

**Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262,
F. & A. M.**

Ann Arbor, Michigan

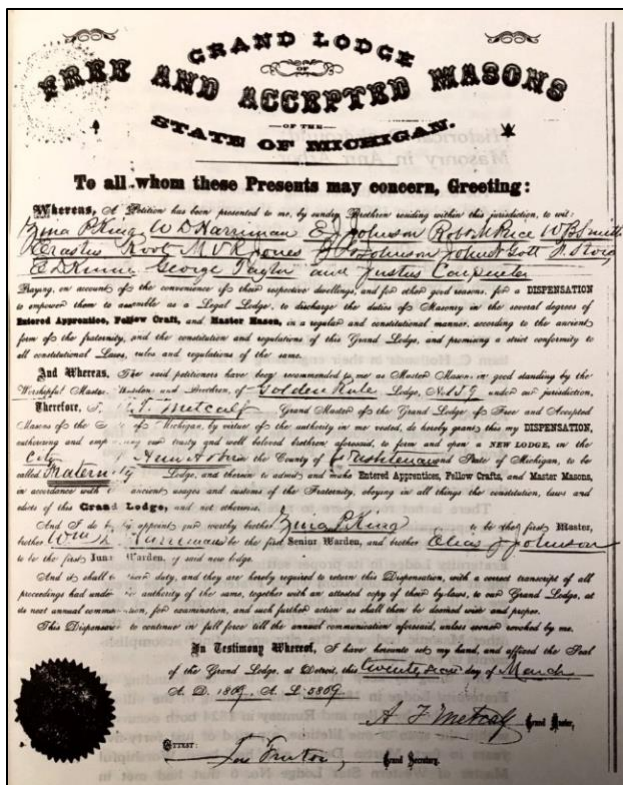
**SESQUICENTENNIAL
HISTORY and ROSTER
1970-2020**



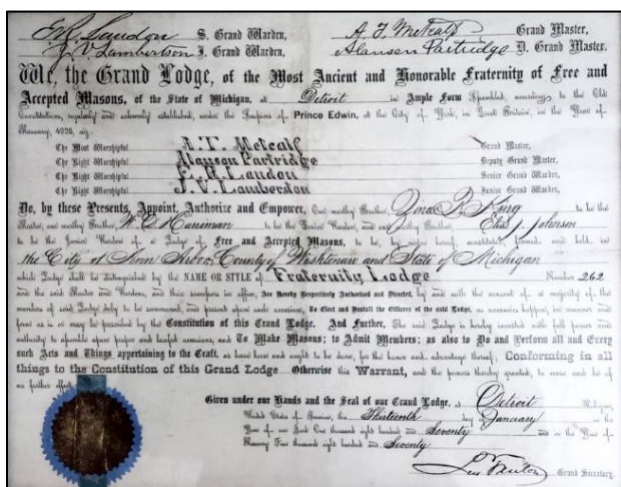
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Dispensation - March 22, 1869



Charter - January 13, 1870

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THE SEQUICENTENNIAL SCHEDULE

Plans for the Celebration and Appointment of Committee January 31, 2019
Sesquicentennial Picnic, VFW Hall August 17, 2019
Installation of Sesquicentennial Officers, Zal Gaz Grotto December 7, 2019
Celebration of Charter, Zal Gaz Grotto January 13, 2020
Sesquicentennial Gala Dinner, Weber's Restaurant April 18, 2020



***Gathering at the Zal Gaz Grotto Club on January 13, 2020,
exactly 150 years after the Issuance of the Lodge Charter
from the Grand Lodge of Michigan.***

THE 2020 OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

Worshipful Master Cody L. Dunn
 Senior Warden Eric S. Bettner
 Junior Warden Jeffrey A. Lorch
 Treasurer Arthur W. Davidge, PM
 Secretary Steve H. Moazami, PM
 Chaplain Paul L. Bunten, PM
 Senior Deacon David J. VanDerworp, PM
 Junior Deacon Timothy J. Jordan, Jr.
 Steward Zevi Baraket
 Steward Dakota D. Legge
 Steward Christopher P. McCormick
 Steward Scott T. Wilson
 Marshal Matthew F. Beste
 Musician/Piper Donald I. Wilson
 Tyler Richard L. Kinsey, PM
 Historian Andrew J. Hoffman
 Education Officer Paul C. Uslan



The 2020 Officer Line
Worshipful Master Cody L. Dunn

HISTORIC DATES

Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262, F. & A. M.

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Fraternity Lodge No. 262, F. & A. M.

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Under Dispensation March 22, 1869
First Communication March 31, 1869
Under Charter January 13, 1870
First Election and Installation of Officers February 15, 1870

Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544, F. & A. M.

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Under Charter May 25, 1927
Consolidated with Fraternity Lodge No. 262 September 23, 1982

Washtenaw Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M.

Dexter, Michigan

Under Charter January 14, 1854
Consolidated with Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 April 24, 1995

Golden Rule Lodge No. 159, F. & A. M.

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Under Charter January 13, 1865
Consolidated with Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 March 30, 2017



Fraternity Lodge No. 262
1870-1982



Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544
1927-1982

WASHTENAW LODGE, No. 65, F. & A. M.
of DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Washtenaw Lodge No. 65
1854-1995



Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262
1982-present



Golden Rule Lodge No. 159
1865-2017



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January 22, 2020

Bro. Cody Dunn, WM
Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge #262
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Re: Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge #262 Sesquicentennial

Dear Worshipful Master Dunn:

To the Officers and Brothers of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge #262, please accept the warmest fraternal congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Michigan and all of your Brothers throughout the State of Michigan on marking 150 years of Freemasonry in Ann Arbor.

Freemasonry is vitally important in our communities to help mold and inspire men to become better sons, fathers, husbands, co-workers, citizens and leaders. Freemasonry, at its very core, is a philosophy of life and conduct, taught by ritual and illustrated by symbols, which help teach reverence to God, virtue and charity. Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge has exemplified the best tenets of our Craft. I look forward to seeing the Lodge's continued growth into its next 150 years.



Fraternally yours,

Mark A. Manning
Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Michigan



Mark A. Manning

Mark A. Manning, Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of Michigan

2019 - 2020



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January 27, 2020

TO: Officers and Members of Ann Arbor-Fraternity #262 F&AM of Michigan

Congratulations,

As you enter this calendar year 2020 and you look back to the year 1870, how you must be rejoicing. 150 years ago men from your area gathered to receive the charter of Fraternity #262 from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. This single act makes known to all that what has today become Ann Arbor-Fraternity #262 stands ready to receive men of all walks of life who have a desire to become better in and of themselves.

For all those 150 years your Lodge of Freemasons has served the community of Ann Arbor and the surrounding area doing just that, "Making good men better." This commitment to the community is no small task and is one you can all be proud of. As you stand together today to celebrate that past 150 years, look back for a bit and give praise and honor to those who came before, those who laid the ground work for what you do now. Still *be ye steadfast* and continue to look forward to the work that is ahead, looking for the men who will knock on your door in the future. It is your task to learn from the hard work that those in your honored past have created, using it to create a future for all the men who strive to be proud and steadfast Freemasons. When you answer the knocks upon your door, open it to them and open the past to allow them the same joy as they create a new future.

I know that as you have entered into so many projects and tasks to serve the Ann Arbor area, you will continue to grow and continue to serve as your history dictates and that all those who seek more light in Masonry will receive it from your hand with the greatest bond our fraternity can create.

The blessing of our Lord and Savior be upon *ye my good and faithful fraters. Rejoice in all he has given unto thee.* As you press on to the future "Serve passionately until relieved", in every position you are blessed to obtain.

Darel Winslow

Darel W. "Butch" Winslow KYGCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Knight Templars of Michigan

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28th January 2020

**To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren
of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262,**

On behalf of Washtenaw Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, Ann Arbor Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masons, and Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar, we offer our hearty congratulations on your 150th anniversary. A sesquicentennial is emblematic of an organization's vitality, commitment, and meaning to the community. Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge for 150 years has set a high standard within the Craft, provided an exemplary experience for its members, and serves as a beacon of Light and a testament to the precepts and tenets of Freemasonry. The Companions and Sir Knights of the Ann Arbor York Rite bodies are proud to stand with our Brethren in service and fellowship, and wish you continued success.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

**Rob Moore High Priest,
Washtenaw Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons
Sherman C. Paiker, Jr, Thrice Illustrious Master
Ann Arbor Council No. 86, Royal and Select Masons
Rob Moore, Eminent Commander
Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar**



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To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of
Ann Arbor, Fraternity Lodge # 262;

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that on behalf of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan I offer our sincere congratulations in achieving 150 years of Free Masonry here in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

As Most Worshipful Grand Master Harmon stated 50 years ago in his letter to the lodge, "a faith of 100 years progress and prosperity", we also join with faith that the next 50 years will prove true.

May God bless the Brothers whom have built the lodge and those whom are its keepers.


1-4-2020
SEAL

Carl J. Peterson

Carl J. Peterson, P.P. KYCH

Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons of Michigan



PHOENIX 13

Ann Arbor Fraternity #262

Dear Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren

Congratulations on reaching your Sesquicentennial Milestone! Existence over a long period of time alone is certainly an accomplishment. The Brethren of Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge however have created an atmosphere of sustainability and growth. You have accomplished this thru hard work in support of the core belief in Masonry of brotherly love, relief, and truth. It's one thing to initiate, pass, and raise brothers to the sublime degree of a master mason, but another to keep them engaged. Your Lodge has accomplished this through mentoring and creating an environment of eagerness for lifelong learning. You also hold events other than business meetings and ritual to maintain interest and keeping the Brothers wanting more. You are setting a great example of how Lodges succeed.

On behalf of the Officers and Brethren of Phoenix Lodge #13, Bravo and best wishes for the next 150 years in continuance of development and success in advancing the cause of Free Masonry in making good men better.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Patrick K Robertson PM

Worshipful Master

Phoenix 13



Serving Ann Arbor, MI Since 1867

St. Mary's Lodge No. 4
F.&A.M.-PHA
220 Sunset
Ann Arbor Mi

February 1, 2020

Greetings Worshipful Master, Wardens, Past Masters, and Brothers of Ann Arbor
Fraternity Lodge No. 262,

On behalf of the members of St. Mary's Lodge No. 4, F.&A.M.-PHA, we would like to extend our congratulations on your lodge's sesquicentennial anniversary. Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge No. 262 has been a pillar and beacon of Hope, Truth, and Charity. Your continuous dedication to serving the Ann Arbor community is truly inspiring to Masons and non-Masons alike. We look at this celebration as one, not only for the lodge, but for the Ann Arbor community as well. So many leaders, fathers, sons, friends, and family members have been able to claim Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge No. 262 as their home, and lived up to the namesake.

As your lodge journeys into the next 150th years of history, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors. St. Mary's Lodge No. 4 has always held your lodge and our bond in the highest regards, and are humbled to call you Brothers!

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Barrett

Stephen L. Barrett
Worshipful Master 2020

Hope Faith Charity

www.stmarys4.com



Olive Lodge No. 156 F & A M
113 West Middle Street, Chelsea, MI 48118

December 19, 2019

Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge #262
PO Box 2064
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Greetings Brethren of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge #262:

It is with much pleasure and excitement that your Brothers of Olive Lodge #156 in Chelsea, Michigan send our most sincere congratulations on your achievement of continued Masonic Brotherhood and Service in reaching your 150th Anniversary. Your Lodge stands as a testament to the enduring tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth that have guided our fraternity since its inception.

As the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brothers of your Lodge begin preparing for your sesquicentennial anniversary, please know that we stand in applause of this most crowning achievement. The time, effort, and resources your Lodge has contributed to both the Craft and your community makes this occasion a truly special time in the collective history of Michigan Masonry, but more especially this of ours.

We look forward to growing with you and extend our best wishes for the continued success your Lodge most definitely deserves.

Sincerely and Fraternally;

Keneth Allen M. Sedy
Brethren of Olive Lodge #156
Chelsea, Michigan

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Chartered 1864



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January 2020

WB Cody Dunn and all the Brothers at Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge 262; We the Brothers at Manchester Lodge 148 would like to congratulate you on the anniversary of your **150 years** of work in our craft.

Having celebrated our 150 years recently (Jan 14, 2014) we know the feeling of joy and accomplishment that your Lodge is experiencing at this time. Congratulations!

Robert Blumenauer PM Worshipful Master

Robert Blumenauer PM
William Bennett Secretary

W.A. Bennett

Guy Gilbert PM Assistant Secretary

Guy E. Gilbert PM



Milford Lodge No. 165 F.&A.M.
212 Union St.
Milford, Michigan

February 24, 2020

Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262
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Ann Arbor, MI 48103-9705

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, & Brethren
of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 F.&A.M.:

On behalf of the Brethren of Milford Lodge No. 165 F.&A.M. we would like to congratulate our Brothers of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 F.&A.M. on their 150 years of great and good work. Over the years Milford Lodge No. 165 has been blessed with a close fellowship with several of our Ann Arbor Brethren which has had lasting effect on Milford No. 165 and allowed us to share in and preserve a part of your history. The most visible and poignant being our Lodge room furniture. In 2009 we received this magnificently carved gift from Ann Arbor Golden Rule Lodge which was facilitated by Past Grand Master Richard Sands and Milford Past Master Robert Murphy who were dual members. The Brethren of Milford No. 165 feel very fortunate to be the owners of this set of furniture, which is over 135 years old, and the Masonic connection it represents between our Lodges and our members.

