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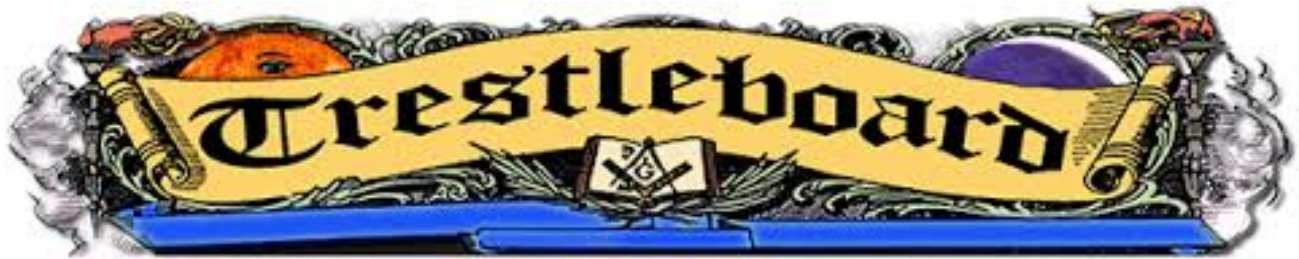
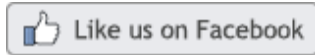
# Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center

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*Dear Jackson-Coolidge Webmaster*



Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Center  
Lodge Blue Room

# March

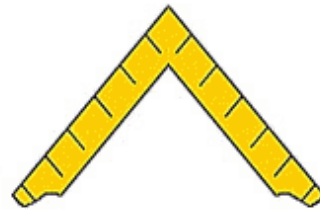
## **Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.**



Garry L. Gooldy Jr. P.M.  
Worshipful Master  
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, March 5th**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
No Meeting Scheduled



**Thursday, March 12th**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Lodge Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
~ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner ~



**Thursday, March 19th**  
Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
No Meeting Scheduled





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



**Thursday, March 26th**  
Hosted by: Jackson Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.  
District #33 Special DDI Election, 7:00 p.m.  
Jackson #17, Excelsior #116, Brooklyn #169,  
Napoleon #301 and Cement City #435 are to attend.  
(W.M.'s, Warden's and P.M.'s have a vote)

