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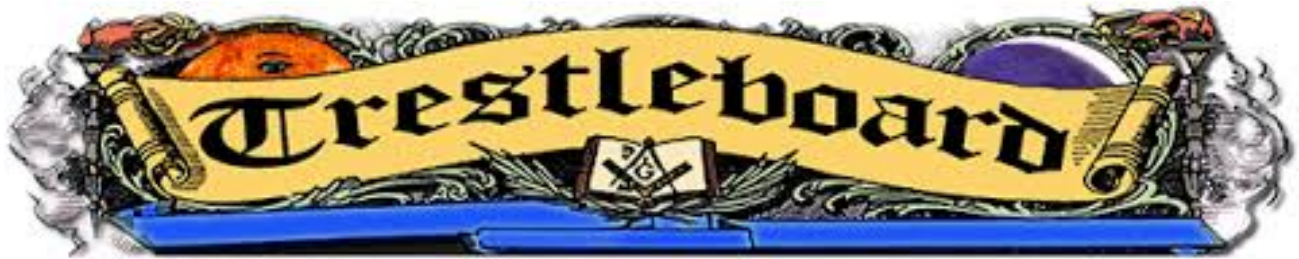
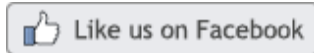
# Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center

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*Dear Jackson-Coolidge Webmaster*



Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center  
Lodge Blue Room



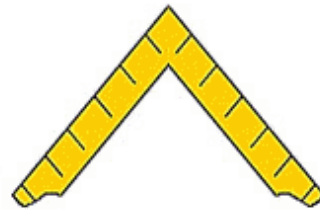
## **Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.**



Garry L. Gooldy Jr. P.M.  
Worshipful Master - Elect  
517-414-2819



# *From the East*



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



# *From the Secretary's Desk*



**2020**



**Thursday, January 2nd**  
**Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.**  
Installation Setup, 7:00 p.m.



**Saturday, January 4th, 2020**  
**Joint Jackson Area Public Installation**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
Excelsior Lodge No. 116, F. & A.M.  
Parma Lodge No. 183, F. & A.M.  
Horton Lodge No. 293, F. & A.M.  
Napoleon Lodge No. 301, F. & A.M.



**Thursday, January 9th**  
**Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.**  
Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Lodge Dinner, 6:30 p.m.



**Thursday, January 16th**

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

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



**Thursday, January 23rd**

[Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple Association](#)

Board of Trustee's Meeting

Stated/Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



**Thursday, January 23rd**

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

No Meeting Scheduled



**Thursday, January 30th**

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

Master Mason Degree, 6:30 p.m.

# ***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. 2020 Lodge Officer's - Elect**



Worshipful Master - Garry Gooldy Jr. P.M.



Senior Warden - Richard Shea P.M.



Junior Warden - Nigel Wyckoff



Treasurer Emeritus - Dale Brown P.M.



Secretary - Stephen Vining P.M.



Chaplain - George Otis P.M.



Senior Deacon - Albert LaFountain III





Junior Deacon - Eric Cole



Senior Steward - Marshall Townsley



Junior Steward - Timothy Monroe



Ass't Steward - Aaron Wyckoff



Ass't Steward - James Cuatt



Marshal - Bruce James



Tiler - Albert LaFountain Jr.



Musician - Austin Jonas



Lodge Education Officer - Frank Lutze P.M.



Membership Director - Frank Lutze 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 Steven J. (Kafont) Kafantaris Jr. P.M.*



*Born on June 11, 1932  
Paris, France*

*Age: 87*

*Died on September 22, 2019  
West Columbia, South Carolina*

*Entered Apprentice Degree – September 12, 1973 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*Fellowcraft Degree – October 31, 1973 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*Master Mason Degree – November 28, 1973 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