Again, our hearty congratulations on your 150 years of Freemasonry!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

William D. DeHaan
Worshipful Master

Matthew W. Wells, PM
Senior Warden

Paul White
Junior Deacon

George W. Brutchen, PM
Secretary

Charles W. Tait, PM
Treasurer

Ryan M. Clay
Senior Deacon

Daren W. Lloyd
Junior Deacon

Russell B. May
Tiler

Darrian S. Tefft, PM
Chaplin

HISTORY OF ANN ARBOR-FRATERNITY LODGE No. 262, 1970-2019

The 50 year history of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 between 1970 and 2020 is a story of challenges for both the Lodge and for all of Ann Arbor Freemasonry.¹² But it is also a story of resilience and perseverance. When the history began, there were three separate blue lodges in Ann Arbor (and one in neighboring Dexter). By 2020, they had all consolidated into one blue lodge. Along the way, Masons would find themselves homeless, separated and struggling to continue. Financial difficulties, dwindling membership and pressures for urban progress would cause the craft to lose two Temples; the first on South Fourth Avenue in 1975, the second on West Liberty Road in 2009. Along the way, Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge would continue to assemble its altar and do its work in five different locations, each seemingly smaller than the one before it. But the Lodge completed its wanderings at the Pittsfield Union Grange 2010 and is solidly based. Somehow through it all, some of the Lodge's possessions continued to follow. A set of lodge furniture, first bought in 1904, traveled from lodge to lodge and is still being used today at the Masonic lodge in Milford, Michigan. A library of books and papers followed a similar course and are now archived at the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan. And, a group of brothers still meets in 2020, a living testament to the fact that Ann Arbor Masonry is alive and well, a vibrant and active community that supports each other through fellowship and education, contributes to the community through charitable works, and looks forward to a bright future. It is a story to be proud of.

The Loss of the South Fourth Avenue Temple, 1970-1975

The year 1970 began with Fraternity Lodge No. 262, Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544 and Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 all meeting in the Masonic Temple at 327 South Fourth Avenue in downtown Ann Arbor. The common space allowed lodges to conduct their own business, but also perform certain rituals together. For example, all officer installations were conducted as tri-lodge affairs.

The Temple was a beautiful architectural contribution to Ann Arbor, still very much a small college town. Designed by the French-Canadian architect Jean Jacques Albert Rousseau, who had come to Ann Arbor from his native Quebec,

¹ Special thanks to Lyn Davidge for proofreading an early draft of this history.

² For the first 100 years (1870-1970), see the Lodge's Centennial History and Roster.

and was a faculty member of the University of Michigan's School of Architecture, the Temple was built in 1925 at a cost of \$324,000 (\$4.8 million in 2020 dollars after adjusting for inflation). It was built to last, constructed of reinforced concrete and clad in the white brick that was a favorite of Rousseau's -- he used it again on St. Mary's Catholic Student Chapel, built in 1924 on the corner of Thompson and William Streets.³

Both inside and out, the Temple was a source of great pride for the brothers, with Masonic decorative terrazzo flooring, marble washrooms and Masonic Brass fittings. The mahogany and leather furniture set was bought in 1904 for \$1,309.99 from the Karpen Furniture Company of Chicago for use in the Masonic Lodge in the Gregory (Masonic) Block (later called the Ann Arbor Savings Bank Block) at the corner of Huron and Main Street and was brought to the S. Fourth Avenue Temple. The original order consisted of 1 tri-chair, 2 side chairs, 9 low back chairs, 1 altar, 3 pedestals, 1 secretary's desk and 90 feet of side benches.⁴ Paul Bunten, PM of 159, who was an Ann Arbor police officer in the late 1960s, said that he would occasionally have to check the building at night if he found a door open. "With flashlight in hand, it would take me at least an hour to walk the whole building. It was absolutely beautiful. I have since seen the Detroit Masonic Temple and the first time I walked in the door I thought, I've seen this before!"⁵

The Temple was more than beautiful; it was also a hub of activity. In addition to blue lodge activities, there were meetings of the three York Rite bodies consisting of a Royal Arch Chapter, a Royal and Select Masters Council, and a Commandery of Knights Templar. Three masonic youth groups: a chapter of Rainbow for Girls, a Bethel of Job's Daughters and a chapter of DeMolay for Boys also used the building. As well as these groups, were also two co-ed groups - Eastern Star and White Shrine of Jerusalem - that met there.

³ _____ (2007) "The Ugliest Building in Ann Arbor?" *Ann Arbor District Library blog*, September 4.

⁴ Anderson, L. and G. Bebout (1970) *Fraternity Lodge No. 262 Centennial History and Roster*, Ann Arbor, MI.

⁵ Interview with Paul Bunten, PM of 159, February 8, 2020.



The South Fourth Avenue Masonic Temple, July 1973

Source: Eck Stanger, Ann Arbor News, Used with Permission

But, things were slowing down. The Ann Arbor Masonic Temple Corporation was continuing to face financial troubles that had plagued it since the 1940s. The Vietnam War raged on (not ending until 1975), causing serious divisions in Ann Arbor and the country that pulled people away from fraternal organizations. Membership had been on a steady decline since 1960 and maintenance costs were mounting; the half century old building was outdated and developing problems - the roof was leaking and, at one point, the city condemned the entry front doors as unsafe as an emergency exit. The combination of all these factors made it increasingly difficult to afford to operate the space. The decision had been made in the 1950s to subdivide and rent out the first three floors of the building as offices – which included the formal 100-person dining room, two story auditorium, board room and women's lounge.

Inside the S. Fourth Avenue Masonic Temple, 1973



***Looking to the East
From the Balcony***



***The 262 Altar in the
Fourth Avenue Temple***



***Looking to the West
From the Balcony***

Inside the S. Fourth Avenue Masonic Temple, 1973, continued.



Small Lodge Room



Red Cross Room



Organ Keyboard



Terrazzo Floors



Ornamental Plaster



Cornice Work



Ceiling Details

The Bendix Aviation Corporation was one of the first renters in 1956 but moved out in 1964, after which the Temple saw only a few tenants, such as the Juvenile Court and the Washtenaw Children's Aid Society. As a result, many of the upper floor offices remained empty, though the basement was able to attract some tenants "including a business school, an electronics firm, a sales rep., a church and a musical instrument sales company with the weird name 'Salmagundi.' Every so often they would play 'rock jam sessions' and entertain everyone in the bldg. [sic]"⁶

⁶ Caswell, H. H. (1965/1980) *Masonic Meeting Places, Halls and Temples, Committees, Associations and Corporations, Building Sites, Furniture, History and Stories Relating Thereto, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. For Period 1826-1965 (With 1980 addenda)*. Ann Arbor Masonic Temple Corporation.

Lodge activities continued on the upper two floors. The main lodge room on the fourth floor seated 50 people (65 feet by 45 feet for a very large 2,860 square feet) “with its enormous dark leather and wood throne-like chairs and benches, tables with massive legs and large floor candelabra.”⁷ Looming over the lodge space was a balcony that seated another 180 people. The fourth floor also housed a small lodge room (20 feet by 40 feet for a total area of 800 square feet), the Red Cross Room for York Rite and Commandery as well as a buffet room, and closets for lockers and storage. The fifth floor, or half floor since it covered only the front of the building, housed the Council Chamber (15 feet by 20 feet for a total of 300 square feet) for Chapter and Council meetings.⁸ Within this space, the Temple also maintained its library that would grow through the years. In all, the Temple offered Masons nearly 4,000 square feet of meeting space, even after renting out the first three floors.



***The South Fourth Avenue Masonic Temple,
October 1970***

***Source: Ann Arbor District Library,
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But renters were critical to maintaining solvency and a “Space for Rent” sign on the front of the building seemed both necessary and undignified. An article in the *Ann Arbor News*, described an eerie image where “the decorative hanging lights, which repeat the Masonic motifs of the exterior of the building, remained and hung ghost-like in the open space that loomed over the temporary offices.”⁹ By 1972, the Temple Corporation faced the prospect of foreclosure and hoped

⁷ Marzolf, M. (1973) “Masons will miss Temple,” *Ann Arbor News*, August 6.

⁸ Op. Cit. Caswell, H. H. (1965/1980)

⁹ Op. Cit. Marzolf, M. (1973).

to sell the building for \$300,000 (\$1.8 million in 2020 dollars) and rent back the fourth and fifth floors as their meeting space.¹⁰ That may have been an unrealistic dream, but events would soon take concern and responsibility out of the hands of the Masonic brotherhood.

In January 1973, U.S. Congressman Marvin L. Esch announced that the US government had chosen a site for its new federal building to serve Washtenaw County from downtown Ann Arbor.¹¹ The site, bounded by Fourth Avenue, Fifth Avenue, and East Liberty Street would require the acquisition and demolition of the Varsity Laundry, the Eberbach building and the beloved Masonic Temple. (In June, two more buildings were added to the list of demolition - 326 and 322 South Fifth Avenue, just behind the Masonic Temple.) The news first hit Ann Arbor Masons in the *Ann Arbor Masonic News* in February. Many were naturally upset at the decision to raze the Temple, but especially so because the actual Temple site was slated to be used for nothing more than a surface parking lot. Surely, many wondered, the trade-off was not worth it. But, the city saw this location as an anchor to revitalize the downtown core,



***Ann Arbor Masonic News,
February 1973***

which had remained undeveloped for decades. Richard Berger, the chairman of Ann Arbor Tomorrow, proclaimed that "All of us in AAT are elated at the final selection for the new federal building. This will serve to stimulate the AAT movement. We look forward to this strengthening of the nucleus of our city." The US General Services Administration (GSA) set aside \$5 million for the project (\$31 million in 2020 dollars); \$1 million for site acquisition and \$4 million to construct the new federal building.

¹⁰ Blackburn, R. (2009) "Masons at the crossroads," *Ann Arbor Observer*, April.

¹¹ McLeister, D. and G. Harris (1973) "Federal building site picked," *Ann Arbor News*, January 12.

Masons Will Miss Temple

(Editor's Note: The following is another of a series on the buildings scheduled to be torn down to make room for the new federal building planned for Ann Arbor.)

By Marion Marzolf
(News Staff Reporter)

When the Masonic Temple is razed to make way for a new federal building, as seems likely, there will be a tug at the heartstrings of many Ann Arborites besides the Masons, for whom the building has been symbol and home since 1925.

The public may recall three seasons, 1954 through 1957, when the Dramatic Arts Center turned the auditorium and adjacent rooms into a center of drama, ballet, dance, symphony and art. The Junior Theatre was born there, and several well known doctors and musicians performed there, among them James Coco, Sydney Walker and Marian Mercer.

Theatrical events ceased at the temple after the Bendix Aviation Corporation leased the building's first floor in 1956 and quickly expanded into the auditorium. Office partitions cubed the floor space and panels cut off the narrow balconies, but the decorative hanging lights, which repeat the Masonic motifs of the exterior of the building, remained and hung ghost-like in the open space that loomed over the temporary offices.

After Bendix moved out in 1964, the temple saw a succession of renters, among them the Juvenile Court for three years and the Washtenaw Children's Aid Society. A few offices are still housed on the main floor, but the rest of the rented space remains empty.

Masonic activities, which in the old days occupied the entire building, gradually withdrew from the ballroom, auditorium-banquet hall and from the third floor game rooms, to the fourth floor lodge rooms where they remained.

The large lodge meeting room on the fourth floor is preserved nearly as it was in the 1920s with its enormous dark leather and wood throne-like chairs and benches, tables with massive legs and large floor candelabra. Still an imposing and serene if somber Victorian room, it is the one that Masons will doubtless miss the most, however nice their new quarters, because it is associated with so many of their ceremonies.

The three lodges that use the building, Golden Rule Lodge No. 159, Fraternity Lodge No. 262 and Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544, meet at the temple but hold their large dinner dances at the Grotto Club of Ann Arbor. Commandery groups, Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Order of Rainbow and Order of Demolay also make use of the Masonic Temple building for their activities. The total membership of all these groups is around 1,500 with some overlapping.

"We're sorry to lose the building," said Bob Sevebeck, president of The Ann Arbor Masonic Temple Corporation, "but all things have to give way to progress."

"The Masons have experienced increasing difficulty in obtaining renters for the building. There is only one elevator, and a large amount of interior space is devoted to the two-story high auditorium. The building has simply outlived its usefulness." The cost of operation has made the building expensive in recent years, Sevebeck added.

Masonry began in Ann Arbor on February 26, 1827, when the Western Star Lodge 6 was chartered. It met in the John Allen tavern, a log cabin on the northwest corner of Main and Huron Sts. A second Masonic organization was founded here in 1847 and a third in 1857. The Golden Rule Lodge was the fourth Masonic organization in Ann Arbor and it held its meetings above the Orient Tavern at 215-270 S. Main.

In 1886 the Masons transferred their meeting place to the top floor of the three-story brick St. James Block on the northwest corner of Huron and Main Streets. Later called the Savings Bank Building, it was most recently known as the Municipal Court Building. It housed a jewelry store and several professional offices when it burned in a \$500,000 fire on November 10, 1971. The structure remains were razed and the lot is temporarily being used as the Ecology Center's downtown park.

The Masons began planning their own building in 1910, but fund drives and pledges had to be put aside during World War I. The project was renewed in 1919.

The Masonic Temple was designed by George McConkey, a professor of architecture at the University of Michigan and a Mason. The cornerstone was laid June 28, 1922, and the event was marked by a parade and gala dinner. The building was dedicated on February 27, 1925.

Fund raising to pay for the building

and its upkeep continued throughout the years until the building was finally paid off in 1948, just about the same time the lodge membership began to level off and start to decline. There were an estimated 3,000 members of the lodges in 1957.

