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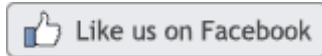
# Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center

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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



**"It's just a good meal out"**

A few weeks ago a brother past master told me about a documentary titled "Inside the Freemasons" which was filmed in England. The five episodes are available on Netflix. I found the documentary very interesting, informative and thought provoking. On both sides of the Atlantic Ocean the craft is dealing with many of the same issues. An aging membership and a decline in men petitioning. The Grand Lodge of England has some novel approaches to these problems. New lodges have been chartered near college campuses with strong emphasis on appealing to younger college students. A new lodge was formed which focused on soccer. The logo includes a soccer ball surrounded by a square and compasses.

Each of the episodes focus on a brother at a different point in his Masonic journey. One follows an Entered Apprentice as he prepares for his Fellowcraft degree. Another episode traces a Senior Warden as he is elected Worshipful Master. A third episode is about a brother who is appointed to a Grand Lodge office.

Although the narrator states that this is the first time that cameras are allowed into a lodge, only bits of ritual are filmed. I doubt that a viewer who isn't a Freemason would understand the significance of what they saw.

It is obvious from the series that dress code in lodge is coat and tie with much more elaborate regalia. Dinners are a part of every regular communication and are more formal than ours with many toasts. As the camera pans the lodge room, attendance appears to be like what we see at a regular communication at Jackson Lodge.

One quote that caught my attention is "Six million men across the globe are members of the world's oldest fraternity. For some, it provides a social network, a moral code, or a reassuring sense of order. For others, it's just a good meal out with their mates. But whatever their reason for joining, as they are immersed in Freemasonry's traditions they are bound together by ritual and sacred oaths to become brothers." To the English mates means buddies not wives or significant others. "A good meal out with friends" sounds almost a bit unmasonic but is it? Aren't good men required to work to become better men through Freemasonry? During each of the three degrees we learn about the working tools

of a Freemason. We also learned about the rough and perfect ashlar. Aren't all Freemasons obligated to work to become better men? To find the answer to this question let's review the obligations in each degree. Nowhere is it required that a brother pick up the working tools. Although a brother is missing a lot that Freemasonry has to offer if his only reason for joining is "just a good meal out" it is OK, isn't it?



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



2018





**Thursday, November 1st**  
[Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.](#)  
No Meeting Scheduled



**Thursday, November 8th**  
[Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.](#)  
Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.



Monthly Lodge Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
Ham, Sweet Potato, Salad & Desert



Election of 2019 Officer's



**Thursday, November 15th**  
[Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.](#)  
No Meeting Scheduled



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Thursday, November 22nd**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
No Meeting Scheduled



**Thursday, November 29th**  
Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple Association  
Board of Trustee's Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
[ All are welcome to attend ]



**Thursday, November 29th**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
Master Mason Degree Practice, 7:00 p.m.







**Thursday, November 29th**  
**Fellowcraft Competitio**

Greetings Brother's!

Time once again for the ritual competition.  
It will be the Fellowcraft Working Tools and Charge.

Competition will be held at Jackson Lodge #17  
on Thursday November 29 at 7:00 pm.

Competitors name and contact info should be  
forwarded to me by November 22nd.

You can call or text me at 517-414-2757  
or email at rckshea2003@yahoo.com

If you gave any questions, please do not  
hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,  
Rick Shea, DDI District 33



**Thursday, December 6th**  
**Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.**  
**Master Mason Degree, 7:00 p.m.**





Brother Greg Brown, Junior Warden of Mountain Park Lodge #729 of Stone Mountain, Georgia is greeted at the Altar by Worshipful Master Frank Lutze PM with Greg's father, Worshipful Brother Dale Brown PM, Treasurer Emeritus.





Fellowcraft Degree on October 18, 2018. Brother Albert H. LaFountain Jr., Brother Albert H. LaFountain III and Brother Timothy R. Monroe all passed to Fellowcraft (front row L to R). Worshipful Master Wayne T. Murphy of Brooklyn #169, Worshipful Master Frank W. Lutze of Jackson #17 and Worshipful Master Leo P. Cauzillo of Cement City #435 (back row L to R).

**The Human brain  
is an amazing  
organ. It  
functions  
24 hours a day  
from the day we  
are born and only  
stops when we  
are performing  
ritual**



## ***Lodge Dinner***

*| Monthly Lodge Dinner |*



### **Monthly Lodge Dinner's**

#### **Menu for November:**

### **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!*



*None to report this month.*





## *Masonic Degree Schedule*



*Entered Apprentice Degree - 1st °*



*Fellowcraft Degree - 2nd °*



*Master Mason Degree - 3rd °*  
*December 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.*



**Jackson Scottish Rite Club**





# Jackson Scottish Rite Club

## Valley of Detroit



Lawrence C. Sanford Jr.  
President

Lawrence Sanford Jr.

