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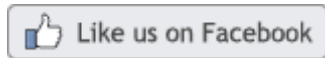
## Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center

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*Dear Jackson-Coolidge Webmaster*



Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center  
Lodge Blue Room



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



Leo P. Cauzillo Jr. P.M.  
Worshipful Master  
734-756-4365



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



# 2019



**Thursday, September 5th**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
No Meeting - **"DARK"**



**Thursday, September 12th**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Lodge Dinner, 6:30 p.m.



**Thursday, September 19th**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
E.A. Degree, 7:00 p.m.

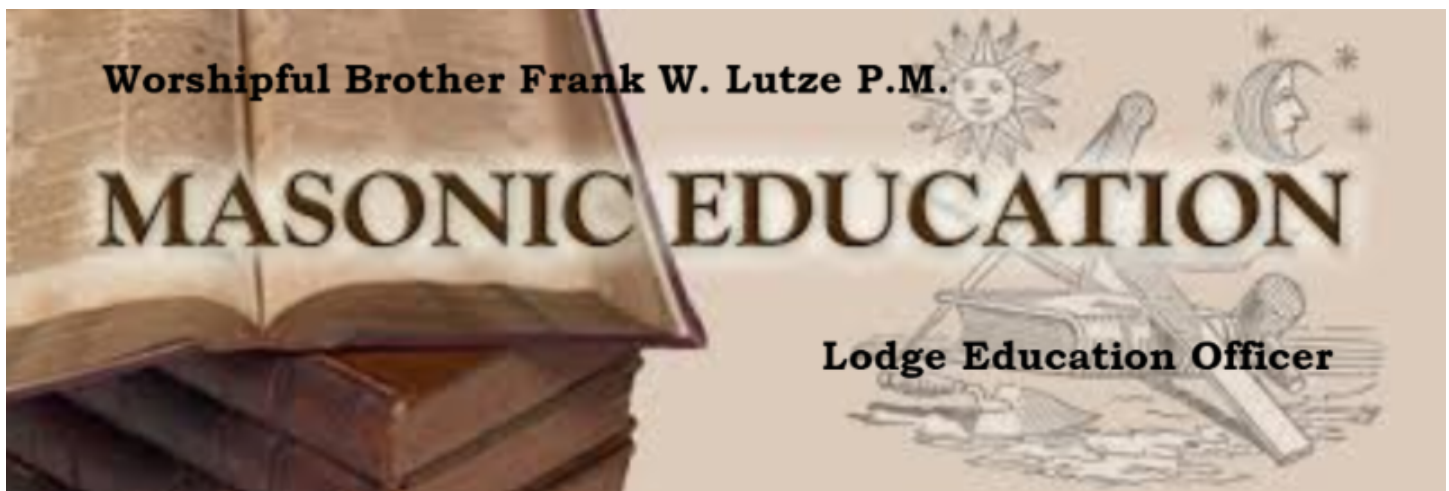


**Thursday, September 26th**  
Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple Association  
Board of Trustee's Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

[ All are welcome to attend ]



**Thursday, September 26th**  
**Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.**  
**No Meeting Scheduled**



## The Symbol

All of us have encountered a stranger, a coworker, a relative, or a family member who noticed the Square and Compasses on our cap or ring. They then might say "I see you are a Mason" or "What does that symbol mean?". The next words out of their mouth would be a comment to demonstrate what they think they know about the Craft. "Most of the founding fathers of this country were Masons". "The streets of Washington DC are laid out in Masonic symbols". "You guys worship the devil". Word of mouth, movies, television and now the internet worked overtime to spread the story, whether fact or fiction, about Freemasonry.

While wandering the internet I found this article from 2013 by David Morgan of CBS News. It's nine points to ponder or points you could use as a comment to the person questioning the symbol. Maybe even ask them the questions and see what answers you get.



