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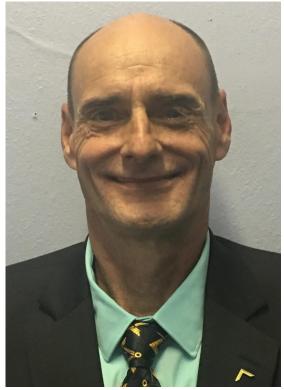


Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center Lodge Blue Room



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





Leo P. Cauzillo P.M. Worshipful Master - Elect





Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M. and Cement City Lodge No. 435, F. & A.M.







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







2019



Thursday, January 3rd Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M Installation Practice, 6:30 p.m.





#### Saturday, January 5th

Jackson Area Masonic Lodge Installation at Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M. Annual Installation, 7:00 p.m.

Installing Grand Master Pro-Tem Most Worshipful Brother William R. Finkel P.G.M.

Jackson Lodge #17 - 171st Installation Excelsior Lodge #116 - 159th Installation Parma Lodge #183 - 153rd Installation Horton Lodge #293 - 148th Installation Napoleon Lodge #301 - 147th Installation Cement City Lodge #435 - 114th Installation





#### Thursday, January 10th

Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M. Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m. Monthly Lodge Dinner, 6:30 p.m.





#### Thursday, January 17th

Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M. To Be Announced



#### Thursday, January 24th

Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple Association Board of Trustee's Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Election of 2019 Officer's

[ All are welcome to attend ]



Thursday, January 31st

Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M. To Be Announced





Worshipful Master Frank W. Lutze PM with our newest Master Masons Albert LaFountain Jr, Albert LaFountain III and Timothy Monroe.



Worshipful Brother Michael Hicks PM presents Timothy Monroe with his grandfather's (E. Allen Smitley of Coolidge #532) apron.



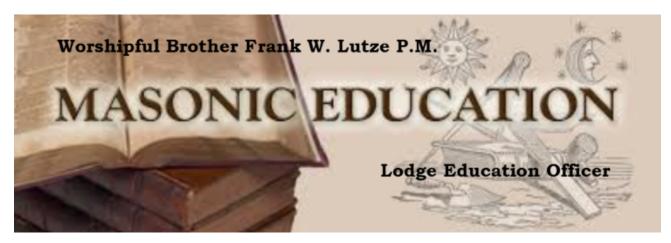
Worshipful Master Frank Lutze PM receives a cane (TBC) and plaque to hang it on from Brother Greg Brown, Junior Warden of Mountain Park Lodge #729 of Stone Mountain, Georgia. It was presented by Greg's father, Worshipful Brother Dale Brown PM, Treasurer Emeritus. This was to recognize his several years as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge and to thank him for his dedication and service to the craft by the brethren as he retires from the East.



Worshipful Master Frank W. Lutze PM presents Brother's Albert LaFountain III and Timothy Monroe with their Masonic Ritual.







As I was wandering the internet researching the subject of Freemasonry membership, yesterday, today and tomorrow, I found an interesting article by

the Masonic Service Association of North America. The article is lengthy, but the message is important enough that I will provide it, as published, over the next 3 months. Once we fully understand the problem we will be able to identify actions we can take at Jackson Lodge #17.

# IT'S ABOUT TIME! Part I - Introduction

# "Change is the one constant and Freemasons have done little to keep pace with change."

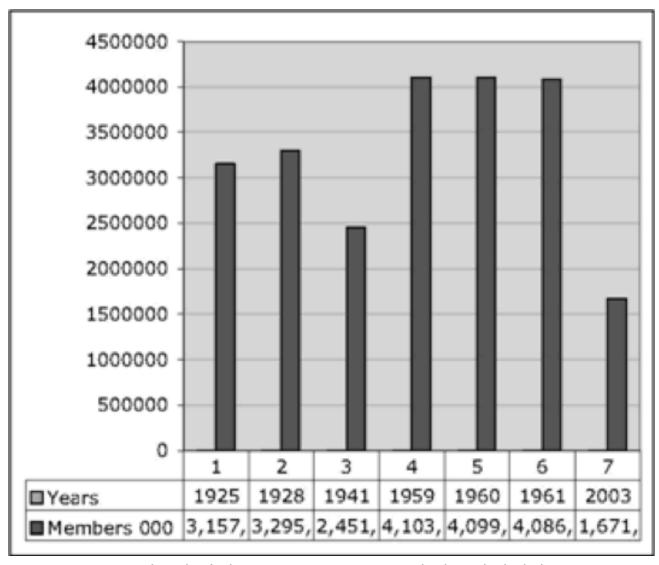
- MIC Task Force

"It's about time!" When spoken forcefully, the phrase means an action is about to be taken addressing a situation needing immediate attention. Sometimes the words are said softly, "It's about time; I don't have any," thereby making "time" the excuse for doing nothing. How best to illustrate this conclusion?