*Worshipful Master of Michigan Lodge #50 – 1979 and 1996*

*Life Member – November 28, 2013 (Michigan Lodge #50)*

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



## ***Masonic Degree Schedule***



*Entered Apprentice Degree - 1st °*





*Fellowcraft Degree - 2nd °*



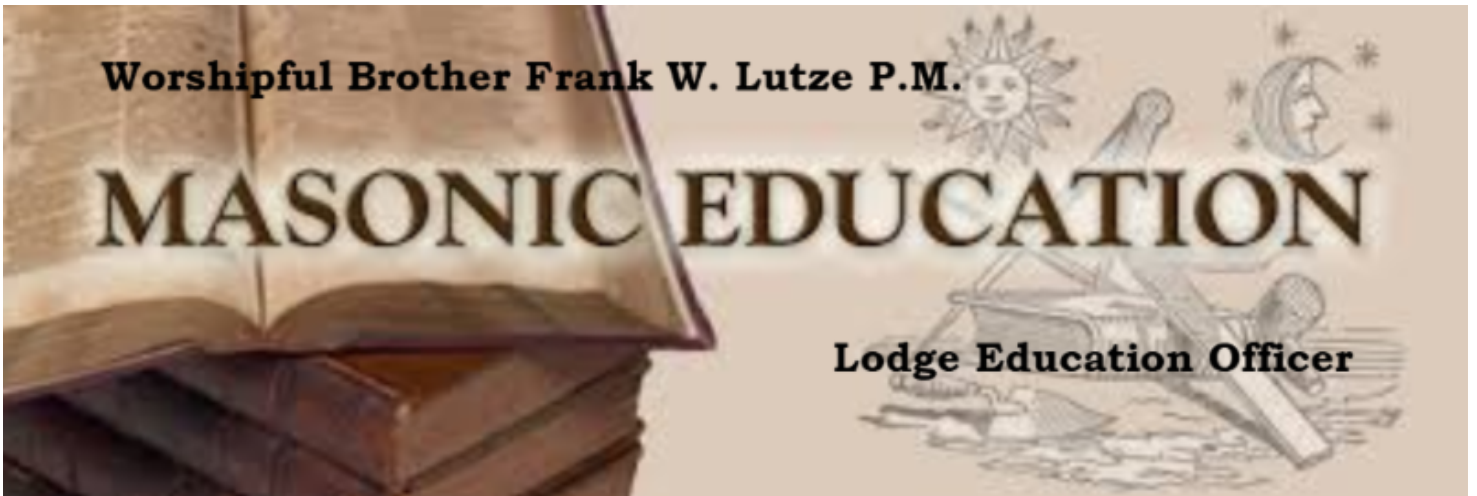
*Master Mason Degree - 3rd °*  
*Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.*



**Worshipful Brother Frank W. Lutze P.M.**

# MASONIC EDUCATION

**Lodge Education Officer**





## **The Black Cube**

It seems like there is no better time than the present to discuss the use of the black cube. This topic has probably been discussed in lodges around the world since the fraternity began. Maybe our ancient brothers, the operative craftsman, wrestled with the same topic when considering a brother for advancement. Many of us have a picture of the ideal prospect, the ideal brother. We often apply a set of personal arbitrary requirements or rules. Each of us should sort out and discard all requirements that aren't directly connected to the benefit of the Fraternity. Always cast your ballot, not for your personal gain or pleasure but, for the benefit of the craft.

A well-used black cube goes into the ballot box. Ill-used, it drops into the heart and blackens it.

### **THE BLACK CUBE**

by Tim S. Anderson DGS/LSC  
Excerpted and adapted from The MSA Short Talk Bulletin Nov. 1929

Unfortunately, no hard and fast rule can be laid down on the use of a Black Cube when balloting. There is no way to explain "this is a good reason, but that is not a good reason" for casting a black cube. Each Mason has to judge the reason for himself. Yet some suggestions may be given.

We know a man we dislike. He has different ideas from ours. He belongs to a different "set." He is not the type that we admire. Our dislike does not amount to hatred, nor is it predicated upon any evil in the man's character. He and we are antipathetic; we rub each other the wrong way. When he applies to our lodge we must decide this question: will the unpleasantness to us, in having him as a member, be greater than the good to him which may come

from his reception of the Masonic teachings? Are we sure that we cannot accept him as a brother merely because we "have never liked him?"

We all know cases like this; the president of the bank turns down Johnson's application for a second mortgage. Johnson makes the matter personal. He "has it in" for the president. The president applies for the degrees. Someone casts a black cube. It may or may not be Johnson. No one knows. But later perhaps we hear Johnson's boast "I got even with that son-of-a-gun who turned down my loan!" He doesn't say how he "got even," of course. But we are pretty sure we know. Such a use of the black cube is, of course, utterly un-Masonic. It is a misuse of a great power. We might as well turn down the minister of the Baptist church because he doesn't agree with our minister, who is a Methodist! Or turn down the automobile dealer because he refused to give us a larger allowance on our old car! To turn the Masonic black cube into a secret dagger for personal revenge is un-Masonic and indefensible.