(517) 783-3505  
President

Conroy Smith Jr.

(517) 240-3297  
Vice President

Garry Gooldy Jr.

(517) 414-2819  
Treasurer

Michael Hicks

(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, November 28, 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, November 14th**  
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 - Vacant  
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, November 14th**  
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 - Vacant*  
*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, November 5th**  
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.  
Inspection, 3:00 p.m.  
Dinner, 6:30 p.m.



**Monday, November 12th**  
Jackson Commandery #9, K.T.  
No Meeting Scheduled



**Monday, November 19th**  
Jackson Commandery #9, K.T.  
Stated Conclave, 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner with Ladies, 6:00 p.m.  
Steaks Eatery



**Monday, November 26th**  
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.  
No Meeting Scheduled







***JACKSON COMMANDERY #9 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
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



## **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 November 2018**

**Tuesday, November 6th**  
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 20th**  
Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

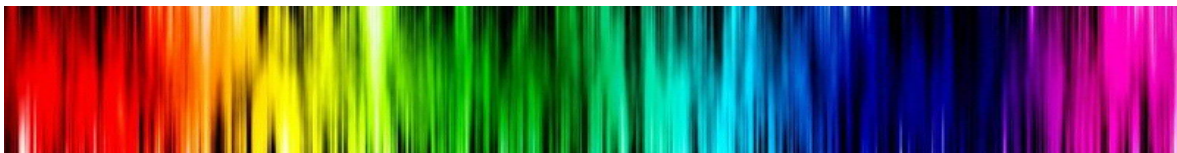


## 2017—2018 OFFICERS

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 Finkieweicz
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.**

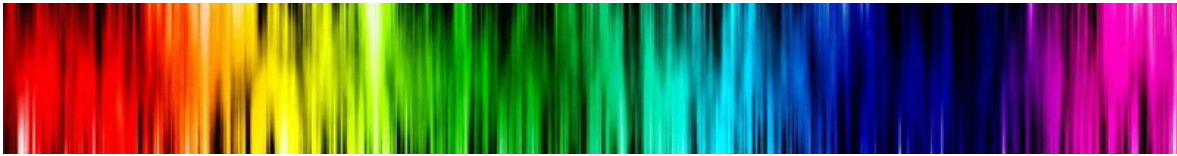


Renee Brock  
Mother Advisor  
517-240-0962

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

**Tuesday, November 13th**  
Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 27th**  
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