Since the end of World War II, population figures in North America have soared. Masonic membership increased also until 1959. Since that time, while the general population has had dramatic increases, Masonic membership has dropped.

To further illustrate this trend, the Masonic Service Association (MSA) has tracked membership figures for Masons in the United States since 1925. The numbers tell a very sad tale of the decline of one of the world's most important fraternal organizations, slowly fading away, as T.S. Elliot says, "not with a bang, but a whimper."

This chart illustrates the rise and fall of Masonic membership from the 1920s to the year 2003.



Even at our membership's lowest point in 1941, which included the Depression years (the worst depression in US history), Freemasonry still had 800,000 more members than we do today. In short, Freemasonry is at its lowest membership level in at least 80 years.

#### Interpreting the numbers

Four familiar excuses have frequently been touted as the cause of the decline.

#### \* We are in a downward cycle.

History demonstrates that fraternal membership is always cyclical. Although national membership statistics prior to 1925 are very difficult to compile, the figures that are available clearly show cyclical ups and downs. However, our current membership total is at its lowest point in 80 years. This clearly indicates that the trend is not of a cyclical nature and must be viewed with the clear understanding that other factors are at work.

#### \* We lost the Vietnam generation.

The Vietnam generation resisted joining traditional mainstream organizations. This was a generation turned off by anyone over 35; to this group, any

organization that embraced traditional values was distrusted. However, many years have passed producing diminished membership figures. We have no choice but to conclude the problem runs far deeper than one generation.

#### \* We are all so busy.

Busy lifestyles complicate time commitments. No question about it. Where one spouse used to be the major source of the family's income, now both spouses work. When they come home in the evening, they want time together rather than separate functions to attend, if indeed there is a desire to participate at all. This clearly means that any organization wishing to attract members must offer something of great interest to even be considered worthwhile.

#### \* People no longer join the way they used to.

Joining is no longer fashionable. Clearly true. In his book Bowling Alone, Robert Putnam conclusively shows that people simply do not join organizations as they did in the past. Since the World War II generation, volunteering (which is what we do when we join an organization) has become almost nonexistent. Every fraternal organization, many religious denominations, service clubs, and community organizations such as the PTA/PTO have all suffered membership declines.

While these are valid reasons (yes, they did contribute to a decline in membership), we have failed to accept the fact that the world is a different place than it was in the 1940s and 1950s. If you live in a metropolitan area, your 15-minute commute time to work is now 50 minutes-if you are lucky. We spend more time going to and from work than ever before. Current lifestyles often require two spouse incomes. Family time is squeezed into the evenings and very often the children have their own activities. The technology explosion has provided a source for entertainment/activity that competes with any organization requiring a time commitment. In short, change is the one constant. What have Freemasons done to keep pace with change? Very little!

Isn't it about time to be realistic about our membership statistics? Population figures in North America for the last 50 years have soared. At the same time membership figures for the Masonic population have dropped. This can only mean that Masons have simply not kept pace with our changing lifestyles. For example, communications technology has exploded-cell phone vs. landline; PC vs. typewriter; e-mail vs. regular mail. While these kinds of changes surround everyone living in a modern world, Freemasons still grouse about any increase in dues or per capita. It is time to readjust our thinking and come to realize that both time and money are necessary factors in creating a quality organization.

#### Resisting and denying change

With few exceptions over the last several decades, we have been content to listen to excuses, avoiding examination of the complicated set of changes that has weakened Masonry's relevance to our contemporary lives. Even today, we want to think of "loss of membership" as our major problem. This report argues

that membership loss is not the major problem. In fact, our study asks that we shift our thinking to consider our loss of membership as merely a symptom of the problem.

Based upon its study, the Task Force proposes that our core problem is twofold:

- 1. Loss of Masonic identity
- 2. Lack of energy invested in Masonry

This means our fraternity has suffered a loss of Masonic identity as an observable way of life, and our lack of energy invested in Masonry no longer makes the fraternity relevant to our busy contemporary lifestyles.

#### Seeking a lost identity

As Masons we have taken our fraternity's identity for granted, and we have allowed the general public to forget how important we are to the fabric of society. We forgot that what we DO for each other, our lodges, and ourselves enriches the quality of life for our families and communities. Only recently has Masonry found a new place in popular culture with the introduction of Dan Brown's book, The DaVinci Code, and the movie, National Treasure. Now we see our public identity positioned in the context of historical fiction. We owe the public more than fiction; we owe them facts, and we owe them our best performance every day.