## 9 things you didn't know about Freemasonry



The back of a U.S. dollar bill, featuring the obverse of the Great Seal of the United States - an all-seeing eye atop an uncompleted pyramid.

(CBS News) "Sunday Morning" looks at the rumors, fears and conspiracy theories sparked by the Freemasons' fraternal order, its secrets and rituals.

### **1. When meeting, Masons do not discuss religion or politics.**

"There are certain subjects which are prevented or we simply proscribe from discussing within the lodge," Piers Vaughan, master of St. John's Lodge #1 in New York, told Mo Rocca. "And religion is one. Politics is another."

One of the world's leading experts on Freemasonry confirms.

"Do they discuss forms of politics and events that have happened? Yes, they do," said UCLA history professor Margaret Jacob. "Do they say, 'Well, I'm a Democrat and therefore I think ...' Or, 'I'm a Republican ...' No, I don't think they do that."

### **2. Freemasonry is not a religion.**

"Freemasonry has the look of a religion," said Jacob. "You think of religion as ritual, there's also this ritual element. But there are no priests, there are no ministers, there are no rabbis, there's no system of clergy of any sort. Everybody's their own thinker."

### **3. The Catholic Church condemns Freemasonry.**

Jacob said the initial response to Freemasonry in continental Europe, particularly in Catholic Europe, was suspicion from seeing "all these men [from] different neighborhoods, different professions meeting in the cafe, breaking bread together, doing rituals, what could this be? Political conspiracy or religion."

In 1738 the Catholic Church condemned Freemasonry, and has since issued about 20 decrees -- directly or indirectly -- against the fraternity. In 1983 Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI) re-affirmed this position.

#### **4. Atheists are not welcome.**

Freemasonry is not a religion per se, but agnostics or atheists cannot belong, said Brent Morris, a Masonic historian, editor of the Scottish Rite Journal, and a 33rd degree Freemason.

"This is an organization of believers," he said. "When it was started on a formal basis in 1717, many historians believe that it was trying to bridge the gap between the religious civil wars that had been going on in England at the time. The Catholics would get in power and beat up on the Protestants; the Protestants would get in power and beat up on the Catholics; and everyone was beating up on the Jews.

"So when the Freemasons were formed, [they] said, 'Here's a group of men that agree that God is central in their lives, they can even agree that God compels them to do good in the community, then they can shut up after that.'" That was a radical concept -- that men could get together and agree on that fundamental level, and then get on with their lives."

So could an atheist join? No, said James Sullivan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York: "The reason we, I think in the past, wanted somebody that had a belief in a supreme being is because we take certain obligation to be a good man, to support the fraternity. And if you didn't have a belief in a supreme being, the obligation would mean nothing."

#### **5. Most of the Founding Fathers were NOT Freemasons.**

Two of America's earliest presidents, George Washington and James Monroe, were Freemasons, as were Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock and Paul Revere. But many leading figures in the American Revolution -- including John and Samuel Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Thomas Paine -- were not Masons.

Of the 56 figures who signed the Declaration of Independence, only nine were confirmed Masons, according to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and of the 39 delegates of the Continental Congress who signed the draft of the new nation's Constitution in 1787, only 13 (one-third) were Freemasons.

#### **6. There are NO secret Masonic symbols on the U.S. dollar bill.**

The back of the dollar bill features an incomplete pyramid with an eye on top of it. Many people -- including some Freemasons -- say it's a Masonic symbol, but that's not the case. UCLA's Margaret Jacob says these symbols have been used by many different groups, including Masons, throughout history.

"I'm sure there are a lot of Freemasons who want to believe [they're Masonic symbols] and who will tell it to you, because it makes the Lodges seem important," Jacob said. "I mean, if you have a symbol on the dollar bill, that's a big deal!"

Brent Morris said there are two types of people who want to promote the idea that the symbols are Masonic: "The pro-Masons and the anti-Masons -- and that pretty well covers the universe.