## ***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**



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 - Timothy Monroe



Junior Steward - Aaron Wyckoff



Ass't Steward - James Ellis III



Ass't Steward - James Cuatt



Marshal - Dan Walsh



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!*







## *Masonic Degree Schedule*



*Entered Apprentice Degree - 1st °*





*Fellowcraft Degree - 2nd °*



*Master Mason Degree - 3rd °*



**Master Mason Degree**  
*February 20, 2020*



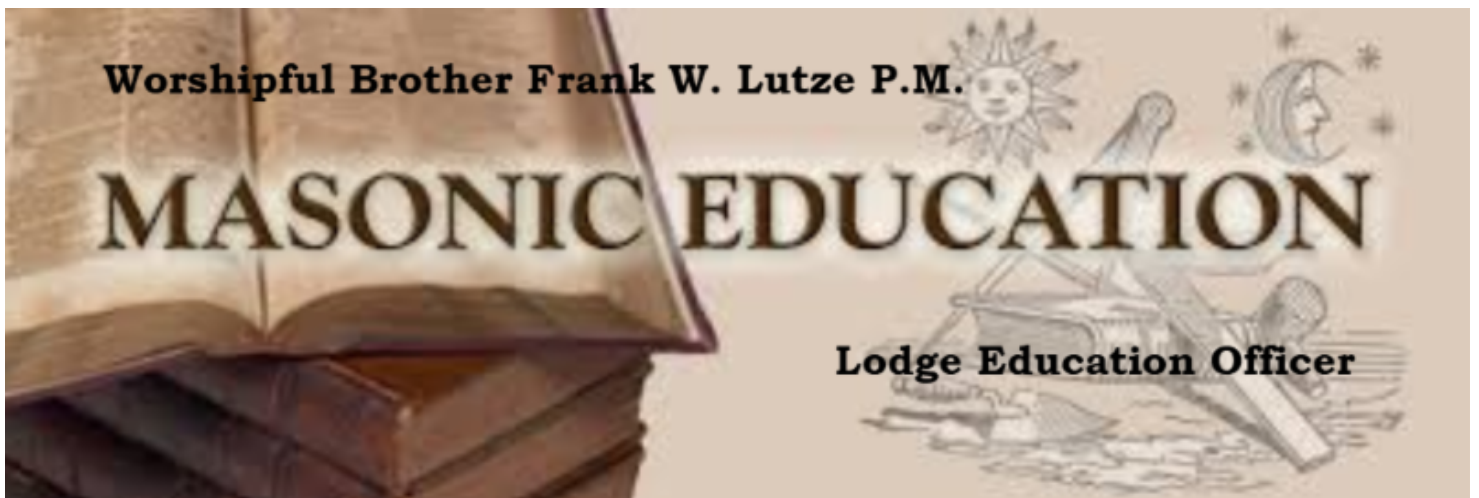


Master Masons Kenneth Phillips, Chad Webb and Austin Jonas are presented with their Bibles, Aprons, Rituals, Name Badges after the degree. W.M. Gooldy greets visitors from Kentucky prior to conferral of the degree.





New Master Mason Brother Chad Webb is congratulated by his Grandfather, Worshipful Brother David Snuggs PM, who traveled from Kentucky to see his grandson raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.



## Cement

During our recent degrees I have had the pleasure and honor of presenting the working tools of a Master Mason. Practicing the presentation has resulted in reflection of the deep meaning of the words. As I searched the internet for a topic for the March Trestleboard, I encountered the following article:

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## Theory vs Practice: Unity

February 12, 2020

∴Terry McLeod, Worshipful Master  
MS Lodge of Research DCXL (2020)

I will summarize the entirety of the following discourse in this manner: Let's start matching our theory on unity with our daily practice of Freemasonry.

In our Judeo-Christian belief system, it is written by the Psalmist, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity." KJV, Psalm 133. We recite this in our adopted Grand Lodge of Mississippi ritual in the beginning of every Mason's journey to more Light. We use these sacred words to frame our personal experience from the onset that we all make as Freemasons in our initiatory degree, Entered Apprentice.

In another important Bible verse it is written, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." KJV, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. Thus, it appears that there were different gifts given men for different purposes. But all emanated from the same Source.

In our Masonic traditions there were different roles of the gathered workmen necessary for the building of King Solomon's Temple, "...three Grandmasters, three thousand and three hundred Master Masons...eighty thousand Fellowcrafts, and seventy thousand Entered Apprentices....All these were classed and arranged in such manner...that neither envy, discord nor confusion, was suffered to interrupt or disturb the peace and good fellowship..." Every man present had a purpose, and all worked in unity to build such a magnificent edifice-A temple built to honor our one True and Living God.

As we are taught, the working tools of a Master Mason are, "...all of the instruments of Masonry indiscriminately, more especially the Trowel...spreading the cement of Brotherly Love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree." Recently I was in a class where there were excellent examples given of the purposes for each class: one focusing on the "I" factor of self-improvement, in another class the focus is on how to work better with "them" as a source of group self-improvement. In that specific class, the observation was made that collectively more gets more done by incorporating the word, "We" into the mix and if we did not do so, then soon it would become everyone doing their own thing. The use of "We" factor makes us all stronger. The "We" is us in unity, a band of Brothers.

Now the above are our theories, but what of our daily practices?

The beauty of a single rose vs the beauty of a flower garden could possibly be the source of a friction between avid flower lovers. The beauty of a wildflower vs that of an award-winning planted or grafted rose is in the eye of the beholder, as beauty is always in the eye of the beholder. However, in the eyes of the Creator of both they are equal, as HE created them both.

One sage writer offers, "The flowers of the earth do not grudge at one another, though one be more beautiful and fuller of virtue than another, but they stand humbly, kindly, one by another, and enjoy one another's virtue; so we all please the Creator, if we give up



ourselves into the Creator's will; if we all stand humbly in the field." Jacob Boehme (1575-1624)

In our great Fraternity there are many reasons that good men come and join us, some prefer the fellowship, some the philosophy, to others the administration of a Lodge. Others want to practice philanthropy, charity and good works in the local community, while others to want to express their Brotherly Love and Relief primarily in their local Lodge. Some want to work on themselves alone to be a better man, father, husband, still others want to work on developing good Masons through education. Others desire excellence in our Masonic rituals. We have something for everyone!