Members ask the familiar questions such as:

- Can't we just purchase the solution to our image and membership decline?
- Can't we just fix lethargy with a new PR campaign, developed and implemented by outside PR agencies?

It would be convenient if traditional approaches alone would change the status of Freemasonry in the minds of the general public. However, it would be like trying to convince the public that Pepsi without "fizzy" is just as satisfying. We know that it might be a fine drink, but the truth is-it just wouldn't be Pepsi.

#### **Claiming our Masonic identity**

The Masonic Information Center proposes that Masons must first take ownership of an identity that distinguishes Masonry from other men's organizations. That is a complex but exciting challenge. It is time to face it; Freemasonry is not an off-the-shelf product whose value can be assessed only in quantifiable terms. One Task Force member reminded the group that Masons are not marketing soap or ketchup. Masonry is a process of lifelong learning and discovery that delivers a way of living a principled life, observable in the simplest behaviors, whether at lodge, at home, or in the workplace.

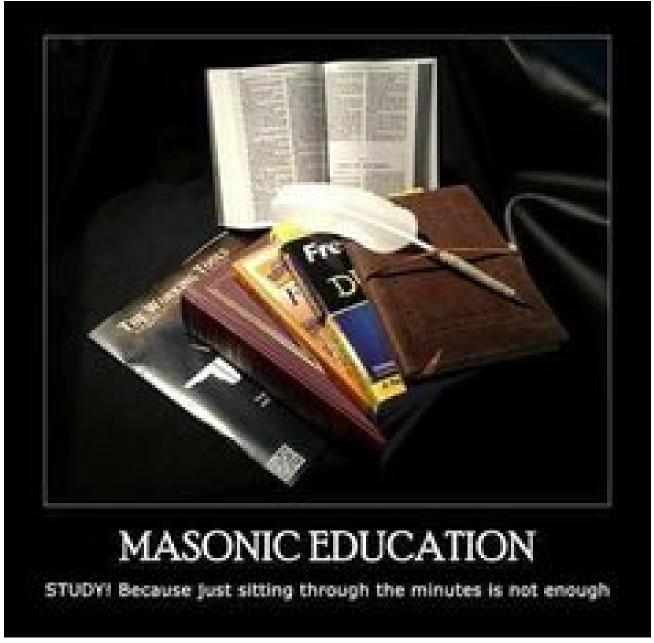
The task facing Masonry is to define our Masonic identity in a rapidly changing world. The public wants to know:

Who are the Masons?

How do we know them in our lives today?

When we can answer these questions, then we can move forward with traditional programs for public relations, marketing communications, membership, and more.

It is about time that we did something as a fraternity for our fraternity-brother by brother, lodge by lodge.



#### CALENDAR

by William R. Fischer

We have all noticed the dates on the cornerstones the Masons have laid. These are peculiar to Masons and very vastly in different rites.

LETTERS	MEANING	RITE	YEAR

A.	D.	After Death Year of our Lord		Present
Α.	L.	Anno Lucis Year of Light	Masonry Ancient Craft	+4000
Α.	М.	Anno Mundi Year of the World	Scotch Rite	+3760
Α.	I.		Masonry Royal Arch	+530
Α.	Dep.		Masters Royal and Select	+1000
Α.	0.	Anno Ordinis Year of the Order	Knights Templars	+1118

## **Lodge Dinner**

#### | Monthly Lodge Dinner |



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

#### **Menu for January:**

#### **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 for a \$5.00 donation.

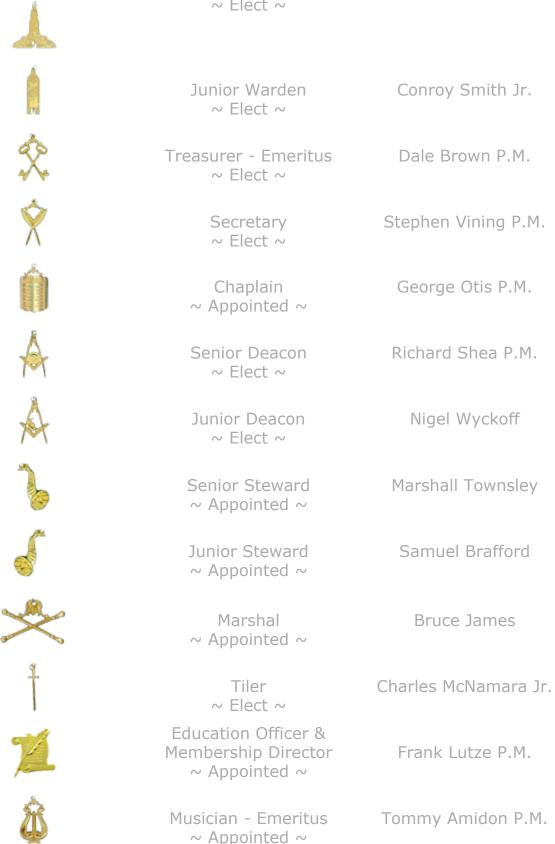
2019 Lodge Officer's **Installation on January 5, 2019** 