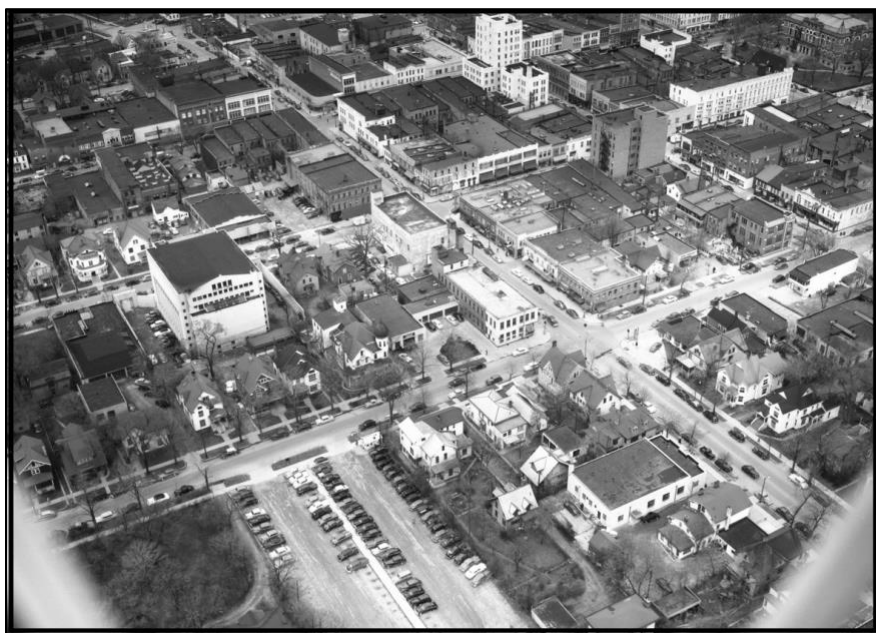
Both the Masons who built the temple and the Dramatic Arts Center that filled its rooms with the arts had high hopes for the building. The Masons enjoyed many solemn and gala events there. The DAC offered some first-rate cultural fare to the public. The DAC's dream of turning the temple into a thriving civic cultural center, however, never was achieved.

In their day Ann Arbor's Civic Theatre, Civic Symphony, Civic Ballet and Junior Theatre all performed there. The hope was to unite all these organizations plus the Ann Arbor Art Association under a small professional staff of four or five actors and a technical and artistic director.

Many local people contributed to the effort to convert the auditorium into an arena stage. Eugene Power, Burnette Staebler and Richard Mann all served as presidents of the group when it was housed at the temple. The DAC continued to sponsor the dramatic arts and musical performances of the ONCE group until 1969. The Junior Theatre is now sponsored entirely by the Recreation Department. DAC was influential in starting the University's Professional Theatre Program in the early 1960s.

The Masons are presently considering a new site for their activities, so for them the razing of the building will mark another milestone on their 146-year local road. But for the Dramatic Arts Center participants it will recall a dream that began to end with the group's final performance of "Medea" at the temple in February 1957.

As the Temple Corporation began negotiations with the GSA, a fight over the decision to raze the Temple had begun among Masons and the city's architectural interests. The site was actually the third choice for the federal building, with the first being the block bounded by N. Fourth Avenue, N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Street and Catherine Street. Some hoped to convince the government to reconsider. In December 1973, the Historical District Commission of Ann Arbor conducted an architectural survey of buildings in the downtown area and listed 28 structures as having "outstanding irreplaceable architectural value." One of them was the Masonic Temple,¹² and the Michigan Historical Society hoped to use that recognition to have it placed on the National Register of Historic Sites, assuring its protection. In June 1974, however, the federal government rejected that request.¹³



***Aerial View of the South Fourth Avenue Masonic Temple, 1950
(site remained relatively unchanged by 1970)***

***Source: Ann Arbor News,
Used with Permission***

¹² Harris, G. (1973) "28 buildings 'irreplaceable'," *Ann Arbor News*, December 21.

¹³ _____ (1974) "Masonic Temple historical site move rebuffed," *Ann Arbor News*, June 8.

The Ann Arbor Planning Commission voted unanimously in December 1974 to try to save the Masonic Temple after renderings of the proposed Federal building were released and considered by many to be unattractive and unacceptable. Local citizens, architects and members of the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission protested the plan at a public hearing, arguing that the Temple was the best example of art deco architecture in the city. They considered it outrageous to raze so beautiful a building for so menial an outcome as a 40-car surface parking lot, especially when the city had a parking structure right across the street, and two other lots within another block.¹⁴ Many were quite passionate about the building's protection. In February 1975, the *Ann Arbor Sun* called the new federal building plans a "federal crime," reporting "many have complained about the loss of the sturdily constructed Masonic Temple to be replaced by a parking lot for about 40 cars, when the auditorium space in that building alone would warrant its preservation as a valuable community resource."¹⁵ These concerns and efforts, however, came for naught.

In July, the members of Fraternity Lodge began to consider their options and look for a temporary home and eventually a permanent one. In the minutes for the July 5, 1974 meeting, Benjamin Rossin, PM, "informed the Lodge that it appeared that the Temple will be demolished this fall" and that plans were being made to find a new home. The October 4, 1974 minutes record that the Lodge was considering the "lodges in Saline, Dexter and Ypsilanti" and were trying to "get firm figures of what rent per month Fraternity Lodge would be charged while we would be without a lodge room in Ann Arbor due to the possible demolition of the Temple. We want these figures in writing." The minutes on December 6, 1974 record that "after considerable discussion, the Lodge voted to hold our Communications at the Washtenaw Lodge facilities in Dexter. At this time, we are not certain when we must vacate our present quarters, tho [sic] the latest word is that we must vacate by February 3, 1975."

A January 1975 article in the *Ann Arbor News* recorded that Fraternity Lodge No. 262 held its last lodge meeting in the Temple on Friday January 17, 1975, and together with Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544 and Golden Rule Lodge No. 159, moved their personal and lodge belongings out of the building on Saturday, January 18. The GSA had ordered the premises to be vacated by February 3, 1975. Masonic Temple Corporation President Bob Sevebeck, PM was resigned to the fate, "We're sorry to lose the building, but all things have to give way to progress."¹⁶

¹⁴ _____ (1974) "And elsewhere in city hall," *Ann Arbor Sun*, December 20.

¹⁵ _____ (1975) "Masonic Temple to crumble. US building a federal crime." *Ann Arbor Sun*, February 28.

¹⁶ _____ (1975) "Masons vacating Temple," *Ann Arbor News*, January 20.

(1975) "Masons vacating Temple," *Ann Arbor News*, January 20.

Reuben Haavisto (Front), Charles Long And Edward Johnson Move Lodge 262's Belongings Out Of The Masonic Temple On Saturday

Masons Vacating Temple

Jan. 20, 1975 P.1

Ann Arbor's three Masonic lodges are dispersing to new meeting places to make way for the future razing of the Masonic Temple at 327 S. Fourth Ave. The structure is on the site of the planned federal building.

Charles A. Long, worshipful master of Fraternity Lodge 262 of the Free and Accepted Masons (F & AM), said his group held the last lodge meeting Friday night in the building which has been a symbol and home for the Masons since 1925.

On Saturday, Fraternity Lodge and Ann Arbor Lodge 544 and Golden Rule Lodge 159 moved their personal belongings from the building, which is to be vacated by Feb. 3.

Other groups that have used Masonic Temple for their activities are the Commandery groups, Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and the Order of Demolay. The Ann Arbor Masons do not have an Order of Rainbow for girls.

The total membership of all these groups is around 1,500, with some overlapping.

Ann Arbor Lodge and Fraternity Lodge will be meeting in Washtenaw Lodge 68 in Dexter. Golden Rule Lodge will meet in Saline's Masonic Temple.

Robert E. Sevebeck, president of The Ann Arbor Masonic Temple Corporation, said the temple's furniture will be put in storage until long-range housing plans are made.

"We're sorry to lose the building, but all things have to give way to progress," Sevebeck said.

Masonry began in Ann Arbor in 1827 when Western Star Lodge 6 was chartered. It met in the John Allen tavern, a log cabin on the northwest corner of Main and Huron Streets. A second Masonic organization was founded here in 1847 and a third in 1857.

The Golden Rule Lodge was the fourth Masonic organization in Ann Arbor, and it held its meetings above the Orient Tavern at 215-270 S. Main St.

In 1886 the Masons transferred their meeting place to the top floor of the three-story brick St. James Block on the northwest corner of Huron and Main Streets. The site is now being used as the Ecology Center's downtown park.

The Masons began planning their own building in 1910, but fund drives and

pledges had to be put aside during World War I.

The project was renewed in 1919 and the cornerstone was laid June 28, 1922. The building was dedicated Feb. 27, 1925.

Fund raising to pay for the building continued until it was paid off in 1948, just about the time the lodge membership began to level off and start to decline. There were an estimated 3,000 members of the lodges in 1957.

Masonic Temple's auditorium served as a center for drama, ballet, dance symphony and art from 1954 to 1957 under the direction of the Dramatic Arts Center (DAC).

The DAC's dream of turning the temple into a thriving civic cultural center was never achieved.

Rooms in Masonic Temple have been leased to a series of corporations and agencies beginning with Bendix Aviation Corporation in 1956. After Bendix moved out in 1964, renters included the Juvenile Court for three years and the Washtenaw Children's Aid Society.

The fight to save the Temple officially ended in March 1975 when the City Council approved the site plan, clearing the final hurdle for the U.S. Federal Building along with its surface parking spaces. Members of the Council expressed regret that the parking lot came at the expense of the historic Masonic Temple, but despite threats of lawsuits, sided with proponents of downtown revitalization and local jobs. The local chapter of the AFL-CIO, in particular, saw the project as a much-needed boost for the 20 percent unemployment rate in the construction industry at the time.¹⁷

Negotiations between the GSA and the Temple Corporation over a selling price came to contentious, though not final, conclusion. The GSA's first offer of \$121,250 was rejected. That was followed by a "last offer" of \$139,000, which was also refused. When the two sides were unable to reach agreement, the GSA seized the Temple by eminent domain, ordered the Masons to vacate the property and paid the original \$120,000 offer.¹⁸

¹⁷ Harris, G. (1975) "City OK's federal building plans; Suit possible," *Ann Arbor News*, March 11.

¹⁸ Op. Cit. Caswell, H. H. (1965/1980).

On September 4, 1975, the *Ann Arbor News* marked the date that demolition began, reporting that “the Masonic Temple, looking forlorn and almost embarrassed, succumbed to the wrecking ball today. It was 51 years old.” A crowd came to see the spectacle, including many Masons who remember watching the first swing of the wrecking ball simply bouncing off the steel reinforced concrete and brick building. Charles Long, Worshipful Master of Fraternity Lodge No. 262 watched the demolition and remarked, “That building was built to stay forever,” but added sadly, “nothing stays forever.”¹⁹

One GSA official callously referred to the Temple as a “white elephant,” but Bob Sevebeck, PM disagreed, noting that “Our building was a monument to the city, a historical monument which we gave up to the government without a severe fight...it’s just the feeling like a loved one dying.” A member of the Order of the Eastern Star felt the same way. “We were all hurt, it was a beautiful building.”²⁰ Before the GSA took possession, many brothers removed keepsakes and ornaments from the building; doors, light fixtures and furniture. To this day, it is not uncommon to be shown a Temple keepsake by a member of the Lodge or someone to whom it was passed. The GSA did their best to dismantle and store wood carvings, furniture and, importantly, the pipe organ, which was eventually sold for \$5,000²¹ and donated to the Northside Community Church in Ann Arbor where it was still being used in 2020.



***Demolition Begins,
September 4, 1975
Source: Cecil Lockard,
Ann Arbor News,
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¹⁹ Dunn, N. (1975) “Masonic Temple being demolished,” *Ann Arbor News*, September 4.

²⁰ Ibid., Dunn, N. (1975).

²¹ Op. Cit. Caswell, H. H. (1965/1980).



The Temple Demolition Nears Completion

Dunn, N. (1975) "Masonic Temple being demolished,"
Ann Arbor News, September 4.

Masonic Temple Being Demolished

THURSDAY SEP 4 1975

BY NANCY DUNN
News Staff Reporter

The Masonic Temple, looking forlorn and almost unharmed, succumbed to the wrecking ball today. It was 51 years old.

The building, at S. Fourth Avenue and E. Liberty Street, will be replaced by a parking lot—not just any parking lot, but a lot to serve a \$4 million, four-story gleaming glass and brick federal building that will dominate the block by sometime next year.

A front loader began demolition of two houses on the block bounded by Fourth, Liberty, E. William and Fifth St.

One was capped with a graceful cupola. There was a makeshift sign propped in one window: "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

The several Masonic organizations which used the building have long since moved out of the building—not happily, but with resignation. The end had come.

"That building was built to stay forever," said Charles A. Long, worshipful master of Fraternity Lodge 282 of the Free and Accepted Masons, "but nothing stays forever."

Long said the "old spirit is always there" anyway, but the death-swing of the wrecking ball makes him worry about the older Masonic and Eastern Star stalwarts.

"The ones who sold the jams and jellies," said Long, to pay for the building. One woman, he said, "must have sold a jar of jam for every brick in the place."

"We were all hurt," said a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. "It was a beautiful building."

It was a "white elephant," in the words of a General Services Administration official. GSA persistently argued that the federal building couldn't be built there if the Temple stayed.

"Our building was a monument to the city," said Masonic Temple Corporation president Robert E. Sevebeck. "A historical monument which we gave up to the government without a severe fight." The corporation has received a partial cash settlement from GSA, said Sevebeck, but final settlement is still pending.

He said a new building will be built

on an as-yet undetermined site. It will be "much more modest than the old building," he said, "but adequate for our needs." It probably won't be inside the city limits, he said, and it will be used only for Masonic functions.