# Masonic Birthday's

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

*November 2018*

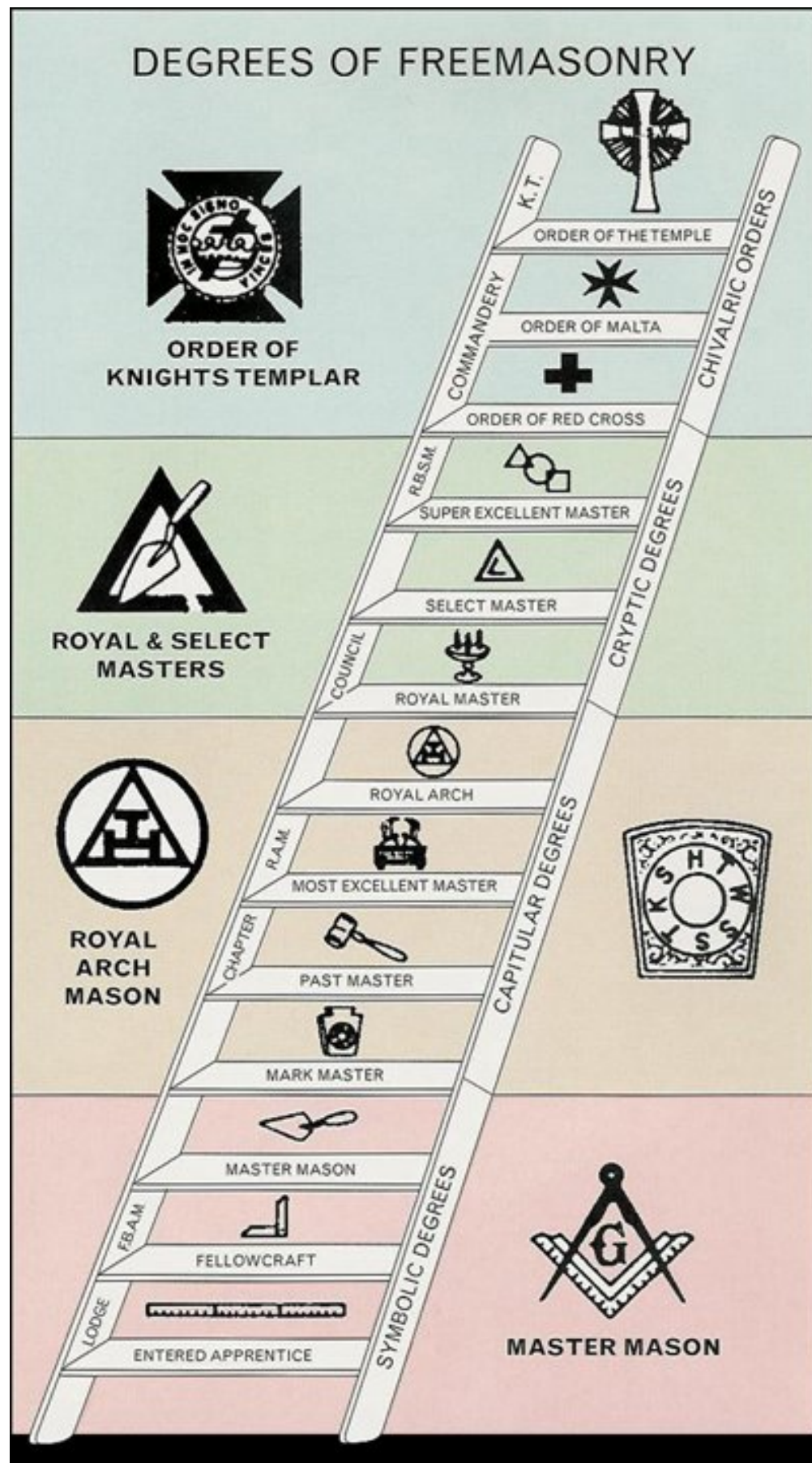
Bro.	John F. Ohneck	November 1
Bro.	Ryan P. Fitts	November 5
Bro.	Jason R. Kenworthy	November 5
W. Bro.	Donald L. Lectka PM	November 8
W. Bro.	Larry W. Carrigan PM	November 13
Bro.	David Holubowitz	November 14
Bro.	Raymond B. Eddy Jr.	November 15
Bro.	Mark E. Crandall	November 16
W. Bro.	Tommy R. Amidon PM	November 17
Bro.	Marty J. Herr	November 17
Bro.	Lester V. Slauter Jr.	November 18
W. Bro.	Carl M. Hendges PM	November 19
Bro.	David J. Ruoff Jr.	November 19
Bro.	Scot B. Harvey	November 20
W. Bro.	Adam W. Wygant PM	November 23
Bro.	Marcus U. Blue Jr.	November 27
W. Bro.	Paul M. Tarr Jr. PM	November 27
W. Bro.	Johnathan M. Jaeger PM	November 28
Bro.	Anthony L. Melville	November 30

## *Masonic Anniversary - Date Raised*

Bro.	George L. Barton	November 2, 1956	Coolidge	0532	62 Years
Bro.	Barry L. Elder	November 19, 1963	Liberty	0209	55 Years
W. Bro.	Robert Kuhl PM	November 23, 1964	Excelsior	0116	54 Years
W. Bro.	Donald L. Lectka PM	November 27, 1968	Michigan	0050	50 Years
W. Bro.	Steven Kafantaris PM	November 28, 1973	Michigan	0050	45 Years
W. Bro.	Gary E. Kittel PM	November 29, 1988	Liberty	0209	30 Years
Bro.	Timothy W. Mattice	November 29, 1988	Liberty	0209	30 Years
Bro.	Daniel Goldsmith	November 29, 2016	Napoleon	0301	29 Years
W. Bro.	Jeffrey R. Day PM	November 23, 1993	Napoleon	0301	25 Years
Bro.	Robert S. Wohlgemuth	November 29, 1973	Jackson	0017	19 Years
Bro.	William W. Krueger	November 3, 2011	Jackson	0017	7 Years
Bro.	Anthony L. Melville	November 3, 2011	Jackson	0017	7 Years

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

# DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY



## Contact Masonic Bodies

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- [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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Masonic Emblem available in Silver only.

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.

4th Thursday, January 24th  
(Annual Meeting)

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  
Representing Jackson Commandery #9, K.T. (2019)

W. Bro. Lawrence G. McGowen, Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2019)

Bro. Charles W. McNamara Jr., Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2020)

W. Bro. Lawrence C. Sanford Jr., Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2020)

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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