Worshipful Master Leo Cauzillo P.M. ~ Elect ~

Senior Warden

Jason Wright







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!











#### Brother & Dr. Terance Kenneth Tuttle M.D.

Born: May 28,1930 Jackson, Michigan

Age: 88

Died: December 27, 2018 Litchfield Park, Arizona

Entered Apprentice Degree – July 11, 1951 Michigan Lodge #50

Fellowcraft Degree – July 18, 1951 Michigan Lodge #50

Master Mason Degree - October 6, 1951

Michigan Lodge #50 67 Years

Life Membership – October 6, 1991 Michigan Lodge #50

Lodges Merged – January 6, 2016 Jackson Lodge #17





## Masonic Degree Schedule





Entered Apprentice Degree - 1st °





Fellowcraft Degree - 2nd °





Master Mason Degree - 3rd °



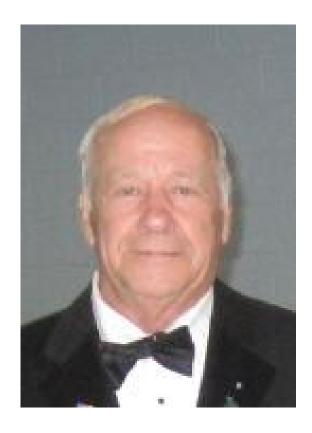
#### **Jackson Scottish Rite Club**



# 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	(517) 240-3297	(517) 414-2819	(517) 206-1586
President	Vice President	Treasurer	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, January 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

You can contact Garry Gooldy by texting or calling 517-414-2819 or email by <u>clicking here.</u>

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, January 9th

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 2019

# Illustrious Companion Garry L. Gooldy Jr. P.T.I.M. Thrice Illustrious Master 517-414-2819



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

#### Wednesday, January 9th

Jackson Council No. 32, R. & S.M. Stated Assembly, 7:30 p.m.



Thrice Illustrious Master - Garry L. Gooldy Jr., PTIM
Deputy Master - George M. Otis, PTIM
Pr. Conductor of the Work - Marcus U. Blue Jr.
Recorder/Treasurer - Stephen D. Vining, PTIM
Chaplain - Lawrence G. McGowen
Captain of the Guard - Michael E. Hicks, PTIM
Conductor of Council - Marshall K. Townsley
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?





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, January 7th
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.
Drill Corp, 6:30 p.m.

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Monday, January 14th

Jackson Commandery #9, K.T. No Meeting Scheduled



#### Monday, January 21st

Jackson Commandery #9, K.T. Stated Conclave, 7:30 p.m. Dinner with Ladies, 6:00 p.m. at Steaks Eatery



#### Monday, January 28th

Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T. No Meeting Scheduled







#### 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

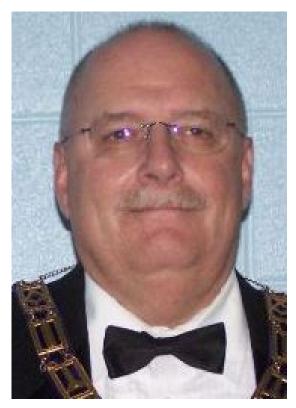
Guard #3 - S.K. Nigel R. Wyckoff





Christmas Observance at Jackson Commandery #9 after the stated Conclave on Monday, December 17th.