Long said it will be built "with no mortgage and a lot of faith in the Lord." The old Temple, a source of pride among old-timers, was planned in 1910. Fund raising continued over the years but was stymied by World War I. On June 28, 1922, the cornerstone was laid and there was a parade and a gala dinner.

The building was dedicated in 1925, and it served over the years as a community building as well as Masonic headquarters.

Sevebeck said the Masons hope to recover the cornerstone and stone carvings above the doorway and along the top, if possible. GSA has dismantled and stored some irreplaceable wood carvings and furnishings, including a pipe organ. GSA will pay for storage and re-assembly, Sevebeck said, adding softly, "when we get around to that."

"It's just the feeling like a loved one dying," said Sevebeck, you mourn it, but you go on."

Ann Arbor's Masonic organizations are meeting at several smaller Masonic buildings in the county. One Mason said "We've been dealt a severe blow, and we're bowed and bloodied but not beaten." Local Masonic lodges have survived fires, moves and years of crisis, he said, and they will rise to this.

The new federal building, meanwhile, will be built by Barton-Malow Co. of Oak Park, which received a \$3,822,635 contract from GSA in July.

A Barton-Malow spokesman said it will take about six weeks to demolish the buildings on the site. The houses were crushed by a front loader Wednesday, and after the Temple is gone, the old Eberbach building and the former Varsity Laundry building will be demolished.

A spokesman for Laborers Local 959 said Wednesday that union troubles with Barton-Malow's wrecking subcontractor, Progress Wrecking of Detroit, have been ironed out. Picketing was threatened two weeks ago, but today and yesterday, the only clamor was the noise of the din of demolition.



News Photo By Cecil Lockard

Wrecking Ball Swings Into Temple Wall

Upon further reflection, Bob Sevebeck, PM noted that the outcome may have been inevitable. "The Masons had experienced increasing difficulty in obtaining renters for the building. There was only one elevator, and a large amount of interior space was devoted to the two-story high auditorium. The building had simply outlived its usefulness."²² Reflecting back on that time, Bob Blackburn, PM remarked that "At the time, it was traumatic. Very traumatic. Looking back at it, now 50 years on, it would have happened at some point in any case. We would have lost the building, or it would have been drastically different than it is now."²³

The contentious negotiations between the GSA and the Temple Corporation continued through one more phase. The Temple Corporation hired an attorney to achieve a better settlement than \$120,000, and in 1975, the GSA agreed to pay an additional \$78,000, bringing the entire compensation to \$200,000²⁴ (\$650,000 in 2020 dollars) before paying legal fees. Combining this with existing reserves of \$150,000, the money would be used to purchase a new site and relocate. As expected, the Temple land on S. Fourth Avenue became a parking lot for the United States Postal Service and the site of the Blake Transit Center for the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.²⁵ Down but not out, one mason struck a defiant chord "we've been dealt a severe blow, and we're bowed and bloodied but not defeated."²⁶

The First Diaspora, 1975-1978

Without a home, the groups that met at the S. Fourth Avenue Temple scattered in search of new places to hold their meetings. The first of two diasporas, defined as "the dispersion of any people from their original homeland" had begun. Since a number of Fraternity Lodge members held plural memberships in Washtenaw Lodge No. 65, the decision was fairly straightforward to move to the Dexter Masonic Temple at 3210 Broad Street, just across the street from what was then the location of the original Dexter Busch's supermarket. On January 23, 1975, the Grand Lodge of Michigan issued a formal dispensation, "To permit Fraternity Lodge No. 262 to move its Charter and Great Lights to, and occupy the Temple jointly with Washtenaw No. 65 at Dexter, Michigan."

²² Op. Cit. Marzolf, M. (1973).

²³ Op. Cit. Blackburn, R. (2009).

²⁴ Op. Cit. Caswell, H. H. (1965/1980).

²⁵ Dykhous, S., *Fraternity and History, The Past and Present of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262*, Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 website. <https://aaf262.org/history>

²⁶ Op. Cit. Dunn, N. (1975).

The influx of new members was a welcome addition to the brothers of Washtenaw Lodge as they had been having trouble drawing enough men to keep lodge open. And, the Ann Arbor contingent came bearing gifts, bringing with them the sideline benches from the main lodge room in the S. Fourth Avenue Temple which they then donated to Washtenaw Lodge. The lodge room was considerably smaller than the one left behind, encompassing roughly one-third the size (1,000 square feet) of the S. Fourth Avenue Temple. But, the brothers were pleased with their new home.

As Fraternity Lodge No. 262 settled into Dexter, Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 found a home at the Masonic Lodge on West Michigan Avenue in Saline, and Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544 met at the Pittsfield Union Grange on Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor.

A New Temple on West Liberty Road, 1978-2009

While the first diaspora separated the Lodges, the Temple Corporation was tasked with the charge of finding a site for a new Temple to bring them back together again. After reviewing several locations, the *Ann Arbor Masonic News* announced in September 1975 that a site had been procured; the Krause Property at 2875 W. Liberty Road in Ann Arbor offered 4.65 acres of undeveloped land. Plans were drawn up to build a modest 7,200 sq. ft. Temple building that could house each of the Lodges and leave room to expand in the future. It would have a lodge room, ante-room, dining room, a small library, secretary's office, kitchen and storage. A call went out in June to all brothers asking for help in skilled trades and financial donations.



***The Undeveloped
Krause Property***



***The Masons Make
Their Presence Known***



Looking to the Future

Worshipful Master Charles A. Long wrote a December 1975 letter to the Lodge complimenting the brothers at Washtenaw No. 65 - "The brethren here have our deepest respect." – and looking forward to brighter days back in Ann Arbor, "The Temple Board will purchase land in a very good location and the men that follow will realize the wisdom of all this. The structure will be built for all to see and we hope, best of all no mortgage. The Masons of Ann Arbor will build it and it will be beautiful. Plans for a lodge, a picnic area and plenty of parking. In the future Masons will not have to look for a place to have a picnic." On September 5, 1977, construction of the new Temple began.



***Original Architectural Rendering
of the W. Liberty Road Temple***

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From The Temple Board

Brethren and Ladies:

Last month, a group of our Masonic family met with the Temple Board, and inspected several properties to be used as future sites for our new Lodge Hall. One of these, called the York property, seemed to be the answer. It has a house, which we thought could be converted into a Lodge Hall. The site consists of ten acres, with the house approximately centered on the land. The advantages of this site seemed to be that we could convert the house into a meeting hall, and then sell off the house, and remaining five acres, and use the proceeds to build a new Temple. However, the state land use law prevents anyone from selling off a piece of a 10 acre tract within 10 years of the date of purchase. Which means, we would have most of our capital tied up in this land for 10 years, which would make a new building of adequate size that far away. The Board also felt that this length of time would prove to be too long.

Another problem is that we would be very likely to run into a zoning refusal. The Township would require a re-zoning of the property, and if contested, it could delay our use of the building indefinitely. This is no true of the Krause land, which is already zoned for commercial use.

The Krause property is 4.6 acres, located on west Liberty Rd. and just east of the Racquet Club. It is 250' x 800'. Very little site work will be required. The price is about half that of the York land.

Therefore, in the light of these factors, the Board voted to acquire the Krause property, if several other factors can be handled. The main one, is to find out how much we are going to be able to pay for a new building, even one smaller than needed, but one which will house us and give us room to operate, and store our property. One which can be enlarged in the near future, as more funds develop.

We have engaged an architect to draw

up some plans, and figure a cost estimate for a new building, as outlined before. With volunteer labor, and other help from members of the craft, we can materially reduce our costs.

Should this estimate prove too high, we may be forced to seek a more economical solution, and not consider building until our bankroll is more substantial.

To sum up, please wait until the facts are all together, before making any judgments. The Board will weigh these facts and then will act in the best interests of ALL the members.

We wish to thank all of the advisory committee who gave their time and opinions to assist in this weighty problem.

Sincerely,

The Temple Board

ZAL GAZ GROTTO BOWLING LEAGUE

The Zal Gaz Grotto Bowling League will start bowling at The Belmar Lanes on Jackson Road Tuesday, October 7, 1975. Eight team are in the League. Any questions, call Bill Heyhow, President 994-4126.

Why Men Love Masonry

Some men never come to lodge
Yet their sympathies are tender
Their minds go back to years gone by
And something they remember.

Why the cowboy loves the prairie
And the wind that never ceases
The cattle milling to and fro
Who would trample him to pieces.

Why the hill folk love the mountains
And others the sea of blue
That stretches away to right and left
It beckons the sailor true.

When we know the answer to these things
In God's unchangeable plan
We will know why Masonry appeals to us
And always will to man.

Ralph Hollowell.

Construction of the West Liberty Road Temple



October 8, 1977



October 29, 1977



December 24, 1977



March 17, 1978



May 20, 1978



***Bob Sevebeck, PM
President of the Temple Corporation
Inspects the Cornerstone Placement***

After ten months, the cornerstone for the Temple building was laid on July 15, 1978, a beautiful sunny Saturday, by Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Grand Master Holm Swenson and Grand Marshal, Henry A. Wilson, Jr.



Grand Master Holm Swenson



Dedicating the Cornerstone



**Grand Marshal, Henry A. Wilson, Jr.
Making the Proclamation**

PROGRAM	
Call to Order.....	Mt. Wor. Holm A. Swenson Grand Master
Proclamation.....	Wor. Henry A. Wilson, Jr. Grand Marshal
Introduction of Township Supervisor	
Request for Corner-Stone Laying.....	Mr. Robert A. Jones Scio Township Supervisor
Response.....	Mt. Wor. Holm A. Swenson Grand Master
Blessing.....	Rt. Wor. Harold C. Prong Grand Chaplain
Musical Interlude.....	LeRoy Gray Sandra Jameson
Introduction of Temple Board President	
Request for Deposit of Memorials.....	Robert E. Sevebeck, P.M. Temple Board President
Reading of List of Memorials.....	Mt. Wor. Royce E. Curtis, P.G.M. Grand Secretary

The Ceremony Program

Two months later, on September 23, 1978, the Temple was dedicated. Yet, it was not complete and more work still needed to be done. The Temple Corporation put out an impassioned plea for more donations in the December 1978 issue of the *Ann Arbor Masonic News*, "The building fund has grown to the neighborhood of \$26,000 in cash and pledges...our Temple Board is very, very grateful. But as you can see this is far short of our goal of \$67,000. Have you done your part yet? ... Do you want to be a sponger, a free loader? ... Brother, the time for action is now."²⁷

²⁷ _____ (1978) "Merry Christmas Masonic temple," *Ann Arbor Masonic News*, December.

_____ (1978) "Ann Arbor Masonic dedicated,"
Ann Arbor Masonic News, December



Lodge Dedication, September 23, 1978



Lodge Dedication, September 23, 1978



Lodge Dedication, September 23, 1978

Soon after the dedication, construction of the Temple was completed and lodge activities could begin. In all, nearly five years had passed since Fraternity Lodge No. 262, Ann Arbor Lodge No. 54 and Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 vacated the S. Fourth Avenue Temple and found separate homes. Now they resumed their Masonic affairs with all three lodges under one common roof. On Friday, December 8, 1978, a public tri-lodge installation of the 1979 Officer Lines was held for all three blue lodges: Ford W. Ferguson for Fraternity Lodge No. 262, Austin P. English for Golden Rule Lodge No. 159, and Vaughan E. Smith for Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544. The Lodge minutes record that Arthur W. Davidge, PM of 262 served as Master of Ceremonies and Newton S. Bacon, Past Grand Master, presided as Installing Grand Officer before “approximately 250 brothers, families and guests.”



The Front Door



***Awaiting
The Cornerstone***



The Cornerstone



The West Liberty Road Temple Building

Inside the West Liberty Road Temple



Looking to the East



Looking to the West



The Anteroom



The Main Hallway



The Dining Room



The 262 Altar at Table Lodge

The brand-new lodge room measured 34 feet east to west and 67 feet north to south for total square footage of 2,300 square feet, a nice step up from the Dexter Temple. One brother remembers that during his Entered Apprentice degree, "I thought I was walking around a football field." It was all on one story, which made things easier for the older brothers. You entered the lodge room from the north through an ante-room with inner and outer doors. As you

stepped in, the Worshipful Master was situated straight ahead, unusually positioned in the south (what some called the “symbolic” east), the Senior Warden was situated between the inner doors to the north and the Junior Warden was set up to the right in the west. The Worshipful Master’s chair was raised 3 steps above the main floor, the Senior Warden’s chair 2 steps and the Junior Warden’s was raised 1 step. The room was not ornate like the lodge room in the S. Fourth Avenue or Detroit Temples, but to many it was beautiful and “felt very Masonic.” The floor had a medium blue carpet. The altar, brought over from the S. Fourth Ave Temple, was very large for the space - 5 feet across. The room had its own organ that several brothers were able to play. And oddly, Paul Bunten, PM remembers that “I never saw the front door being used, except when they delivered a refrigerator. We always used the side door.”²⁸

Within the Temple, the blue lodges - Fraternity Lodge No. 262, Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544, and Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 – resumed their work in harmony and collaboration. The three blue lodges often held sessions together, and installations were always tri-lodge and conducted on the 1st Friday in December. Through the years, Officer Lines were installed every year.



***The First Officer Line to Serve at the W. Liberty Road Temple, 1978
Worshipful Master Earl E. Spears***

²⁸ Interview with Paul Bunten, PM of 159, February 8, 2020.