"The Eye of God is a common icon for God looking over the affairs of man," Morris said. "It's an icon that appears in cultures across the centuries. The uncompleted pyramid [which also appeared on a 50-pound Colonial note] represented that our country was not yet completed, that we were continuing to grow."

## **7. The Shriners are Freemasons.**

The Shriners (known formally as the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine), the charity organization best known in the popular mind for driving tiny cars in parades, are an off-shoot of the Masons. They run 22 children's hospitals where patients don't pay a cent.

"You must be a Mason to become a Shriner," said Morris.

## **8. The secret Masonic password originated as a job tool**

Masonry began as a guild for stone masons who built the castles and cathedrals of Medieval Europe. "If you were a baker, a miller, a brewer, you could spend your entire life in one village practicing your trade," said Morris. "If you are a mason, after they repair the church or build the town hall, there might not be any mason work in that town for decades, so you had to move to another jobsite.

"Now, you're illiterate; the officers of the lodge are probably illiterate. So that's why they believe the Masons' word came into effect. It allowed the craftspeople to move from one jobsite to another and identify themselves as being part of the trade union.



"We have evidence in Scotland going back to the early 1600s that the Masons' word existed, and [that] was how you as a Mason in Edinburgh could identify yourself to a Mason in Lancashire that you were a member of the guild and could have work."

"Are there secret handshakes?" asked Rocca.

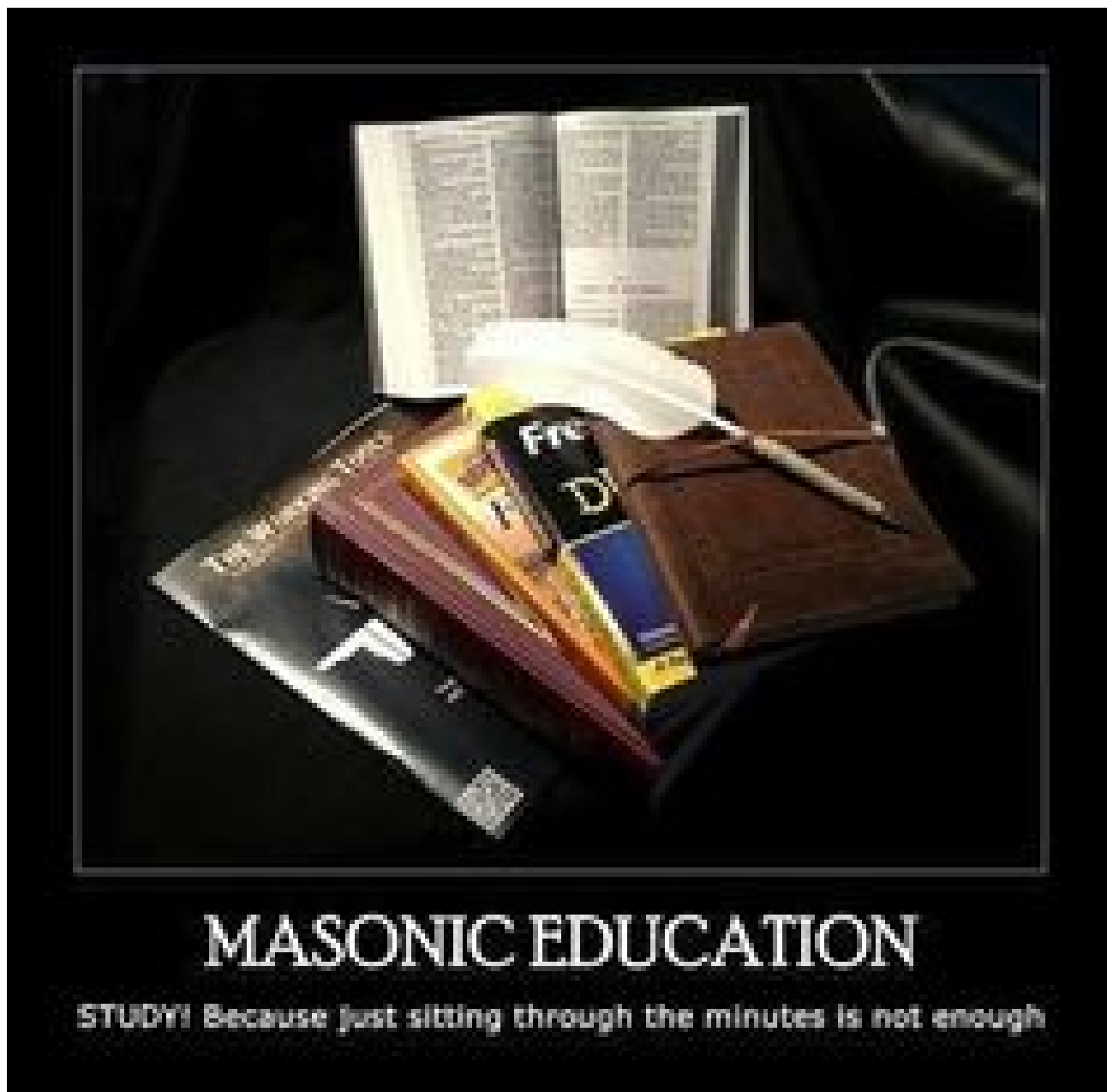
"Oh, secret handshakes, of course," replied Morris. "I mean, what's the point of having a password if you don't have a handshake?"

