7:30 p.m.



*Thrice Illustrious Master - Garry L. Gooldy Jr.  
Deputy Master - George M. Otis, PTIM  
Pr. Conductor of the Work - Michael E. Hicks, PTIM  
Treasurer - Thomas E. Royce, PTIM  
Recorder - Stephen D. Vining, PTIM  
Chaplain - Lawrence G. McGowen  
Captain of the Guard - Conroy L. Smith Jr.  
Conductor of Council - Nigel R. Wyckoff  
Steward - Bruce W. James  
Sentinel - Charles W. McNamara Jr.*

**Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.**

Every Christian Mason Should Be a  
**Knight Templar!**  
Are You?



**Knight  Templar**



**Jackson Commandery No. 9  
Knight Templar  
2018-2019**

Sir Knight Cortland C. Rule PGC  
Right Eminent Commander  
517-270-9520

Sir Knight Michael E. Hicks PC  
Recorder  
517-206-1586



**Monday, October 1st**  
Jackson Commandery #9, K.T.  
Drill Corp, 7:00 p.m.



**Monday, October 8th**  
Jackson Commandery #9, K.T.  
No Meeting Scheduled



**Monday, October 15th**  
Jackson Commandery #9, K.T.  
Stated Conclave, 7:30 p.m.  
Potluck with Ladies, 6:30 p.m.



**Monday, October 22nd**  
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.  
No Meeting Scheduled



**Monday, October 29th**  
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.  
No Meeting Scheduled



**Monday, November 5th**  
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.  
Inspection, 3:00 p.m.  
Dinner, 6:30 p.m.







***JACKSON COMMANDERY #9 KNIGHTS TEMPLER  
2018 - 2019 OFFICERS***

*Commander - S.K. Cortland C. Rule PGC*

*Generalissimo - S.K. Marcus U. Blue Jr. PC*

*Captain General - S.K. Lloyd A. Darling HPGC*

*Senior Warden - S.K. Paul M. Tarr Jr. PC*

*Junior Warden - S.K. Ronald L. Spees PC*

*Prelate - S.K. Adam W. Wygant PC*

*Treasurer - S.K. Stephen D. Vining PC*

*Recorder - S.K. Michael E Hicks PC*

*Standard Bearer - S.K. George M. Otis*

*Sword Bearer - S.K. Lawrence G. McGowen*

*Warder - S.K. Garry L. Gooldy Jr.*

*Sentinel - S.K. Bruce W. James*

*Guard #1 - S.K. Theodore R. Welch PC*

*Guard #2 - S.K. Thomas E. Royce*

*Guard #3 - S.K. Nigel R. Wyckoff*



## **Jackson York Rite College No. 3**



**Jackson College No. 3**

# **York Rite Sovereign College 2018 - 2019**

Stephen D. Vining P.G., A.R., O.P.C.  
Preeminent Governor  
517-914-8400

Timothy C. Forche P.G., A.R., O.P.C.  
Secretary  
517-676-5157

## **Calendar for 2018 - 2019**

Next Meeting Date

**Friday, January 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Stated Meeting

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### **2018 - 2019 Officers**

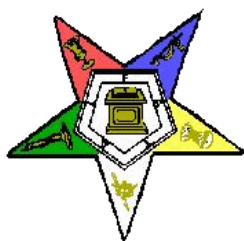
Distinguished Brother Stephen D. Vining P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Governor  
Distinguished Brother George M. Otis P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Deputy Governor  
Eminent Companion Knight Garry L. Gooldy Jr. - Chancellor  
Eminent Companion Knight Thomas E. Royce P.G. - Treasurer  
Distinguished Brother Timothy C. Forche P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Secretary  
Noble Companion Knight Glenn T. Cruickshank - Primate  
Noble Companion Knight Gary R. Laxton - Preceptor  
Distinguished Brother Lloyd A. Darling P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Seneschal  
Distinguished Brother Michael E. Hicks P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Marshal  
Distinguished Brother Theodore R. Welch P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Sentinel

## **Calendar for 2018 - 2019**

Friday, September 21, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, January 18, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 15, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 17, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

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## Fern Leaf Chapter No. 66



### **Fern Leaf Chapter No. 66, O.E.S.**

Sheryl James  
Worthy Matron  
517-529-9078

Ellen Yoakam  
Secretary  
517-536-0643

### **Calendar for the month of October 2018**

**Tuesday, October 2nd**  
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 16th**  
Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



**2017—2018 OFFICERS**

Fern Leaf Chapter No. 66, Order of Eastern Star

Worthy Matron .....	Sheryl James
Worthy Patron.....	Tom Weaver
Associate Matron.....	Catherine Woods
Associate Patron .....	Ricky Woods
Treasurer.....	Mae Pack
Secretary.....	Ellen Yoakam
Conductress.....	Renee Brock
Associate Conductress .....	Starla Finkiewicz
Chaplain .....	Cindy Flunt
Marshal.....	Jennifer Finkiewicz
Organist.....	Nancy Holton
Adah .....	Florence Branch
Ruth .....	Patricia Crane
Esther .....	Terri Bradford
Martha .....	Brenda Charles
Electa.....	Sarah Finkiewicz
Warder.....	
Sentinel .....	Lynwood Branch
Christian Flag.....	
Eastern Star Flag.....	
Michigan Flag .....	