***The 2003 Officer Line
Worshipful Master Matthew Bruder V.***



***The 2007 Officer Line
Worshipful Master Gary F. Filzen***



Installation of Worshipful Masters 2006

***Left: Robert Pate PM,
Installing Grand Marshall
Center: Gary Filzen AAF No. 262
Right: Gary Thomas GR No. 159***



***Left: Robert Pate PM,
Installing Grand Marshall
Center: Arthur W. Davidge, PM
Right: Paul Howell, PM
Installing Grand Officer***



Installation of Worshipful Masters 2006

Left: Justin F. Krasnoff, PM; Right: Paul C. Howell, PM

Through the years, many awards were bestowed.



November 2007

***Center: Seymour Greenstone, PM,
being presented with his 50-year
pin by GM Ira Slavin (Left)
and PGM Don Carman (Right)***



November 2007

***Left: Art Stoll, PM receiving his
Life Membership from
GM Ira Slavin (Right)***

In 1982, Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544 found itself struggling to get enough members to come to meetings and participate. Rather than close and turn in its charter to the Grand Lodge, the remaining active brothers decided that consolidating with Fraternity Lodge No. 262 was the best way forward. On August 6, 1982, a resolution was read to the members of Fraternity Lodge. “Resolved, that Fraternity Lodge No. 262 does agree to concur in, and hereby requests Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544 to consolidate with this lodge under the name and style of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262.” On September 3, 1982, the Lodge voted unanimously, and “with limited discussion,” to accept the resolution, and agreed that all assets of each lodge would become the property of the one remaining lodge. Under the guidance of 262 WM John M. Abram, 152 brothers on the 544 rolls consolidated with Fraternity Lodge No. 262 to become Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262. According to Arthur W. Davidge, PM “As I recall it was very quiet. We just redid the bylaws and said ok.”²⁹

²⁹ Interview with Arthur W. Davidge, PM of 262, March 18, 2017.

In 1995, a second consolidation was in the works. Dexter's Washtenaw Lodge No. 65 was also suffering from decreasing membership and was also faced with the possibility of closing and turning in their charter. In January 1995, Paul Howell, PM made a motion to Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge to accept Washtenaw Lodge No. 65's request to consolidate. The lodge minutes record that No. 65 had "about 70 members on the roll, but few are active" and that there was one additional complication; the Lodge owned their temple building "free and clear" as "community property" but there was "no buyer yet, but there is interest." While there was initial discussion to change the name of the combined lodge to Washtenaw-Fraternity Lodge No. 262, the vote on February 1, 1995 was unanimous to consolidate Washtenaw No. 65 with No. 262 and keep the name Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262. Under the leadership of 262 WM Seymour Greenstone, 62 brothers from Washtenaw No. 65 consolidated into Ann Arbor-

Fraternity No. 262. The Dexter Temple property was sold to the Dexter Downtown Development Authority for \$105,000 (\$177,000 in 2020 dollars) and the mahogany and leather benches that had been donated to Dexter were returned to Ann Arbor and reunited with the rest of the original lodge furniture in the lodge room at the W. Liberty Road Temple.



Roscoe Bonisteel
1888-1972

Another kind of consolidation was happening at the Temple as well. In 2002, Karl W. Grube, and other prominent Ann Arbor Freemasons founded the Bonisteel Masonic Library at the W. Liberty Road Temple to house the one-hundred-year-old assets of the Masonic Temple Library from the S. Fourth Avenue Temple. The library was named after Roscoe

Bonisteel, Past Master of Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 in 1920, Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in 1929, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Regent of the University of Michigan.

Despite such developments however, financial troubles once again caught up with Ann Arbor Masonry. With taxes and utilities becoming the dominant part of the annual budget, and much needed maintenance being deferred, many feared that continuing to operate the building would lead to bankruptcy. As with the S. Fourth Avenue Temple, the Temple Corporation sought to lease the building, actively marketing the facility's commercial kitchen and meeting hall, but to no avail. In 2009, the difficult decision was made to put the property up for sale. Starting with a September 30, 2008 appraisal of \$975,000, it was listed at \$895,000 given the uncertainty of the repairs needed.³⁰ After a year on the market, it was sold on October 29, 2009 to Absolute Title Inc. for \$600,000 (\$733,000 in 2020 dollars). Upon taking possession, the new owner gutted it back to the outside walls, and installed a new roof, HVAC and plumbing.

Dismantling the West Liberty Road Temple



Removing the Cornerstone



The Cornerstone Being Packed Away



Clearing out the Lodge Room



Emptying the Main Hallway

³⁰ Gardner, P. (2010) "Ann Arbor's Absolute Title moving into former Masonic Temple on West Liberty," Ann Arbor News, January 21.

Dismantling the West Liberty Road Temple, continued



Dismantling the Kitchen



Packing up the Lodge Furniture



***Len Coombs, Archivist for the Bentley Library
Removing the Lodge Archives.***

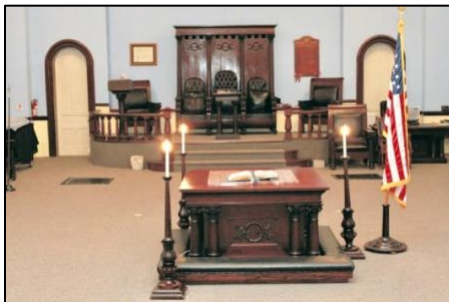
For the second time in nearly 40 years, Ann Arbor Masons began the process of dismantling a Temple building. The lodge furniture that traveled from the Gregory Block to the S. Fourth Avenue Temple to the Dexter Temple to the W. Liberty Road Temple since 1904, traveled once again, and was donated in November 2009 to Milford Lodge No. 165 in Milford, Michigan. The furniture, along with some associated doors, hardware, risers, station platforms and theater platforms, is still in use in 2020. One brother remarked that “when you walk into the Milford lodge room, you are basically walking into our lodge room.”³¹

³¹ Interview with Paul Bunten, PM of 159, February 8, 2020.

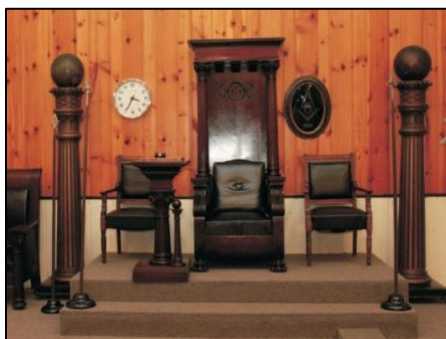
The Ann Arbor Temple Furniture, Then and Now



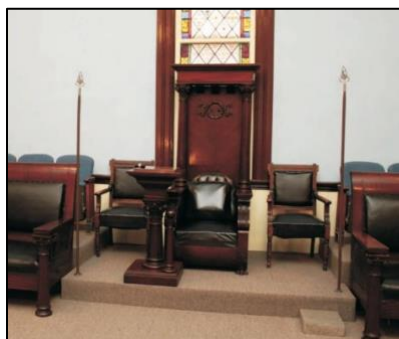
***Looking to the East
Ann Arbor Temple, 1904***



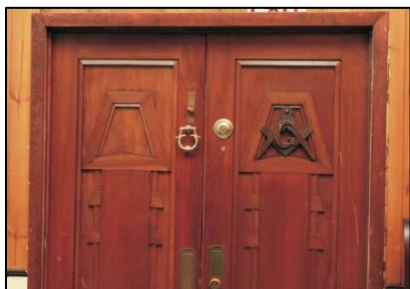
***Looking to the East
Milford Temple, 2020***



***Looking to the South
Milford Temple, 2020***



***Looking to the West
Milford Temple, 2020***



***The Lodge Room Doors
Milford Temple, 2020***



***The Secretary's Desk
Milford Temple, 2020***

The library's historical documents and archives were donated to the Bentley Historical Library on the North Campus of the University of Michigan which, coincidentally, was built in part from a donation from the Roscoe Bonisteel estate. The Grand Lodge of Michigan had once proposed a \$125,000 donation to the University to create a Masonic library and permanent Masonic artifact display in the Bentley Library, with the grand vision of "students – undergraduates and graduates alike, seeking material for a thesis or dissertation to obtain higher degrees – Great Masonic Scholars of the world – and Michigan's 160,000 Master Masons – will forge a path to the door of the great Masonic Library of the Michigan Historical Collections of the University of Michigan." The vision never materialized, but the Grand Lodge of Michigan made a more modest donation to sponsor the library's reading room.³²



***The Reading Room at the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan
Donated by the Grand Lodge of Michigan***

³² Roscoe Bonisteel was also working on another Masonic museum and library of the vision proposed by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was opened on April 20, 1975 in Lexington, Massachusetts.

The Second Diaspora, 2009-2017

Once again, the two remaining Ann Arbor blue lodges searched independently for a home. Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 looked at several places including the Old Unitarian Church on Washtenaw Avenue and even the Holiday Inn in northeast Ann Arbor, which was robustly rejected by the members. The Lodge finally settled on Hathaway's Hideaway at 310 South Ashley Street in Ann Arbor. Built in 1901 as the polling place and meeting hall for Ann Arbor's Second Ward, the most notable feature of the space was that it was small, a "postage stamp" by one account. But the members liked its tight quarters. Lodge was held on the first floor, a long, narrow room (20 feet by 40 feet, for a total of 800 square feet) with a bar toward the rear which was illuminated by day from an overhead skylight. The second floor was smaller (approx. 700 square feet with windows facing east and west) and was used as a gathering place for meals and afterglow. And it was very cramped. One brother recalls that you had to slide your chairs out of the way when brothers were walking their circumambulation. One second notable feature was that it was next door to the School of Rock. As a result, there were many degree nights when brothers would hear bands like AC/DC (or even less appropriate music) playing in the background while they performed the rituals.

The three York Rite bodies – Washtenaw Chapter No. 6 Royal Arch Masons, Ann Arbor Council No. 86 Royal and Select Masters and Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13 Knights Templar – first met in Ypsilanti with their Ypsilanti counterparts and then returned to Ann Arbor to meet at Calvary United Methodist Church. By 2020, they were meeting in the Belleville Masonic Temple. Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 was the last to leave the W. Liberty Road Temple and met at the Zal Gaz Grotto in Ann Arbor for 6 months, and then moved to the Masonic Temple in Milan Michigan in order to have a more secure and private place for ritual and lodge.

Lodge Activities at 310 South Ashley Street



Hathaway's Hideaway, formerly the Second Ward Building



The Improvised Lodge Room, 1st Floor



Bar and Dining Area, 2nd Floor



Looking to the East

Lodge Activities at 310 South Ashley Street, continued



Worship Master Chris T. Fultz, 2009



***Festive Board following
Installation, 2009***



***The 2010 Officer Line
Worshipful Master
Robert C. Blackburn***

It did not take long for the tight quarters to become too cumbersome. So when the Lodge learned that the Pittsfield Union Grange No. 882 in Ann Arbor had openings on Wednesday and Friday nights, the members decided to move to the more accommodating space. The Lodge's last day at Hathaway's Hideaway was November 10, 2010.

The Pittsfield Union Grange has many features that make it suitable fit for Masonry. First, the main floor offers more comfortable space than Hathaway's, measuring 30 feet by 40 feet for a total area of 1,200 square feet. Second, the Grange has a similar purpose and vocation as Masonry. Formed in 1901, the Grange helped local farmers improve their lives through education, socializing, non-partisan political activity, and cooperative buying power. It is sometimes referred to as "the Farmer's Masonry" for its use of a seven-degree ritual system, with signs, passwords, grips, and regalia, though only vestiges of that activity remain today. Unlike Masonry, both men and women are admitted. But like Masonry, it focuses on love of God, family and country.



The Pittsfield Union Grange



***The 2012 Officer Line
Worshipful Master
Clinton R.
Bartholomew***



***The 2013 Officer Line
Worshipful Master
Robert W. Hospadaruk***



***The 2015 Officer Line
Worshipful Master
Charles A. Nagy***



***The 2016 Officer Line
Worshipful Master
Oscar E. Ortiz***



***The 2018 Officer Line
Worshipful Master
Steven H. Moazami***



***The 2019 Officer Line
Worshipful Master
David P. Bunn***



*Looking to the East,
Pittsfield Union
Grange,
Entered Apprentice
Degree, June 2017*

Converging in Place and Community, 2017-2020

Where the first diaspora ended when the three Ann Arbor blue lodges built a new Temple to share in their masonic work, the second diaspora ended when all three lodges were ultimately consolidated into one. Beginning in 2016, discussions of a possible consolidation between Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 and Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 began. Golden Rule had been struggling heroically for 3 years to keep the lodge work going. But geography (the drive from Ann Arbor to Milan took a half hour when weather was good) and an aging membership made it difficult to innovate and keep bringing in fresh new members. In January 2017 a resolution for consolidation was tabled by both Lodges, laid over until February 2017, was then unanimously adopted by both bodies and approved by the Grand Master. The consolidation took place on March 30, 2017 when 117 brothers from Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 consolidated into Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 under 262 WM Steven H. Moazami.

By all accounts, the move has been a success. One brother noted with pleasure that "I'm a past master of Golden Rule and proud member of Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge. I couldn't be happier, the Lodge has been so welcoming." Another former 159 member said that he felt right at home when a 262 member approached him at his first meeting and said "you are a sight for sore eyes. Since then, it has been absolutely wonderful." Of course, the brothers are sad to lose the Golden Rule name. Many of them had fathers or brothers that were members and they themselves were raised in 159. But, says Paul Buntin, PM "you've got to move on, you can't look back." Reflecting on the Lodge today, he adds "we are all the same right now, but we came from different places."