### **9. There is no hidden Masonic code on Rolling Rock beer bottles.**

Introduced in 1939, the Rolling Rock brand of beer, from the Latrobe Brewing Company of Pennsylvania, ends a statement on its label with the cryptic "33." Over the years it has been suggested that it refers to the 33rd degree of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

According to "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry" (Alpha), Latrobe insists the "33" refers to 1933, the year Prohibition ended.

In 1986, Cecil Adams' "The Straight Dope" column investigated this urban legend and found that "33" actually was scribbled under the statement, indicating how many words it contained, and the printer mistakenly added it to the label. [You see, it's always printing errors.]



## MASONIC EDUCATION

STUDY! Because just sitting through the minutes is not enough

### ***Lodge Dinner***

| *Monthly Lodge Dinner* |



**Monthly Lodge Dinner's**

**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.

## Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M. 2019 Lodge Officer's



Worshipful Master

Leo Cauzillo Jr. P.M.



Senior Warden

Jason Wright



Junior Warden

Richard Shea P.M.



Treasurer - Emeritus

Dale Brown P.M.



Secretary

Stephen Vining P.M.



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George Otis P.M.



Senior Deacon

Nigel Wyckoff



Junior Deacon

Albert LaFountain III



Senior Steward

Marshall Townsley



Junior Steward

Albert LaFountain Jr.  
Timothy Monroe  
Samuel Brafford



Marshal

Bruce James

Tiler

Charles McNamara Jr.



Education Officer &  
Membership Director

Frank Lutze P.M.

Alternate

Garry Gooldy Jr. 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!*





*Masonic Degree Schedule*



*Entered Apprentice Degree - 1st °  
Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.*





*Fellowcraft Degree - 2nd °*



*Master Mason Degree - 3rd °*



**Jackson Scottish Rite Club**



**Jackson  
Scottish  
Rite Club**  
Valley of Detroit







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Charles McNamara Jr.

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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.