Freemasonry works some curious miracles. A self-made man applied five times for the degrees in a certain lodge. The man was rather uneducated, yet a commercial success. He had, literally, raised himself by his bootstraps from the poverty of the streets to a business position of some prominence. Yet he was rather raw, rough and ready, even uncouth. No shadow of personal unworthiness rested upon him; he was honest, upright, a good citizen. In this lodge a certain Past Master (as was discovered in after years) voted four times against this applicant. The Past Master left the city. On the fifth application the petitioner was elected. Something in Masonry took hold of his heart. Through Masonry he was led to acquire some of the education that he lacked; through Masonry he was led into the church. In time he made such a reputation for himself as a Mason that he was put in the officers line, and finally achieved the solemn distinction of being made Master of his lodge. He is still regarded as one of the best, most constructive and ablest Masters that lodge has ever had.

In the course of ten or twelve years the absent Past Master returned. In the light of history, he confessed (which strictly speaking he should not have done!) that it was he who had kept this man out for what he really believed were good reasons. He thought the "rough neck" would detract from the dignity and honor of the Fraternity. Yet this same "rough neck," through Masonry, became educated, a good churchman, a fine Mason and an excellent officer.

Had the Past Master, whose black cubes were cast with honest intention to benefit the Fraternity, not left town the blessings of Masonry might forever have been denied to a heart ready to receive them and society, the lodge and

the church been prevented from having the services of a man who gave largely of himself to all three.

The black cube is the great protection of the Fraternity; it permits the brother who does not desire to make public his secret knowledge, to use that knowledge for the benefit of the Craft. It gives to all members the right to say who shall not become members of their lodge family. But at the same time it puts to the test the Masonic heart, and the personal honesty of every brother who deliberates on its use.

The black cube is a thorough test of our understanding of the Masonic teaching of the cardinal virtue, justice, which "enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction." We are taught of justice that "it should be the invariable practice of every Mason, never to deviate from the minutest principle thereof."

Justice to the lodge requires us to cast the black cube on an applicant we believe to be unfit. Justice to ourselves requires that we cast the black cube on the application of the man we believe would destroy the reputation of our lodge.

Through justice to the applicant we are taught to render justice to every man, not merely to Masons. To symbolically cast no black cube for little reasons, small reasons, mean reasons. And justice to justice requires that we think carefully, deliberate slowly, and act cautiously. No man will know what we do; no eye will see, save that All Seeing Eye that pervades the innermost recesses of our hearts, and will, so we are taught, reward us according to our merits.

Shakespeare said, "O, it is excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant!"

The black cube is a giant's strength to protect Freemasonry. Used thoughtlessly, carelessly, without Masonic reason, it crushes not only him at whom it is aimed but also him who casts it.

A well-used black cube goes into the ballot box.  
Ill-used, it drops into the heart and blackens it.

Remember: Always vote for the good of the Fraternity.







Wor. Bro. Leo Cauzillo W.M. of Jackson Lodge #17 at the December 12th Regular Communication is presented with his 2018 District (#33) Mason of the Year Certificate from District #33 BGP Wor. Bro. Garry L. Gooldy Jr. 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

Charles McNamara Jr.

(517) 206-2630  
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, January 22, 2020 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, January 8th**  
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

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





**Jackson Council No. 32  
Royal and Select Mason's  
2020**

Illustrious Companion Michael E. Hicks P.T.I.M.  
Thrice Illustrious Master  
517-206-1586



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

**Wednesday, January 8th**  
Jackson Council No. 32, R. & S.M.  
Stated Assembly, 7:30 p.m.



*Thrice Illustrious Master: Michael E. Hicks PTIM*  
*Deputy Master: George M. Otis PTIM*  
*Pr. Cond. of the Work: Garry L. Gooldy Jr. PTIM*  
*Treasurer: Dale D. Brown PTIM*

*Recorder: Stephen D. Vining PTIM*  
*Chaplain: Lawrence G. McGowen*  
*Captain of the Guard: Marshall K. Townsley*  
*Conductor of Council: Albert H. LaFountain III*  
*Steward: Jonathon E. Ferguson*  
*Sentinel: Albert H. LaFountain Jr.*  
*Marshal: Bruce W. James*  
*Alternate: Ryan T. Pennington*

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

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



**Knight**  **Templar**





**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, January 6th**  
Jackson Commandery #9, K.T.  
No Meeting Scheduled  
~ Dark in January ~



**Monday, January 20th**  
Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.  
No Meeting Scheduled  
~ Dark in January ~



**Monday, January 27th**  
**Jackson Commandery No. 9, K.T.**  
No Meeting Scheduled  
~ Dark in January ~



***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, January 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Stated Assembly



**2019 - 2020 Officers**

Distinguished Brother George M. Otis P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Governor