ANN ARBOR-FRATERNITY LODGE NO. 262 in 2020

As of this writing in 2020, Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 is filled with fellowship and education that keep it growing and strong. A full contingent of active brothers meets on the first Wednesday of each month for Regular meetings and the third Wednesday for Special meetings. The Lodge meets 10 months per year and is dark in July and August. Social events are a steady part of fellowship. Every fourth Wednesday, brothers meet for Master's Table at a local restaurant, and one Saturday per month they meet for Brethren Breakfast at Weber's restaurant. The Lodge holds an annual dinner for Masons and their partners every fall and a picnic every summer. In between are special events, like a Tigers game, a visit to the Toledo Art Museum or a Masonic motorcycle ride. In a special tradition, all Master's hats are bought at Henry the Hatter, a historic hatter founded in 1893 in downtown Detroit.

The Lodge stays active in the craft through numerous activities and committees. A **Ritual Club** meets regularly to learn and practice the various rituals at the center of the Lodge. An **Outreach Committee** seeks to stay connected with the brotherhood and try to draw in those who are able to come back to lodge. A **Widows Committee** stays in contact with local widows of Masons, bringing them each a Poinsettia plant at Christmas. A **Finance Committee** keeps careful watch over the Lodge's finances. The **Brothers of Literature** club reads a Masonic book or sections of a book monthly and meets to discuss what it meant to each brother, what was found to be new and exciting, and possible future implications for the Lodge or Masonry as a whole. Brothers volunteer to provide monthly **Education** at lodge. An **Entertainment** committee organizes a social gathering several times a year for Masons and their partners. The Lodge hosts an annual **Child ID program** for local families. And the brothers show their colors in public by participating in the 4th of July parade in Ann Arbor every year and working with the Grange to maintain the historic building that we share.



Masonic Motorcycling, 2013
Left to Right: Charles A. Nagy, PM,
Robert W. Hospadaruk, PM,
Rich Wilcox, PM



All Masters Hats are Bought at the
Famous Henry the Hatter



Making Improvements to the Pittsfield Union Grange, 2017
Left: Robert W. Hospadaruk, PM;
Right: Brother Wesley Krumel



***Celebrating Ann Arbor's 4th of July Parade
with US Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, 2017***

Charity and Service

The members of the Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 take their service to the community very seriously and organize many charitable events. Since 2000, the Lodge has generated over \$70,000 in support of community groups, aided in part by matching grants from the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation. Beneficiaries include: the Salvation Army, the Ann Arbor Men's Shelter, Food Gatherers, Cancer Support of Ann Arbor, Safe House, Mott Children's Hospital, the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center's Voluntary Services office and the VA Center for Clinical Management Research's Adopt-A-Vet program, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and the National African American History Museum (Smithsonian). Masonic support has also included assistance to distressed brothers and their families, the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation for support of Pathways (the "Masonic Home") in Alma and the Masonic Service Association of North America for disaster relief around the world and a volunteer effort for the public schools as directed by the Grand Lodge of Michigan called the Beacon Project.³³ Finally, the Lodge gives out High School Scholarships to deserving local youth in the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

³³ Op. Cit. Dykhouse, S.



\$1500 Scholarships Awarded to Two Ann Arbor High School Students, 2013
Left to Right: Arthur W. Davidge, PM,
Christa Kuck,
WM Robert W. Hospadaruk, Luke
Thompson-Kolar, Brian M. Cors, PM



Arthur W. Davidge, PM presents a check for \$500 to William Wade Ann Arbor Public Schools for a Scholarship Fund, 1992



Donation to Food Gatherers, 2005
Left to Right: Brian M. Cors, PM,
Robert W. Hospadaruk, PM,
Eileen Spring, Chris Fultz, PM,
Charles A. Nagy, PM



Donation to the National Museum of African American History, 2014
Left to Right: John Franklin,
WM Robert W. Hospadaruk



***Donation to the VA Clothing Center, 2010
Left to Right: Arthur W. Davidge, PM, Beverly Leneski,
Brother Master Sergeant Justin Maloney,
Junior Warden Logistics Specialist Second Class Scott Graf, USN.***

One notably unusual charitable activity took place in August 1994 when four past masters – Paul Howell, Justin Krasnoff, Emanuel Koutsogiannis, and Alan Sheperd – flew to Virginia City Montana with Brother Nicholas Costopulas of Saint Nicholas Lodge No. 568 in Clawson Michigan to present Virginia City Lodge No. 1 with a complete set of jewels and officers aprons. The idea was developed by Justin Krasnoff, PM when he was passing through Virginia City, Montana the year before and stopped to see the Masonic Temple. It was famous for being the home of the Vigilantes of Montana, a group that tracked down and hung an outlaw gang that was robbing and killing gold miners in 1863. Though not officially acknowledged, they were reported to have been members of Virginia City Lodge No. 1. During a tour of the Temple, the Lodge Brother mentioned in passing that their jewels and aprons were in a state of disrepair and that the Lodge was trying to raise the money to buy new ones. At the same time, Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge was in the process of buying new jewels and aprons, so the brothers agreed to donate the old ones to Virginia City. Five brothers happened to be traveling west in 1994 and agreed to meet at the Temple and make the donation. It was a great moment for Michigan Masons, Montana Masons, and the five brothers personally.

Thomas, J. (1984) "Masonic history once again in Virginia City,"
Madisonian, August 11.

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Left to right, Dean M. Lindahl, Alan F. Shepherd,

LeRoy J. Hagen, Justin F. Karsnoff, Peter D. Walther,

Paul C. Howell, Jack R. Levitt, Emanuel Koutsogiannis, and Nicholas Costopulas.

MASONIC HISTORY ONCE AGAIN IN VIRGINIA CITY

by Jim Thomas

One of the most unusual events in the annals of Montana Masonic history happened at Virginia City Lodge #1 AF&AM this July 28th. Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge #262 of Ann Arbor, Michigan, represented by a delegation of five brothers, presented Virginia City Lodge #1 with a complete set of beautiful Masonic "Jewels of Office" and officers' aprons. It is not unusual for lodges within a state to work together for a common cause or benefit, but it is a momentous occasion for two lodges of different states and distanced by such great mileage as these two, to effect such a display of beneficence on the part of one and heartfelt appreciation on the part of the other.

Brother Paul C. Howell, representing the Worshipful Master of Ann Arbor Fraternity #262, assisted by Brothers Justin F. Karsnoff, Emanuel Koutsogiannis, Alan F. Shepherd with

Brother Nicholas Costopulas of St. Nicholas Lodge #568, Clawson, Mich., providing moral support, made the formal presentation to Brother Peter D. Walther, Worshipful Master of Virginia City Lodge #1.

Brother Justin F. Karsnoff was the chief engineer of this magnanimous gesture on the part of his fraternity. After a visit with Brother Jim Thomas and a tour of the Virginia City Lodge in the summer of '93, Brother Justin made a decision which resulted in this notable event. Many kudos for his efforts.

Due to the exceptional aspects of this rare occasion, the presentation and ceremonies were approved and honored by the presence of Most Worshipful Brother LeRoy J. Hagen, Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana and members of his staff, Right Worshipful Brother Dean M. Lindahl, Grand Secretary, and Worshipful Brothers Dave Prewett,

Grand Sword Bearer. Another honored guest was Most Worshipful Brother Jack R. Levitt, Past Grand Master of the state of California. There were 33 brothers in attendance, representing 14 lodges including Hokkaido Lodge #37 of Chitose, Japan. The meeting was also graced by the presence of 13 charming ladies accompanying their husbands.

A special note of thanks from Worshipful Master Peter D. Walther to Sheridan Lodge #20 and Belgrade #68 for their support in performing the ceremonies. Brother John Ellingsen,

secretary of the Virginia City Lodge #1, gave an interesting and enlightening talk on the involvement of Masons of Virginia City in 1863 and 1864. Cookies and soft drinks were served, many pictures were taken, a great get acquainted gab-fest evolved and the afternoon concluded with a tour of historic Virginia City by Brother John Ellingsen.

Pictures and news coverage by the distinguished owner and editor of The Madisonian, Montana's oldest continuously operational weekly newspaper, Daryl Tichenor.

Food and Fellowship

In the beginning God created ice cream, coffee, and cake. And for years that was the extent of what we ate when we sat down to eat as a Lodge, though for the Master Mason Degree, we broke for a nice meal. (Not so “nice” when a certain hapless Junior Warden kept serving frozen manicotti). Then a long-forgotten Brother who had moved to the Lansing area decades earlier went to the Celestial Lodge above and everything began to change.

The Brother’s widow called the Lodge and requested a Masonic graveside service. Lansing or not, long absent or not, no member of the Craft who cared enough to want his wife to request that final benefit would ever have his Mother Lodge say “no,” so off we went to Holt on a beautiful Saturday in late August, 1988. I remember the date because the Yellowstone fires were at their peak, and I could see smoke plume in the skies over the cemetery. Six of us were present and we stopped for dinner at Gilbert’s Steakhouse in Jackson where I mused out loud, “Why do we only get together for dinner after funerals?” One thing led to another, and the MASTER’S TABLE was born! We tried it out the next month, and I don’t think that we have missed a fourth Wednesday since, Thanksgiving week and Christmas excepted.

At first, we charged a fee of \$3 to buy new aprons and jewels. That was so successful that we bought new ones, donated the old ones to Virginia City, Montana, and ended the \$3 fee. The next logical move was to bring the food and fellowship into the Lodge, which we did by eating a meal before every communication. By 2003, the meals had evolved from frozen manicotti into recognizable food. The final step took place when we moved from Hathaway’s Hideaway to the Pittsfield Grange. The food had become so good that we debated charging a modest fee to maintain the quality. Someone suggested having a two-tiered dues structure depending on whether or not a Brother lived in the area and could therefore partake in dinner. However, according to the infamous Blue Book, such an arrangement is not Kosher (to keep everything within the food motif). Then we said, “O.K., the meal is good enough to charge someone \$5 or maybe even \$10 each time.” A Masonic brother, who also turned out to be a diplomat and philosopher replied, “That would be like taxing people for coming to Lodge!” Bingo! It is FREE! Whoever pointed out the magic of breaking bread with someone knew what he or she was talking about. Just look around you at the wonderful Sesquicentennial Dinner of Ann Arbor-Fraternity 262. One-hundred-and-fifty years of food and fellowship!

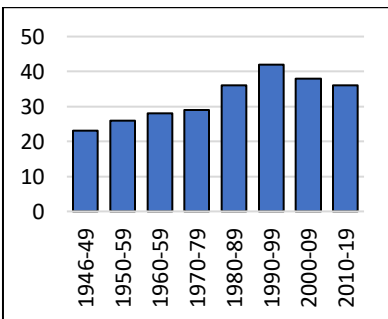
Justin F. Krasnoff, PM

Looking to the Future

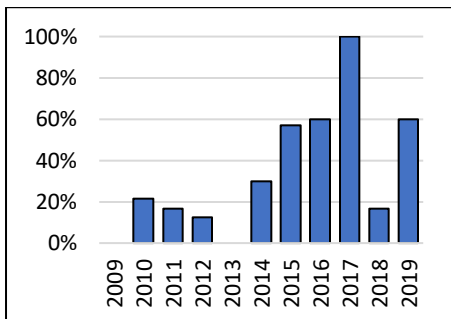
In 2020, Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262 has 258 members on its rolls. We are raising an average of 8 brothers per year to the sublime degree over the past 10 years. But, sadly, we are also losing an average of 7 brothers per year to the Celestial Lodge over the same time period. So, the Lodge is growing at an ever so slow rate. But there are reasons to be optimistic about the future. First, keeping the connection to the past alive and well, the Lodge counts 51 Past Masters and 1 Past Grand Master on its rolls. Such a large number is the by-product of 3 lodge consolidations.

But second and more importantly, the Lodge is experiencing healthy growth in interest among a younger demographic. Of the 258 brothers on the 2020 rolls, 20% are younger, with 21 brothers between the ages of 21 and 30, and 31 brothers between the ages of 31 and 40. The Lodge is working to keep that trend going by, among other things, maintaining a strong presence on social media. In 1999, the Lodge's first website was created by Arthur W. Davidge, PM, treasurer and avid computer worker.³⁴ Since then, Brian M. Cors, PM has advanced this work, updating the website, building two Facebook pages (one public and one private) and a Slack Channel. The Lodge calendar is maintained on the website for announcing degrees, special communications and social events and numerous enquiries about membership in Freemasonry have come through this channel, particularly among young people. The Lodge has seen an encouraging trend where the average age of raised brothers has been decreasing since the decade of the 1990s (see below), and the percentage of raised brothers between the ages of 21 and 30 has grown to an average of 54% between 2014 and 2019 (see below).

**Average Age
at Raising**



**Percentage Raised each Year
who were Between 21 and 30**



³⁴ Op. Cit. Dykhous, S.

These trends speak to the future vitality of the Lodge. The Masonic Services Association points out that “the national demographic picture points to an ever-increasing number of citizens in the older age categories,” and concludes that “a special program dedicated to recruiting older adults may be in the best interest of Masonry.”³⁵ Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge, however, sees young blood as key to its survival. The Lodge is encouraged that it, and other lodges, particularly in the United Kingdom are seeing that “membership among the 21 to 30 age group has increased 7.65 percent over the last two years while membership in all other age groups decreased.”³⁶

In the end, the Lodge is what it is because of who we are and where we’ve been. The future of our craft rests on the shoulders of those to whom the past generation must pass the baton, the next generation of Masonic leaders. We hope that they do not face the same trials and tribulations that Ann Arbor Masons faced between 1970 and 2020. But if they do, we feel sure that they will face them with the same fortitude and determination of those that came before. That spirit can be captured in this statement by Robert E. Sevebeck, PM of 159, 32° and President of the Ann Arbor Masonic Temple Corporation in October 1980 when he summed up his feelings after the closure of the S. Fourth Avenue lodge and the building of the W. Liberty Road lodge.