Now more than ever we need to demonstrate that we have something in our grasp, Freemasonry, that the world needs and wants. This being our ancient system of philosophy that good men, tried and true, can demonstrate to the world what Freemasonry can and will bring to a single good man, a single Lodge, a single community.

To me, the greatest preamble of a written document ever conceived by man were these words, "We, the People..." The idea behind this masterpiece was signed by men of great intestinal fortitude and foresight, this guiding document-our Declaration of Independence- was greatly instrumental in making these United States the greatest force for good the world has ever seen. Yet we are seeing more divisiveness and polarization in our daily lives than ever before in our over two-hundred forty-year history. At the time of the Constitution signing, a statement is attributed as being made by our Masonic Brother, Benjamin Franklin, "We must hang together, or surely we will hang separately" Truer words have not been written as evidenced by our descent into division and lack of unity by our Countrymen.

I offer the following quote from Brother Robert G. Davis 330 the closing line from an online blog post from August 2018, "It seems like such a worthy mission-to stand on what we stand for." <https://robertgdavis.net/may-brotherly-love-prevail/> What a novel idea, is it not? For a country and for a man.

We close our Masonic Lodges using this passage from Brother William Preston's Illustrations of Masonry (1772), "May Brotherly Love prevail, and every Moral and Social Virtue cement us." May this be our prayerful take-a-way from this humble offering.

I now repeat my earlier summary of this discourse as in the opening paragraph: Let's match our theory on unity with our daily practice of Freemasonry: Let's practice unity.

In a closing quote, "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, it doesn't behoove any of us to speak evil of the rest of us." Edward Wallis Hoch (1849-1925)

Fiat Lux

Respectfully submitted,

Terry McLeod, FMR, Worshipful Master  
MS Lodge of Research DCXL (2020)

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In conclusion: What a wonderful lesson. Some of you might agree with me when I say we could make good use of a double load of that cement.



Jackson Scottish Rite Club



# Jackson Scottish Rite Club

Valley of Detroit



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**2019**

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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, March 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**~ Election of 2020 Officer's will take place during this meeting. ~**

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



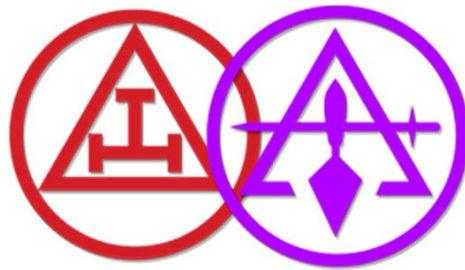
Excellent Companion Stephen D. Vining P.H.P.  
Secretary  
517-914-8400

**Wednesday, March 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







New Companions Timothy Monroe and Aaron Wyckoff with Thrice Illustrious Master Michael Hicks PTIM and Excellent High Priest Garry Gooldy PHP who received their Chapter and Council degrees at the Tri State York Rite Festival on February 29, 2020 with 27 others from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana in Michigan Center.

**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, March 11th**  
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



**Saturday, March 7th**  
Tri-State York Rite Festival  
Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.  
Orders start at 9:00 a.m.



Commandery (Chivalric) Orders  
All Order Day Hosted by  
Bryan Commandery No. 74, K.T.  
117 North Lynn St.  
Bryan, Ohio 43506-1213



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







***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, March 20, 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, O.E.S.**