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019 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  
2019-2020**

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



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

**Wednesday, September 11th**  
Jackson Chapter No. 3, R.A.M.  
Stated Convocation, 7:30 p.m.

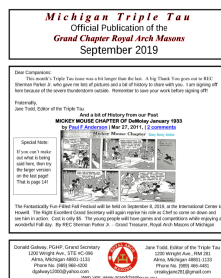


High Priest: Garry L. Gooldy Jr. PHP  
 King: Michael E. Hicks PHP  
 Scribe: George M. Otis PHP  
 Treasurer: Dale D. Brown PHP  
 Secretary: Stephen D. Vining PHP  
 Chaplain: Lawrence G. McGowen  
 Captain of Host: Marshall K. Townsley  
 Principle Sojourner: Albert H. LaFountain III  
 Royal Arch Captain: Ryan T. Pennington  
 Sentinel: Bruce W. James  
 Master 1st Veil: Marcus U. Blue Jr.  
 Master 2nd Veil: Albert H. LaFountain Jr.  
 Master 3rd Veil: Nigel Wyckoff



**Triple Tau**

**September 2019**



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**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, September 11th**  
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. Cond. of the Work: Michael E. Hicks PTIM*

*Treasurer: Dale D. Brown PTIM*

*Recorder: Stephen D. Vining PTIM*

*Chaplain: Lawrence G. McGowen*

*Captain of the Guard: Marcus U. Blue Jr.*

*Conductor of Council: Marshall K. Townsley*

*Steward: Ryan T. Pennington*

*Sentinel: Bruce W. James*

*Marshal: Albert H. LaFountain III*

*Alternate: Albert H. LaFountain Jr.*

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

Every Christian Mason Should Be a

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**Jackson Commandery No. 9  
Knight Templar  
2019-2020**

Sir Knight Adam W. Wygant PC  
Eminent Commander  
517-745-1699

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



**Monday, September 2nd**  
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.  
No Meeting Scheduled - Labor Day



**Monday, September 16th**  
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.  
Stated Conclave, 7:30 p.m.





**Monday, September 30th**  
**Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.**  
**No Meeting Scheduled**



***JACKSON COMMANDERY #9 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR***  
***2019 - 2020 OFFICERS***

Commander - S.K. Adam W. Wygant PC

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

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

Senior Warden - S.K. Ronald L. Spees PC

Junior Warden - S.K. Garry L. Gooldy Jr.

Prelate - S.K. George M. Otis

Treasurer - S.K. Stephen D. Vining PC

Recorder - S.K. Michael E Hicks PC

Standard Bearer - S.K. Albert H. LaFountain III

Sword Bearer - S.K. Lawrence G. McGowen

Warder - S.K. Marshall K. Townsley

Sentinel - S.K. Ryan T. Pennington

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

Guard #2 - S.K. Marcus U. Blue Jr. PGC

Guard #3 - S.K. Albert H. LaFountain Jr.