**Jackson Assembly No. 7, I.O.R.G.**



**International Order of the  
Rainbow for Girls in Michigan**

**Jackson Assembly No. 7, I.O.R.G.**



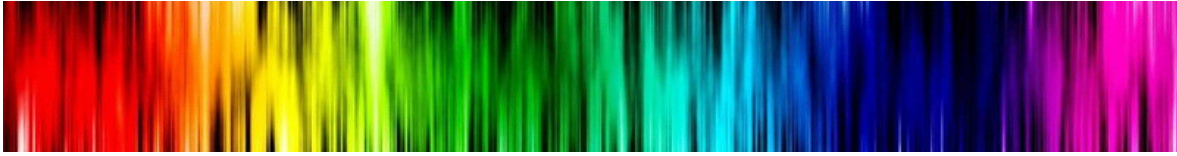
Renee Brock  
Mother Advisor  
517-240-0962

**Calendar for the month of  
October 2018**

**Tuesday, October 9th**  
Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 23rd**

Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



# Masonic Birthday's

*Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.*

*October 2018*

Bro.	John M. Crist	October 4
W. Bro.	Donald L. Woodard PM	October 6
Bro.	Nicholas V. Slayton	October 7
Bro.	Issac A. Hale	October 11
W. Bro.	Michael S. O'Connell PM	October 11
W. Bro.	Robert P. Ross PM	October 14
W. Bro.	George M. Otis PM	October 24
Bro.	William W. Lowe	October 28
W. Bro.	David G. Shea PM	October 30
W. Bro.	Richard G. Shea PM	October 30