“It may be Brothers, that in the years to come, when now unborn eyes will read this account of the Masonic movement in Ann Arbor, you, our successors, who will carry on the Masonic Traditions, will understand and appreciate the countless hours of planning and struggle to keep these traditions alive that have been expended by your predecessors. May we ever continue to promote the Masonic tenets; Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. So Mote It Be.”³⁷

- Robert E. Sevebeck, 1980



³⁵ Masonic Service Association of North America (2001) *Emessay Notes*, April, <http://www.msana.com/emarchives/emapr01.asp>

³⁶ Ellyatt, H. (2013) “Freemasons see young blood as key to survival,” *CNBC*, November 21.

³⁷ Op. Cit. Caswell, H. H. (1965/1980).

TABULATION OF LODGE WORK AND MEMBERSHIP

Year	Worshipful Master	Communications									Year-end Membership	Net change
		Raised	Restored	Transfer-in	Died	Transfer-out	Demit	Withdrawn	Suspended/NPD ¹			
1970	Hilbert V. Koeford	23	4	1	2	8	1	0	1	4	400	-5
1971	Joel M. Babbitt	24	2	1	0	9	2	4	3	4	382	-18
1972	Leo R. Harrington	25	6	1	0	11	0	1	2	8	367	-15
1973	Arthur W. Davidge	28	4	1	4	15	0	2	5	2	353	-14
1974	Durwood D. Hoag	27	7	3	0	13	0	3	0	5	342	-11
1975	Charles A. Long	32	10	0	3	8	2	1	2	1	340	-2
1976	James W. England	29	9	0	1	16	2	0	0	2	330	-10
1977	Paul C. Howell	30	4	1	0	12	2	1	1	0	319	-11
1978	Earl E. Spears	30	6	0	2	12	0	1	6	8	300	-19
1979	Ford W. Ferguson	21	6	1	2	5	0	1	2	0	301	+1
1980	Fred D. Parks	18	2	1	2	16	2	0	2	4	284	-18
1981	Alan F. Sheperd	28	3	0	0	10	0	0	4	3	272	-12
1982	John M. Abram ²	25	3	0	152	14	1	3	0	0	410	+138
1983	Earl C. Quackenbush	22	3	0	0	13	0	1	1	11	388	-22
1984	David D. Gray	27	1	0	0	16	1	1	2	0	369	-19
1985	Aristidis H. Mellos	27	7	1	0	12	1	0	3	7	354	-15
1986	Alan F. Sheperd	26	2	1	1	11	0	0	0	0	347	-7
1987	Aristidis H. Mellos	29	3	2	0	14	2	1	1	1	333	-14
1988	Edward J. Bruner Jr.	39	8	1	0	14	1	0	2	0	326	-7
1989	Victor H. Barnaby	30	4	0	1	14	1	1	2	0	313	-13
1990	Robert W. Pate	26	2	1	1	10	0	1	2	2	301	-12
1991	Paul G. Contos	28	3	0	0	12	2	1	2	4	283	-18
1992	Justin F. Krasnoff	39	16	2	1	13	0	1	3	1	284	+1
1993	Emanuel Koutsogiannis	29	8	1	0	9	3	0	2	6	272	-12
1994	William A. Saulsberry	33	7	0	2	9	2	0	0	0	270	-2
1995	Seymour Greenstone ³	18	5	0	62	10	0	1	1	1	321	+51
1996	James E. Green	15	8	0	1	11	0	1	1	11	309	-12
1997	Lonnie Compeau	17	7	1	0	12	0	0	0	6	301	-8
1998	Robert W. Pate	15	2	0	0	9	0	1	1	1	289	-12
1999	Emanuel Koutsogiannis	17	9	3	2	9	0	0	1	8	286	-3
2000	Justin F. Krasnoff	18	4	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	287	+1

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		Communications		Transfer-in	Died	Transfer-out	Demit	Withdrawn	Suspended/NPD ¹				
Raised	Restored												
2001	Justin F. Krasnoff	25	1	2	1	21	0	0	0	22	249	-38	
2002	Jeffrey F. Koup	26	10	0	0	15	1	1	0	5	241	-8	
2003	Matthew Bruder V.	24	12	1	1	12	2	0	0	10	231	-10	
2004	Sean S. Dykehouse	24	9	3	0	4	2	1	1	8	225	-6	
2005	Richard S. Wilcox	19	7	2	0	10	1	0	0	6	218	-7	
2006	Stuart I. Berry	20	10	4	1	4	0	0	0	4	225	+7	
2007	Gary F. Filzen	21	13	5	0	11	2	0	1	2	232	+7	
2008	Stuart I. Berry	21	13	1	0	6	0	2	0	4	234	+2	
2009	Chris T. Fultz	22	9	2	1	2	1	0	4	9	234	0	
2010	Robert C. Blackburn	23	14	3	1	7	2	1	5	9	231	-3	
2011	Brian M. Cors	24	12	2	0	2	1	0	3	23	213	-18	
2012	Clinton R. Bartholomew	21	8	3	0	10	0	1	2	7	204	-9	
2013	Robert W. Hospadaruk	18	9	0	0	4	1	1	0	6	200	-4	
2014	Robert W. Hospadaruk	19	10	1	1	8	1	1	0	0	202	+2	
2015	Charles A. Nagy	19	7	0	0	5	0	0	2	10	192	-10	
2016	Oscar E. Ortiz	18	5	2	0	9	0	0	0	5	188	-4	
2017	Steven H. Moazami ⁴	17	1	2	117	12	0	1	1	12	282	+94	
2018	Steven H. Moazami	20	6	2	0	9	3	0	1	11	264	-18	
2019	David P. Bunn	20	5	0	1	7	2	0	1	0	258	-6	

Notes:

¹ Suspended (1970-1995)/NPD (1996-2019)

² Consolidation with Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544 (1982)

³ Consolidation with Washtenaw Lodge No. 65 (1995)

⁴ Consolidation with Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 (2017)



PAST MASTERS OF FRATERNITY LODGE No. 262, 1970-1982



Hilbert V. Koeford
1970



Joel M. Babbitt
1971



Leo R. Harrington
1972



Arthur W. Davidge
1973



Durwood D. Hoag
1974



Charles A. Long
1975



James W. England
1976



Paul C. Howell
1977



Earl E. Spears
1978



Ford W. Ferguson
1979



Fred D. Parks
1980



Alan F. Sheperd
1981

PAST MASTERS OF ANN ARBOR-FRATERNITY LODGE

No. 262, 1982-2020



John M. Abram
1982



Earl C. Quackenbush
1983



David D. Gray
1984



Aristidis H. Mellos
1985



Alan F. Sheperd
1986



Aristidis H. Mellos
1987



Edward J. Bruner Jr.
1988



Victor H. Barnaby
1989



Robert W. Pate
1990



Paul G. Contos
1991



Justin F. Krasnoff
1992



Emanuel Koutsogiannis
1993

PAST MASTERS OF ANN ARBOR-FRATERNITY LODGE No. 262, 1982-2020



William A. Saulsberry
1994



Seymour D. Greenstone
1995



James E. Green
1996



Lonnie Compeau
1997



Robert W. Pate
1998



Emanuel Koutsogiannis
1999



Justin F. Krasnoff
2000-2001



Jeffrey F. Koup
2002



Matthew Bruder V.
2003



Sean S. Dykhous
2004



Richard S. Wilcox
2005



Stuart I. Berry
2006

PAST MASTERS OF ANN ARBOR-FRATERNITY LODGE No. 262, 1982-2020



Gary F. Filzen
2007



Stuart I. Berry
2008



Chris T. Fultz
2009



Robert C. Blackburn
2010



Brian M. Cors
2011



Clinton R. Bartholomew
2012



Robert W. Hospadaruk
2013-2014



Charles A. Nagy
2015



Oscar E. Ortiz
2016



Steven H. Moazami
2017-2018



David P. Bunn
2019



Cody L. Dunn
2020

PAST MASTERS OF ANN ARBOR LODGE No. 544, 1927-1982

1927, Homer B. MacNamee	1955, Raymond R. Sorg
1928, Clarence F. Kessler	1956, Marshall H. Steers
1929, M. Elmer Ingram	1957, Robert D. Robinson
1930, Donald P. Watkins	1958 Charles W. Gray
1931, John L. Ingerson	1959, William Wingstedt
1932, Otto R. Schultz	1960, Kenneth L. Geiger
1933, Ruthven A. Mullison	1961, George M. Wright
1934, George S. Watson	1962, Bernard E. Keaton
1935, William E. Brittan	1963, Walter A. Gregg
1936, Adam A. Pool	1964, Glendell Wade
1937, Julius H. Schmidt	1965, George Perros
1938, Thomas J. Ingram	1966, James L. Mullison
1939, John P. Monson	1967, Edgar F. Easterling
1940, Robert E. Ingram	1968, Glenwood R. Novess
1941, Fred Weifenbach	1969, Masao Kon
1942, DeVere C. Maynard	1970, George L. Stauch
1943, Melville G. Blewett	1971, Herman E. MacKenzie
1944, James A. McCollum	1972, Harold N. Gregg
1945, George A. Warren	1973, John R. "Dick" Williams
1946, William Slack	1974, Wayne M. Lamerson
1947, Frank S. Heger	1975, Thomas R. Sherman
1948, Richard R. Bethke	1976, Willis F. Kleinbeck
1949, Lambert H. Fleming	1977, Erwin Burritt, Jr.
1950, Jay H. Payne	1978, George L. Stauch
1951, Leo A. Fredette	1979, Vaughan E. Smith
1952, Harry Love	1980, R. Charles Ransom
1953, Robert L. Sauve	1981, Kenneth O. Holzapfel
1954, Oscar M. Schmitz	1982, Donald N. Gardner



PAST MASTERS OF WASHTENAW LODGE No. 65, 1854-1995

1854, Fred Carlisle	1890, J. W. Spoor
1855, Fred Carlisle	1891, J. W. Spoor
1856, Fred Carlisle	1892, J. W. Spoor
1857, Fred Carlisle	1893, J. W. Spoor
1858, Fred Carlisle	1894, J. W. Spoor
1859, Fred Carlisle	1895, J. W. Spoor
1860, Fred Carlisle	1896, H. W. Newkirk
1861, Fred Carlisle	1897, H. W. Newkirk
1862, George H. Lyon	1898, W. I. Keal
1863, George H. Lyon	1899, W. I. Keal
1864, George H. Lyon	1900, A. Lathrop
1865, A. D. Crane	1901, F. A. Kauska
1866, A. D. Crane	1902, F. A. Kauska
1867, A. D. Crane	1903, H. G. Jewell
1868, A. D. Crane	1904, H. G. Jewell
1869, A. D. Crane	1905, N. A. Gates
1870, J. W. Spoor	1906, N. A. Gates
1871, J. W. Spoor	1907, H. G. Jewell
1872, J. W. Spoor	1908, W. C. Clark
1873, A.D Crane	1909, H. M. Keal
1874, A. W. Gleason	1910, C. P. Case
1875, A. W. Gleason	1911, C. P. Case
1876, A. D. Crane	1912, C. P. Case
1877, A. D. Crane	1913, C. P. Case
1878, A. D. Crane	1914, C. P. Case
1879, A. D. Crane	1915, C. P. Case
1880, A. D. Crane	1916, C. P. Case
1881, A. D. Crane	1917, J. W. Pidd
1882, M. S. Cook	1918, J. W. Pidd
1883, M. S. Cook	1919, W. R. Scadin
1884, M. S. Cook	1920, Ira. C. Ott
1885, A. Lathrop	1921, Ira. C. Ott
1886, A. Lathrop	1922, Henry C. Bates
1887, Charles A. Coy	1923, Henry C. Bates
1888, Charles A. Coy	1924, A. F. Widmayer
1889, J. W. Spoor	1925, D. B. Steptoe

PAST MASTERS OF WASHTENAW LODGE No. 65, 1854-1995, continued

1926, E. B. Clark	1963, Milton Andrews
1927, E. B. Clark	1964, Robert L. Geer
1928, Herbert M. Shoop	1965, Carl E. Gregory
1929, Herbert M. Shoop	1966, Walter R. Thornton
1930, William J. Beach, Jr.	1967, James M. Criswell
1931, William J. Beach, Jr.	1968, Byron Pritchard
1932, Clinton Collyer	1969, Charles W. Steinbach
1933, Ira. C. Ott	1970, John Haeussler
1934, William J. Beach, Jr.	1971, Ralph Fairchild
1935, A. E. Green	1972, Gerald F. Wheeler
1936, H. Savery	1973, James Wheeler
1937, Alton Lesser	1974, Edwin A. Kolander
1939-1939, Carl E. Mast	1975, John W. Dunavin
1940-1941, Eugene Lindermann	1976, Anthony L. Bell
1942, Owen B. Bigelow	1977, Gilbert H. Campbell
1943, Erwin Pidd	1978, James D. Russell
1944, Earl Tessmer	1979, Douglas J. Amerman
1945, Frank Hofer	1980, George H. Wilson
1946, H. J. Lickly	1981, Jack S. Wilson
1947, E. J. Ormsby	1982, Douglas J. Amerman
1948, Cleo Rose	1983, George H. Wilson
1949-1950, Elgin S. Wilson	1984, Jack S. Wilson
1951, Lyle Engle	1985, Jack S. Wilson
1952, Ray G. Steeb	1986, Ralph L. Fairchild
1953, Robert N. Mast	1987, George H. Wilson
1954, Donald F. Shoop	1988, Robert L. Rose
1955, Millard Harvey	1989, Robert L. Rose
1956, Floyd Steers	1990, James A. Boyd
1957, Floyd Leyton	1991, George H. Wilson
1958, John Stone	1992, George H. Wilson
1959, Norwin F. Elsasser	1993, James A. Boyd
1960, Paul Muttler	1994, Kenney L. Lenfestey
1961, Ernest Bucholz	1995, James E. Green
1962, Milton Andrews	