Renee Brock  
Worthy Matron  
517-240-0962

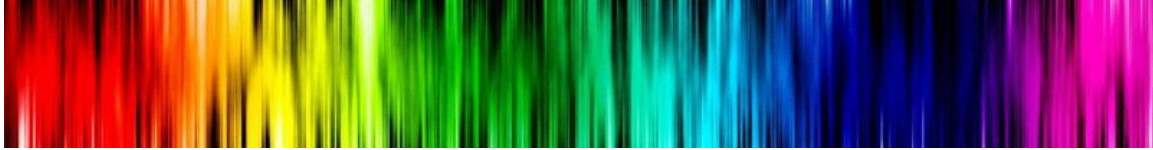
Ellen Yoakam  
Secretary  
517-536-0643

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

**Tuesday, March 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.**

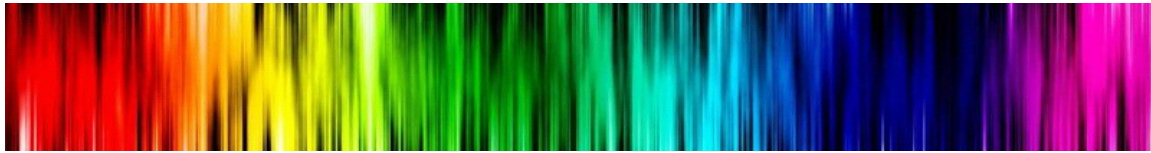


Brandy Kuhl  
Mother Advisor  
517-960-9299

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

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





# Masonic Birthday's

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

*March 2020*

|         |                         |          |
|---------|-------------------------|----------|
| Bro.    | Daniel Goldsmith        | March 3  |
| W. Bro. | Stephen D. Vining PM    | March 3  |
| Bro.    | Larry R. Loucks         | March 5  |
| Bro.    | Harry W. Wilkins Jr     | March 6  |
| Bro.    | Donald T. Tangarone     | March 7  |
| W. Bro. | Darrell G. Kesterson PM | March 12 |
| W. Bro. | Garry L. Gooldy Jr PM   | March 15 |
| Bro.    | Andre Cochran           | March 16 |
| Bro.    | James D. Piggott        | March 20 |
| Bro.    | Thomas R. Calkins       | March 24 |