**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

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 2019

Friday, January 18, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 20, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

Fern Leaf Chapter No. 66





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

Starla Finkiewicz Worthy Matron 734-929-8360

Ellen Yoakam Secretary 517-536-0643

Calendar for the month of January 2019

**Tuesday, January 1st**No Meeting Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 15th**No Meeting Scheduled

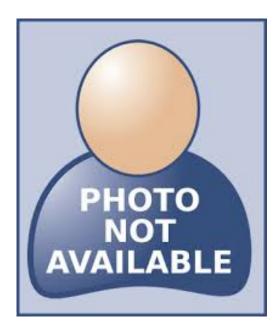






# International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Michigan

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



Renee Brock Mother Advisor 517-240-0962

Calendar for the month of January 2019

**Tuesday, January 8th** Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, January 22nd**

Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



# Masonic Birthday's

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

## January 2019

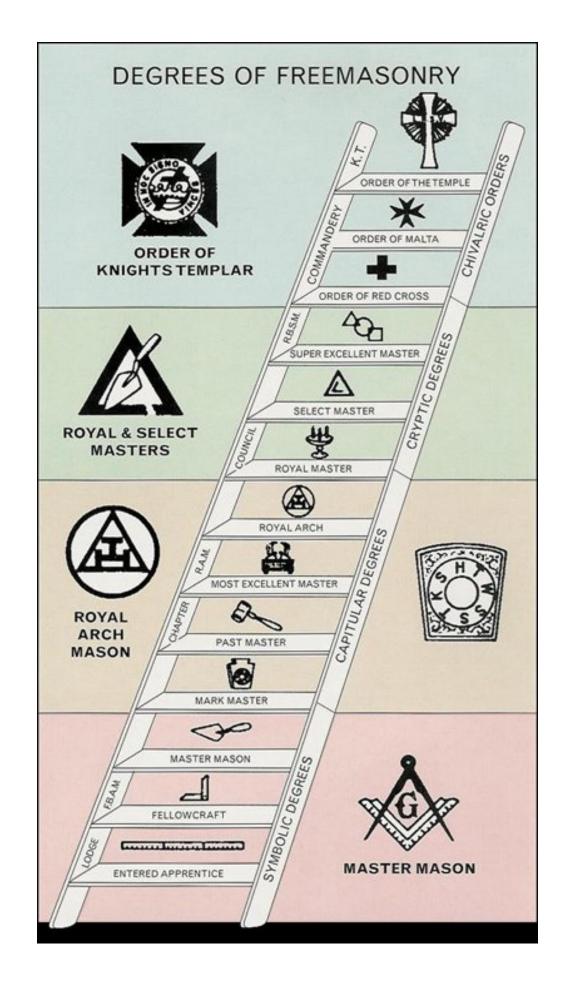
W. Bro.	James Archambeau Pl	M January 3
Bro.	Glen Burgess	January 6
Bro.	Charles Webb	January 6
Bro.	Stevens Amidon	January 7
Bro.	Phillip Atzenhoffer	January 7
Bro.	Dwight "Chris" King	January 7
W. Bro.	Thomas Royce PM	January 7
Bro.	Brian Reaume	January 8
Bro.	David Brown	January 11
W. Bro.	Jimmie Snyder PM	January 12
Bro.	Nicholas LeFevre	January 13
W. Bro.	Kenneth Branch PM	January 15
Bro.	William Mogle	January 15
Bro.	Jefferson Barber	January 17
Bro.	Douglas Martin	January 17
Bro.	George Ridge	January 20
Bro.	Dean Pelham	January 22

# W. Bro. Edward Hatfield Jr. PM January 23

# Masonic Anniversary - Date Raised

W. Bro.	Donald Woodard PM	January	25, 1967	' Mason	0070 52	years
W. Bro.	Jason Chalfant PM	January	8, 1968	Coolidge	0532 51	years
Bro.	Issac Hale	January	18, 1968	Coolidge	0532 51	years
W. Bro.	Charles Waters Jr. PM	January	28, 1971	Jackson	0017 48	years
Bro.	Stevens Amidon	January	3, 1987	Vernon	0279 32	years
Bro.	Phillip Poynter	January	18, 1990	Coolidge	0532 29	years
Bro.	Kenneth Strobel	January	29, 1992	Michigan	0050 27	years
Bro.	Douglas Barker	January	16, 1996	Phoenix	0013 23	years
Bro.	Dwight Hunt Sr.	January	21, 1997	' Joppa	0315 22	years
Bro.	Marshall Townsley	January	12, 1993	Horton	0293 9	years
Bro.	Jefferson Barber	January	20, 2011	Council	06448	years

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



#### **Contact Masonic Bodies**

- Visit Our Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Website
- Contact Jackson-Coolidge Webmaster
- Contact Secretary Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.
   Contact Secretary Jackson Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.
- Contact Recorder Jackson Council No. 32, R. & S.M.
- Contact Recorder Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.
- Contact Secretary Jackson York Rite College No. 3
- 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

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Masonic Emblem available in Silver only. Past Master available in Silver or Gold





#### Temple Board Contact Information

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)

4th Thursday, February 28th

4th Thursday, March 28th

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 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 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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