Hermit #1 - S.K. Cortland C. Rule PGC

Hermit #2 - S.K. Theodore R. Welch PC

Hermit #3 - S.K. Lloyd A. Darling HPGC

Director of Orders - S.K. Cortland C. Rule PGC

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





**Jackson College No. 3  
York Rite Sovereign College  
2019 - 2020**

George M. Otis P.G., A.R., O.P.C.  
Preeminent Governor  
517-262-9862

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

Next Meeting Date

**Friday, September 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Stated Assembly



**2019 - 2020 Officers**

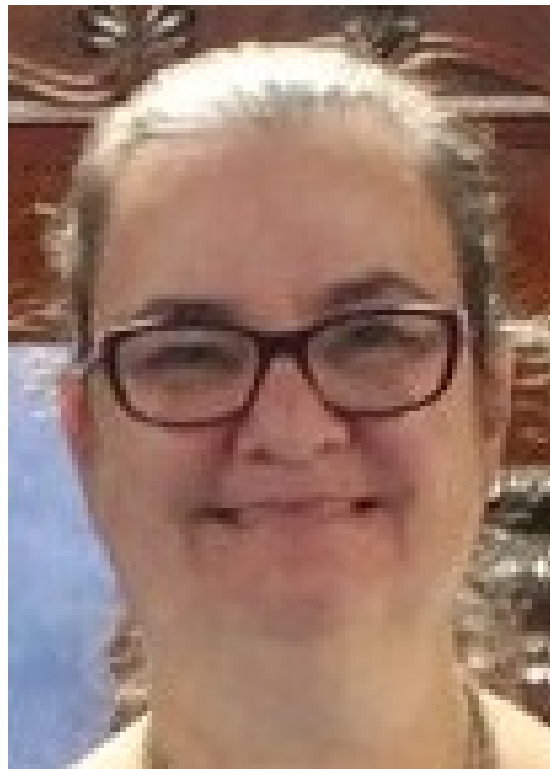
Distinguished Brother George M. Otis P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Governor  
Eminent Companion Knight Garry L. Gooldy Jr. - Deputy Governor  
Eminent Companion Knight Glenn T. Cruickshank - Chancellor  
Eminent Companion Knight Lawrence G. McGowen - Treasurer  
Distinguished Brother Timothy C. Forche P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Secretary  
Noble Companion Knight Charles W. McNamara Jr. - Primate  
Noble Companion Knight Gary R. Laxton - Preceptor  
Distinguished Brother Barry L. Chapman P.G., 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

Friday, September 20, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, January 17, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 20, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 15, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

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## Fern Leaf Chapter No. 66



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

Starla Finkiewicz  
Worthy Matron  
734-929-8360

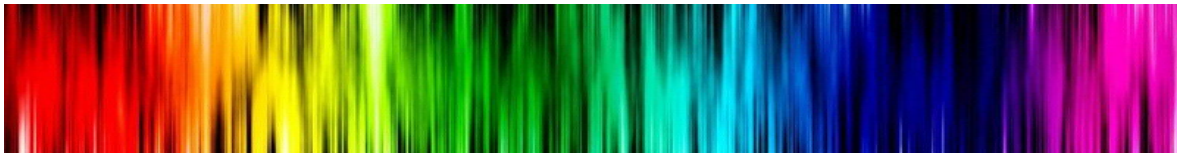
Ellen Yoakam  
Secretary  
517-536-0643

**Tuesday, September 3rd**  
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 17th**  
Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



**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.**



Sarah Brock  
Grand Worthy Advisor  
517-240-0962

**Tuesday, September 10th**  
Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 24th**  
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