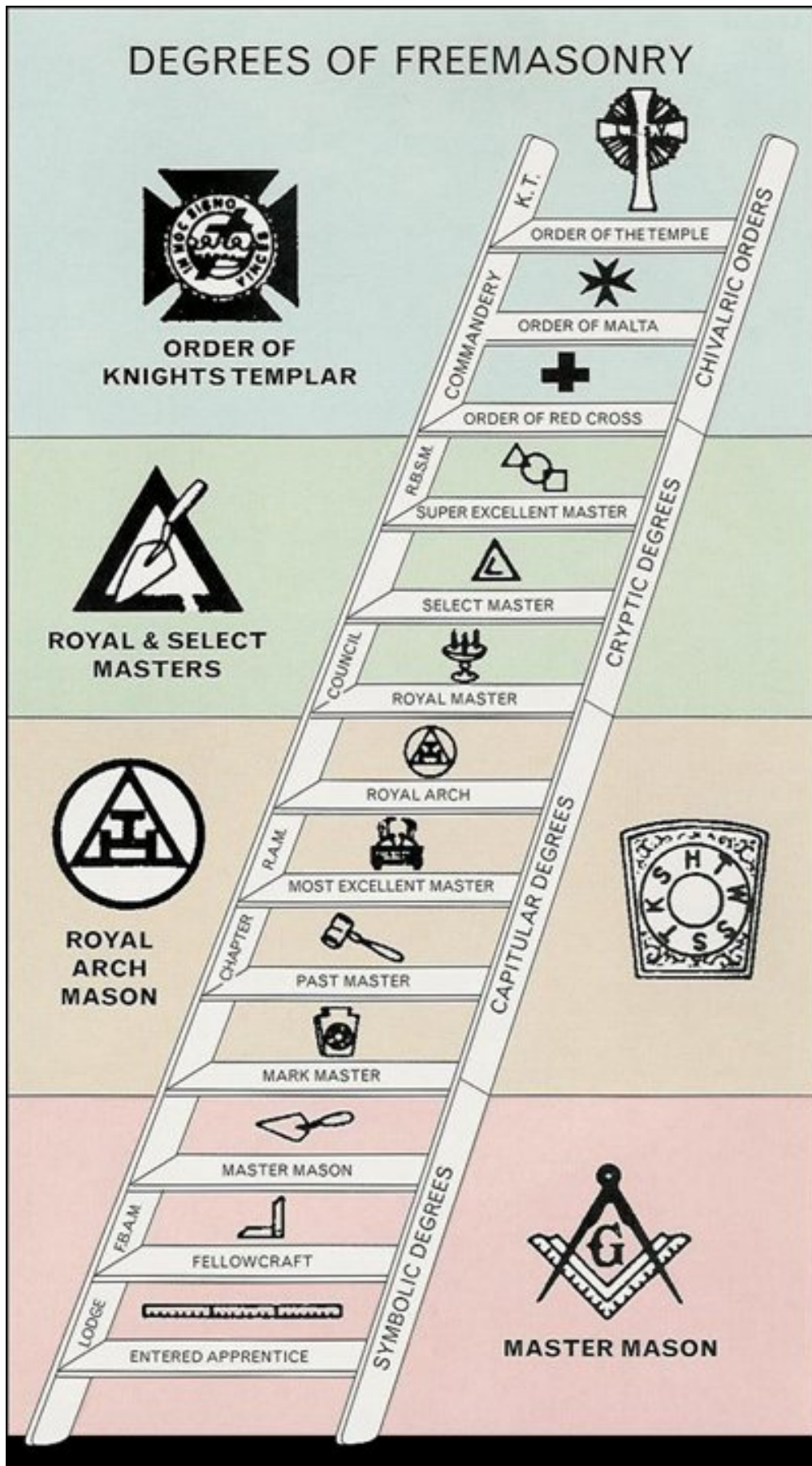
## *Masonic Anniversary - Date Raised*

Bro.	William H. Mogle	October 25, 1945	Jackson	0017	73 years
Bro.	Terence K. Tuttle MD	October 6, 1951	Michigan	0050	67 years
Bro.	William V. Buschman	October 27, 1955	Jackson	0017	63 years
Bro.	Robert M. Brown	October 26, 1960	Michigan	0050	58 years
Bro.	George R. Grayson	October 27, 1960	Unknown	0820	58 years
W. Bro.	Leon A. Densmore Jr. PM	October 5, 1963	Horton	0293	55 years

Bro.	Phillip Atzenhoffer	October 19, 1961	Coolidge	0532 57 years
Bro.	Robert W. Bingham	October 29, 1968	Jackson	0017 50 years
W. Bro.	Stephen D. Vining PM	October 20, 1977	Jackson	0017 41 years
W. Bro.	Richard L. Barczak PM	October 11, 1980	Coolidge	0532 38 years
W. Bro.	Edward Hatfield Jr. PM	October 8, 1980	Hamilton	0113 33 years
Bro.	Glen A. Burgess	October 29, 1988	James Dillon	0466 30 years
W. Bro.	Dale D. Brown PM	October 5, 1989	Jackson	0017 29 years
Bro.	Thomas J. Taylor	October 7, 1995	St. Joseph	0437 23 years
W. Bro.	Gerald L. Williams II PM	October 19, 1995	Jackson	0017 23 years
W. Bro.	Steven W. Kuhl PM	October 2, 1997	Excelsior	0116 21 years
W. Bro.	David G. Shea PM	October 30, 1990	Liberty	0209 20 years
Bro.	Phillip C. Wohlgemuth	October 30, 1975	Jackson	0017 18 years
Bro.	Kevin L. Brown	October 27, 2007	Michigan	0050 11 years
Bro.	Nicholas J. LeFevre	October 27, 2007	Jackson	0017 11 years
Bro.	Jason M. Wright	October 16, 2014	Jackson	0017 4 years

## **Chart of York Rite Masonic Degrees**

# DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY



## Contact Masonic Bodies

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- [Contact Jackson-Coolidge Webmaster](#)
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- [Contact Secretary - Fern Leaf Chapter No. 66, O.E.S.](#)
- [Contact Mother Advisor - Jackson Rainbow Assembly No. 7](#)

## Masonic Sale Items

# Masonic Tail Light Stick On Emblems

Cost is \$3.00 per set of Masonic emblems,  
\$5.00 per set of silver Past Master emblems and  
\$6.00 per set of gold Past Master emblems.

Contact Brother George Otis P.M.

Phone: 517-262-9862

or email [gmotis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gmotis@sbcglobal.net)

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Past Master available in Silver or Gold





Temple Board Meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

5th Thursday, November 29th

4th Thursday, December 27th

W. Bro. Stephen D. Vining, President  
Representing Jackson Council #32, R. & S.M. (2019)  
phone: 517-914-8400

W. Bro. Frank W. Lutze, Vice President  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2019)  
phone: 517-212-1857

W. Bro. George M. Otis, Secretary  
Representing Jackson Chapter #3, R.A.M. (2021)  
phone: 517-262-9862

W. Bro. Jason H. Chalfant, Treasurer  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2021)  
phone: 517-764-4608

W. Bro. Jerry L. Bethel, Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2021)

W. Bro. Garry L. Gooldy Jr., Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2021)

W. Bro. Michael E. Hicks, Trustee  
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Bro. Charles W. McNamara Jr., Trustee  
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W. Bro. Lawrence C. Sanford Jr., Trustee  
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W. Bro. Jimmie H. Snyder, Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2020)

W. Bro. William C. Snyder, Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2020)

**Weekly Euchre Club**  
Every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.  
October thru April



The Euchre Club at the Masonic Center is looking for substitutes for the current card season. If you are interested in filling in just show up on any Monday night to play cards.

The Euchre Club is also looking for card players to form teams for next years Euchre Club. If you are interested you can contact Jason Chalfant at 517-764-4608 or email him at [jhchalfant@att.net](mailto:jhchalfant@att.net) for more info.

**Masonic Center Fund Raising**  
Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple Association



The Temple Board would like any input you might have on ideas for fund raising events. If you have any ideas or would like to help we ask that you contact either Stephen Vining at 517-914-8400 or George Otis at 517-262-9862.

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Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple Association  
355 Napoleon Road  
Michigan Center, Michigan 49254-1264

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