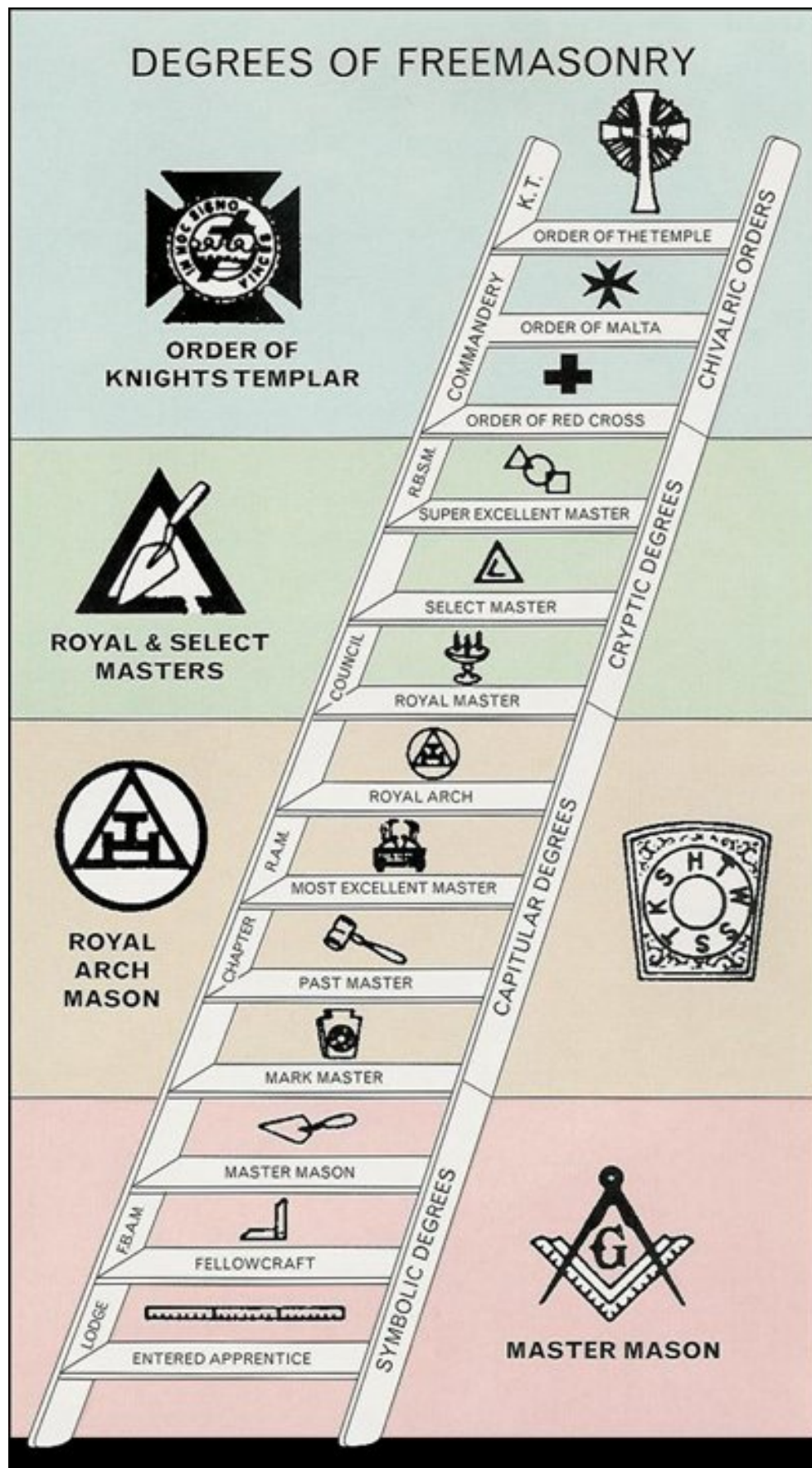
## *Masonic Anniversary - Date Raised*

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|------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------|
| Bro. | Lawrence Gaige      | 69 years March 20, 1951 Bedford  | 0207 |
| Bro. | Donald D. Burk PhD  | 67 years March 10, 1953 Liberty  | 0209 |
| Bro. | Maynard McIntosh    | 63 years March 27, 1957 Michigan | 0050 |
| Bro. | Don H. Roberts      | 63 years March 29, 1957 Jackson  | 0017 |
| Bro. | Robert G. Alldaffer | 59 years March 23, 1961 Jackson  | 0017 |
| Bro. | George B. Ridge     | 57 years March 12, 1963 Liberty  | 0209 |
| Bro. | Lyndell R. Peebles  | 54 years March 23, 1966 Michigan | 0050 |
| Bro. | Thomas C. Evanson   | 48 years March 15, 1972 Michigan | 0050 |
| Bro. | William D. Duncan   | 43 years March 31, 1977 Coolidge | 0532 |

|           |                        |          |                |               |      |
|-----------|------------------------|----------|----------------|---------------|------|
| Bro.      | Kenneth L. Penchoff    | 42 years | March 30, 1978 | Jackson       | 0017 |
| Bro.      | Dennis R. Buzzard      | 41 years | March 28, 1979 | Michigan      | 0050 |
| Bro.      | Jeffrey D. Kirkpatrick | 40 years | March 27, 1980 | Jackson       | 0017 |
| Bro.      | Charles E. Webb        | 40 years | March 27, 1980 | Jackson       | 0017 |
| Bro.      | Richard B. Clark       | 33 years | March 18, 1987 | Liberty       | 0209 |
| Bro.      | Albert G. Rossner III  | 33 years | March 9, 1987  | Mount Zion    | 0017 |
| R. W. Bro | Leonard K. Davis PM    | 31 years | March 23, 1989 | Solomon's Key | 0580 |
| Bro.      | Ronald L. Shankland    | 29 years | March 26, 1991 | Liberty       | 0209 |
| Bro.      | Ronald J. Chalfant     | 22 years | March 28, 1998 | Coolidge      | 0532 |
| W. Bro    | Trevor L. Chalfant PM  | 22 years | March 28, 1998 | Coolidge      | 0532 |
| W. Bro    | Michael E. Hicks PM    | 18 years | March 30, 2002 | Jackson       | 0017 |
| Bro.      | Jean D. McGee          | 14 years | March 25, 2006 | Jackson       | 0017 |
| Bro.      | Thomas K. Burke        | 13 years | March 29, 2007 | Jackson       | 0017 |
| Bro.      | John F. Ohneck         | 13 years | March 29, 2007 | Jackson       | 0017 |
| Bro.      | Ryan P. Fitts          | 10 years | March 27, 2010 | Richmond      | 0187 |
| Bro.      | Adam L. Tabor          | 9 years  | March 23, 2011 | Michigan      | 0050 |
| Bro.      | James A. Ellis III     | 7 years  | March 28, 1998 | Murat         | 0014 |
| Bro.      | Bobby L. Brewer        | 6 years  | March 20, 2014 | Jackson       | 0017 |

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

# DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY



Contact Masonic Bodies



W. Bro. Lawrence G. McGowen, Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2022)



W. Bro. Lawrence C. Sanford Jr., Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2023)

W. Bro. William C. Snyder, Trustee  
Representing Jackson Lodge #17, F. & A.M. (2023)

## **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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| 355 Napoleon Rd. | Michigan Center, MI | 49254 |



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