# Masonic Birthday's

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

*September 2019*

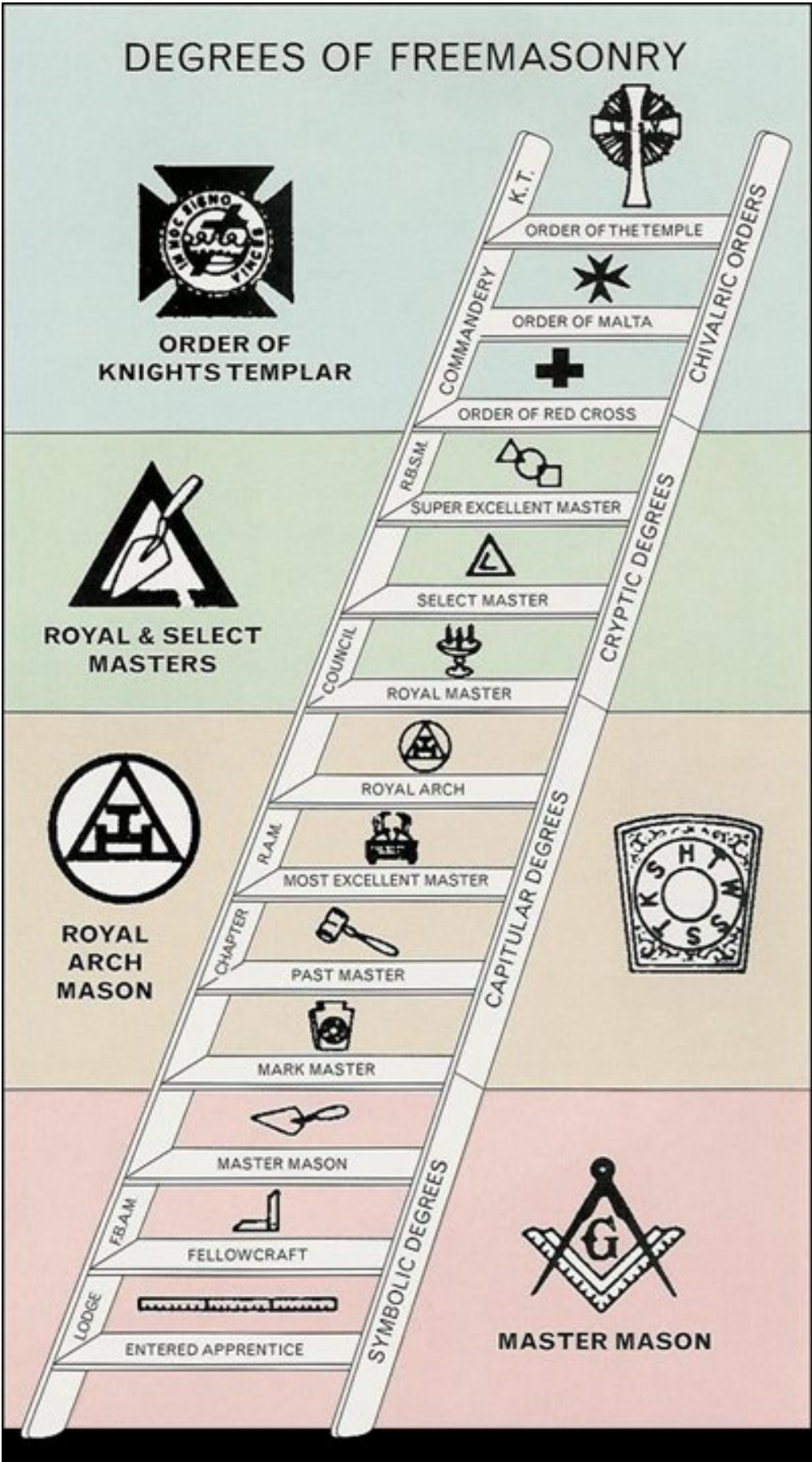


Bro.	Marion A. Chalfant	September 3
W. Bro.	Calvin D. Myers PM	September 3
Bro.	Jean D. McGee	September 6
Bro.	Gordon L. Wright	September 11
Bro.	Randall T. Lee	September 17
Bro.	Phillip J. Poynter	September 18
Bro.	Kenneth W. Strobel	September 18
Bro.	Thomas J. Taylor	September 18
Bro.	Albert H. LaFountain III	September 21
Bro.	Lyndell R. Peebles	September 23
Bro.	Charles R. Furgason	September 24
Bro.	Timothy P. Durkin	September 26
W. Bro.	Lyman S. Robertson Jr PM	September 26
Bro.	Bruce W. James	September 28
Bro.	Donald D. Burk PhD	September 30
W. Bro.	William C. Snyder PM	September 30

### *Masonic Anniversary - Date Raised*

W. Bro. Leo McCrum PM	57 years	September 20, 1961	Michigan	0050
Bro. Thomas R. Calkins	55 years	September 20, 1963	Coolidge	0532
Bro. Manley G. Jacobs	55 years	September 20, 1963	Coolidge	0532
Bro. Fred S. Walters Jr	50 years	September 25, 1968	Michigan	0050
W. Bro. Jerry L. Bethel PM	38 years	September 23, 1980	Liberty	0209
Bro. Bruce W. James	36 years	September 28, 1982	Liberty	0209
W. Bro. Roger W. Herman PM	23 years	September 11, 1984	Liberty	0209

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



## Contact Masonic Bodies

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- [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](mailto: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, September 26th

4th Thursday, October 24th

3rd Thursday, November 21st

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W. Bro. Jimmie H. Snyder, Trustee  
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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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