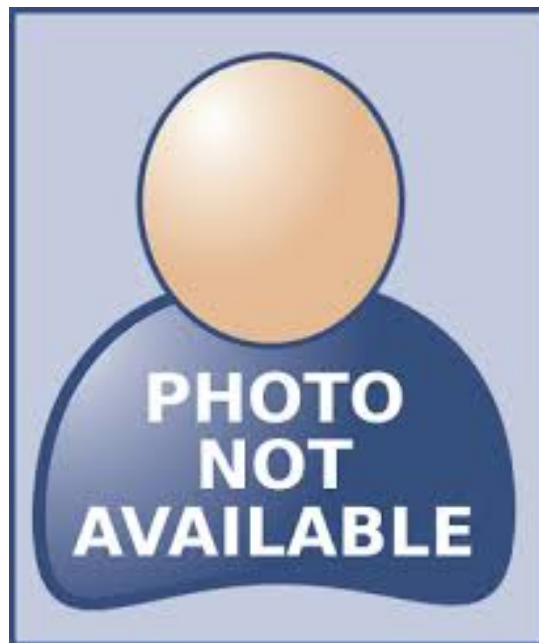
Eminent Companion Knight Garry L. Gooldy Jr. - Deputy Governor  
Eminent Companion Knight Glenn T. Cruickshank - Chancellor  
Eminent Companion Knight Lawrence G. McGowen - Treasurer  
Distinguished Brother Timothy C. Forche P.G., A.R., O.P.C. - Secretary  
Noble Companion Knight Charles W. McNamara 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, January 17, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 20, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 15, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, September 18, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

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## **Fern Leaf Chapter No. 66**



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

Renee Brock  
Worthy Matron

517-240-0962

Ellen Yoakam  
Secretary  
517-536-0643

**Tuesday, January 7th**

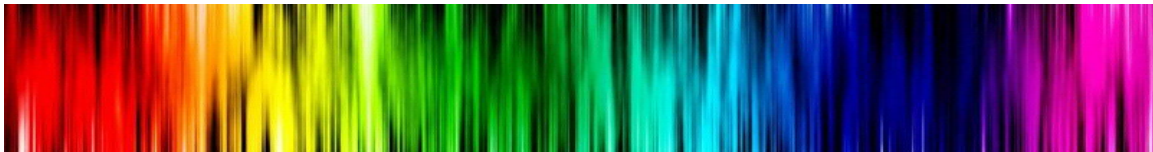
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**Tuesday, January 21st**

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**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.**

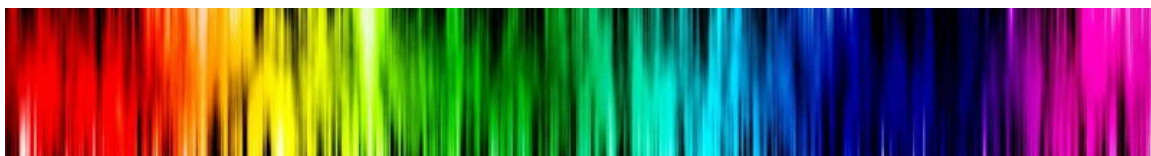




Cathy Woods  
Mother Advisor  
517-513-1494

**Tuesday, January 14th**  
Stated Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 28th**  
No Meeting Scheduled



# Masonic Birthday's

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

*January 2020*

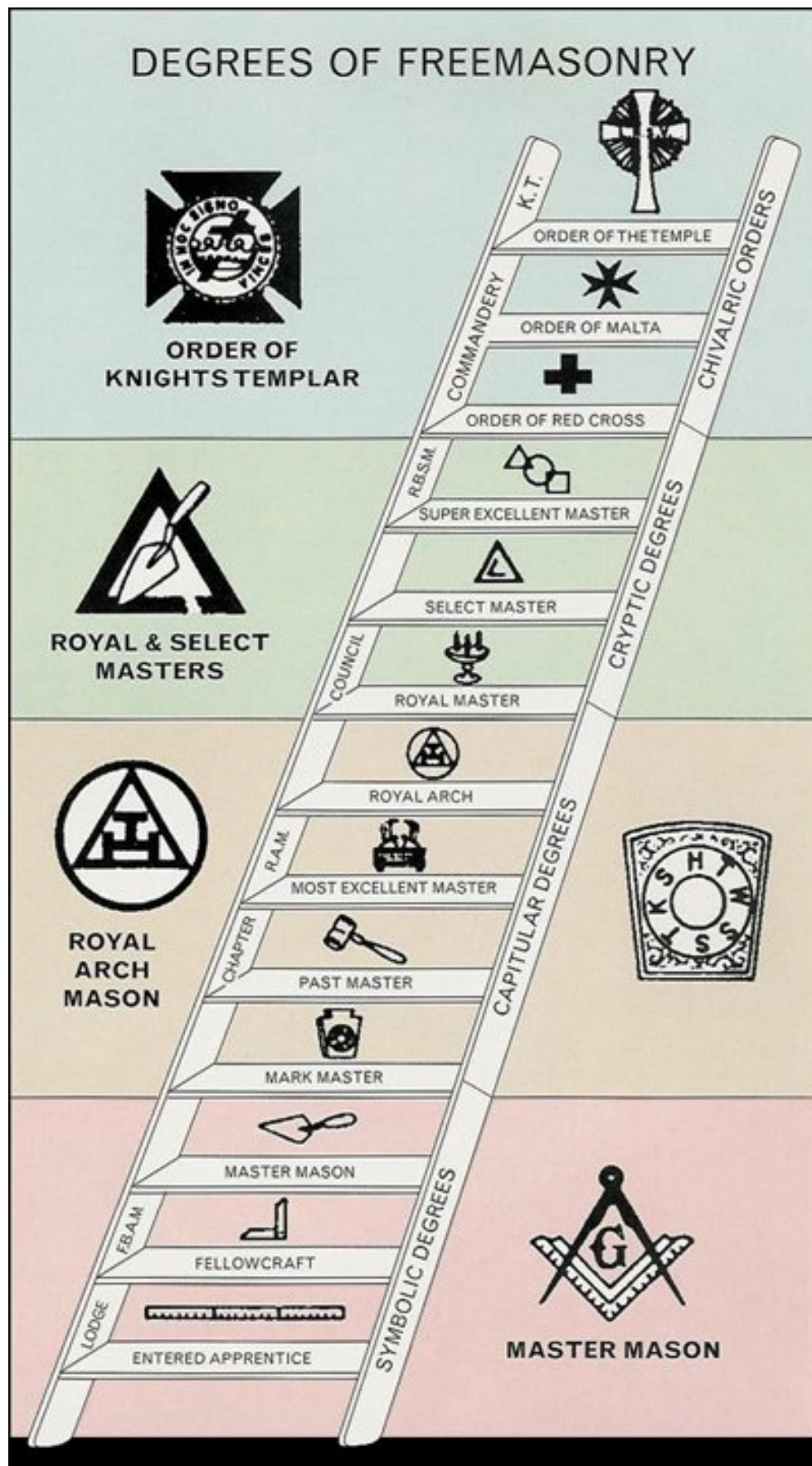
W. Bro. James C. Archambeau PM	January 3, 1950
Bro. Glen A. Burgess	January 6, 1924
Bro. Charles E. Webb	January 6, 1935
Bro. Stevens R. Amidon	January 7, 1954
Bro. Phillip Atzenhoffer	January 7, 1936
Bro. Chris King	January 7, 1972
Bro. Brian E. Reaume	January 8, 1965
Bro. David R. Brown	January 11, 1960
W. Bro. Jimmie H. Snyder PM	January 12, 1941
Bro. Nicholas J. LeFevre	January 13, 1980
W. Bro. Kenneth L. Branch PM	January 15, 1957
Bro. Jefferson T. Barber	January 17, 1968
Bro. Douglas E. Martin	January 17, 1930
Bro. George B. Ridge	January 20, 1928
Bro. Dean K. Pelham	January 22, 1934
W. Bro. Edward Hatfield Jr PM	January 23, 1959

### *Masonic Anniversary - Date Raised*

W. Bro. Donald L. Woodard PM	53 years	January 25, 1967	Mason	0070
W. Bro. Jason H. Chalfant PM	52 years	January 8, 1968	Coolidge	0532
W. Bro. Charles R. Waters Jr PM	49 years	January 28, 1971	Jackson	0017
Bro. Stevens R. Amidon	33 years	January 3, 1987	Vernon	0279
Bro. Phillip J. Poynter	30 years	January 18, 1990	Coolidge	0532
Bro. Kenneth W. Strobel	28 years	January 29, 1992	Michigan	0050
Bro. Douglas A. Barker	24 years	January 16, 1996	Phoenix	0013
Bro. Dwight A. Hunt Sr	23 years	January 21, 1997	Joppa	0315
Bro. Marshall K. Townsley	10 years	January 12, 1993	Horton	0293
Bro. Jefferson T. Barber	9 years	January 20, 2011	Council	0644

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

# DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY



Contact Masonic Bodies





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 MTA President Frank Lutze at 517-212-1857 or MTA Secretary 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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**Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple**  
| 355 Napoleon Rd. | Michigan Center, MI | 49254 |



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Remember your Masonic affiliations in your estate plans.

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*Wor. Bro. Stephen D. Vining P.M., Webmaster*

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