PAST MASTERS OF GOLDEN RULE LODGE No. 159, 1865-2017

1865, Charles H. Richmond	1914, Edwin L. Jenkins
1866-1868, Robert J. Price	1915, Henry W. Nichols
1869, Theodore Brugel	1916, Emory M. Sweet
1870-1872, Robert J. Price	1917, Ernest O. Muehlig
1873-1875, William A. Lovejoy	1918, Clyde B. Elliott
1876-1877, Jay Roath	1919, William M. Schultz
1878-1879, Charles M. Jones	1920, Roscoe O. Bonisteel
1880, Isaac Handy	1921, Ernest R. White
1881, Zachariah Roath	1922, Edwin H. Smith
1882, DeWitt C. Fall	1923, F. Leslie Feiner
1883, Benjamin F. Watts	1924, Guernsey P. Collins
1884, John A. Gates	1925, Henry C. Baumgardner
1885, Lewis C. Goodrich	1926, Eugene L. MacLachlan
1886, George A. Hendricks	1927, Charles J. Rash
1887, Arthur C. Nichols	1928, Gustave L. Trabert
1888-1889, William W. Watts	1929, Erwin J. Weimer
1890, Nelson J. Kyer	1930, W. Earl Fowler
1891-1892, Robert H. Cuthbert	1931, Phares E. Winney
1893-1894, George H. Blum	1932, Glen L. Alt (G.M. 1962-63)
1895, Albert W. Gasser	1933, Harry Lee French
1896-1897, Henry B. Dodsley	1934, James D. Ramsey, Jr.
1898, Warren W. Wadhams	1935, George N. Earle
1899, Herman F. Miller	1936, Hudson Morton
1900, Walcott H. Butler	1937, Harold H. Koch
1901, Sydney W. Millard	1938, Harrison H. Caswell
1902, Charles F. Kyer	1939, Paul F. Schlenderer
1903, Robert C. Barnes	1940, John W. Young, Jr.
1904, Merritt M. Hauxhurst	1941, A. Lee Shaffer
1905, Edward W. Staebler	1942, Dewey V. Smith
1906, Frank Ayers	1943, Carl McCourtie
1907, George W. Kyer	1944, Bert C. Reynolds
1908, William J. Miller	1945, Ralph R. Hollowell
1909, Rice B. Davis	1946, Otto H. Koch
1910, James Royal Sage	1947, Clyde E. Jones
1911, George W. Wagner	1948, Maxwell G. Shaw
1912, Clarence M. Shankland	1949, Kenneth L. Burch
1913, Hans J. Hansen	1950, Alfred E. Graf

PAST MASTERS OF GOLDEN RULE LODGE No. 159, 1865-2017, continued

1951, Virgil G. Brown	1982, Elliot J. Chikofsky
1952, Warwick L. Sutton	1983, James R. Tieman
1953, Alfred W. Lipphart	1984, Monte F. Tittiger
1954, Neil A. Gates	1985, William Folske
1955, Albert H. Bethke	1986, Brian D. Folske
1956, Arthur S. Hall	1987, Jack W. Travillian
1957, L. James Hollaway	1988, James L. Peters
1958, Leslie L. Frisk	1989, Jerome J. David
1959, Marlin Prindle	1990, Clarence E. Dukes
1960, Donovan L. Dyer	1991, Alfred O. Cuthbert
1961, Robert E. Sevebeck	1992, Carl E. Moyer
1962, Wreford J. Goulding	1993, Wayne L. Overall
1963, Frederick R. Tindall	1994, Brian D. Folske
1964, Ralph W. Raiford, Jr.	1995, Jerry L. Preston
1965, John W. Fontana	1996, Allen C. Christ
1966, James L. Amerman	1997, Jerome J. David
1967, Thomas A. Jameson	1998, Jack W. Travillian
1968, William T. Koernke	1999, Frank B. Pope
1969, William B. Lamb	2000, James R. Richardson
1970, Milton H. Pool	2001, Raymond L. Holcomb
1971, Richard H. Sands (GM 1984-85)	2002, William R. Kidd
1972, Robert L. Murphy	2003, Raymond L. Holcomb
1973, David I. Gates	2005, Paul L. Bunten
1974, Lyman F. Moored	2006, Thomas Gomez
1975, Gary L. Willoughby	2007, Gary L. Thomas
1976, Jack W. Travillian	2008, Raymond L. Holcomb
1977, Jon A. Wilder	2009-2010, William B. Krebaum
1978, Frank B. Pope	2011-2012, James R. Lakin
1979, Austin P. English	2013-2014, Richard L. Kinsey
1980, William Gordon Cheatham	2015-2017, Andre T. Dudley
1981, Nicholas A. Spewock	



ANN ARBOR-FRATERNITY LODGE No. 262

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

1970-2019

The following lists were created using the Grand Lodge of Michigan Masonic Online Registry Interface (MORI) database. To account for the consolidations that have taken place since 1969, we have included members of consolidated lodges that were still active at the time of the consolidation.

September 23, 1982	Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544 consolidated into Fraternity Lodge No. 262 to form Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262.
April 24, 1995	Washtenaw Lodge No. 65 consolidated into Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262.
March 30, 2017	Golden Rule Lodge No. 159 consolidated into Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge No. 262.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

The By-Laws were amended in 1906 to provide for the granting of Honorary Memberships to (then) Fraternity Lodge and (now) Ann Arbor-Fraternity Lodge. The following list of four Masons who have been so honored at the time of the Sesquicentennial reveals ongoing and close ties between Ann Arbor-Fraternity lodge and its sister lodges. Further to that point, we also count among our ranks, brothers who were raised in 34 other lodges around the state, country and the world.

2005	Mark J. Matkovich	Linden Lodge No. 132
2011	Hillary P. Smoyer, PM	Myrtle Lodge No. 89
2015	Harry Weaver III	Prince Hall Redeemer Lodge No. 53
2016	Chuck Webster, PM	Saline Lodge No. 133

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The provision for Life Membership appears in the Minutes for December 4, 1925. "BE IT RESOLVED: That Fraternity Lodge No. 262, F. & A. M. by legal action and the majority vote does create and establish Life Membership in conformity with Article XVIII, Section 7 of the Regulation of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan."

A member who has been a Master Mason in good standing for forty years is eligible for this distinction. At the present time of 2019 we have 89 Life Members, and they have been specially designated in the Membership Roster.

LONGEVITY HONORS

The Lodge distinguishes members for their seniority in service to the craft, honoring those who have been Masons for fifty, sixty and seventy years. Thirty-five members have the distinction of wearing the **Fifty-year lapel button**:

JACK E. AUSTIN

Born 1936

Raised June 18, 1964 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

ROBERT L. BAIRD

Born 1937

Raised June 17, 1960 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

DALLAS L. BEMIS

Born 1938

Raised June 12, 1968 in Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544

ARTHUR W. DAVIDGE, PM

Born 1944

Raised June 24, 1966 in Edmore Lodge No. 360

JAMES FETTERS

Born 1942

Raised November 28, 1969 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

ROBERT E. FOILES
Born 1930
Raised September 28, 1960 in Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544

J. DAVID GILLANDERS
Born 1939
Raised April 14, 1966 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

LEONARD W. GRAF
Born 1937
Raised October 25, 1960 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

EDWARD F. HIRSHMAN
Born 1939
Raised March 16, 1962 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

KENNETH JAYROE
Born 1942
Raised September 16, 1965 in Fraser Lodge No. 598

DONALD O. LAUVER
Born 1930
Raised March 31, 1966 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

ROBERT E. LAWSON
Born 1929
Raised June 24, 1966 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

HENRY G. LUM
Born 1935
Raised October 19, 1962 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

ROBERT M. MASON
Born 1930
Raised November 11, 1965 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

RALPH E. MOORE
Born 1936
Raised May 31, 1962 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

LYMAN F. MOORED, PM
Born 1928
Raised November 9, 1967 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

BARRY L. MOULTON
Born 1942
Raised November 10, 1966 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

JAMES R. OSBORN
Born 1939
Raised October 26, 1961 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

JAMES B. PANNEBAKER
Born 1936
Raised October 20, 1960 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

SHERMAN PARKER JR., PM
Born 1940
Raised October 29, 1964 in Romeo Lodge No. 41

GEORGE A. PATTERSON
Born 1930
Raised March 12, 1964 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

JAMES L. PETERS, PM
Born 1931
Raised January 25, 1961 in West Lafayette Lodge No. 724

ARNOLD B. PROEHL
Born 1937
Raised October 23, 1968

RICHARD H. SANDS, MWPGM, PM
Born 1929
Raised March 12, 1964 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

JOHN G. SHARUM
Born 1946
Raised November 12, 1969 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

JAMES A. SMITH
Born 1939
Raised February 28, 1962 in Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544

NICHOLAS S. STAMOS

Born 1930

Raised June 24, 1966 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

WILLIAM H. STANDER

Born 1937

Raised June 3, 1966 in Washtenaw Lodge No. 65

JOHN V. STEPP

Born 1941

Raised June 11, 1965 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

JAMES B. TAYLOR

Born 1941

Raised May 21, 1969 in Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544

PATRICK TESSMER

Born 1946

Raised May 22, 1969 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

JACK W. TRAVILLIAN, PM

Born 1939

Raised June 18, 1964 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

GERALD F. WHEELER, PM

Born 1943

Raised October 11, 1968 in Washtenaw Lodge No. 65

TED WILSON, PM

Born 1942

Raised December 10, 1963 in Washtenaw Lodge No. 65

GEORGE E. WOOD

Born 1945

Raised May 19, 1965 in Metropolitan-Craft Lodge No. 519

Twenty-three members have the distinction of wearing the **Sixty-year lapel button**:

ROGER R. ALLEN

Born 1930

Raised June 19, 1959 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

DALE J. APLEY SR.

Born 1937

Raised May 19, 1959 in City of the Straits-Trinity Lodge No. 502

FRANKLIN D. BALDWIN

Born 1935

Raised April 15, 1959 in Adrian Lodge No. 19

ROBERT L. BETHKE

Born 1923

Raised May 26, 1955 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

LOUIS E. BOONE

Born 1923

Raised January 31, 1958 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

ROBERT L. DONOFRIO

Born 1937

Raised November 5, 1958 in Sterling Lodge No. 817

CLARENCE E. DUKES JR., PM

Born 1931

Raised May 26, 1955 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

DIRK B. FREEMAN

Born 1935

Raised May 14, 1959 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

LEROY N. GARDNER

Born 1929

Raised June 15, 1951 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

HERBERT J. GOETZ
Born 1931
Raised October 23, 1952 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

CHARLES B. GRAY
Born 1927
Raised November 26, 1958 in Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544

THOMAS A. JAMESON, PM
Born 1934
Raised December 27, 1958 in Lawrence Lodge No. 198

RICHARD C. JOHNSTON
Born 1934
Raised June 25, 1959 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

ROBERT A. LUNDQUIST
Born 1929
Raised February 2, 1954 in Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544

HARVEY J. MILLER JR.
Born 1933
Raised May 24, 1956 in Golden Rule Lodge No. 159

RICHARD E. PERCIVAL
Born 1925
Raised May 30, 1925 In Washtenaw Lodge No. 65

WILLIAM H. RECTOR
Born 1934
Raised December 30, 1955 in Washtenaw Lodge No. 65

ROBERT L. ROSE, PM
Born 1934
Raised March 28, 1958 in Washtenaw Lodge No. 65

DUDLEY S. SETO, MD
Born 1933
Raised November 15, 1957 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

TED J. SIMON
Born 1931
Raised June 25, 1954 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

JAMES R. SUITS
Born 1930
Raised April 16, 1954 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

WILLIAM T. TODD
Born 1926
Raised April 18, 1955 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

DARWIN F. WOODS
Born 1928
Raised March 21, 1958 in Fraternity Lodge No. 262

Two members have the distinction of wearing the **Seventy-year lapel button**:

ROBERT N. MAST, PM
Born 1921
Raised March 8, 1946 in Washtenaw Lodge No. 65

CARL E. MOYER, PM
Born 1926
Raised April 2, 1949 in Michael L. Finnell Lodge No. 711

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER, 1970-2020

Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge No.262, F. & A. M., Ann Arbor, Michigan
Code for Dates

R	Raised Date	()	Birthdate
H	Honorary	*	Deceased
C	Current Member	L	Life Member
MD	Medical Doctor	WM	Worshipful Master
PM			Past Worshipful Master
MWPGM			Most Worshipful Past Grand Master
A544	Admitted from Ann Arbor Lodge No. 544		in 1982
A65	Admitted from Washtenaw Lodge No. 65		in 1995
A159	Admitted from Golden Rule Lodge No. 159		in 2017

A

R1998 Adamczyk, Stephen A. (1957) C
 R1970 Adams, Jack L. (1937) A159 L-C
 R1992 Adams, Daniel W. (1948) C
 R1959 Allen, Roger R. (1930) L-C
 R1997 Alvarez, Henry E. (1949) A159 C
 R1976 Amerman, Douglas, PM (1953) A65 L-C
 R1971 Anderson, Miles E. (1943) A159 L-C
 R1974 Anderson, Lonnie D. (1949) L-C
 R1976 Andrews, Milton (1951) A159 L-C
 R1959 Apley, Dale J., Sr. (1937) L-C
 R1988 Archer, Jon I. (1963) C
 R1964 Austin, Jack E. (1936) A159 L-C

B

R1941 Bachman, Donald G. (1913) *1971
 R1960 Baird, Robert L. (1937) L-C
 R1959 Baldwin, Franklin D. (1935) L-C
 R2011 Ballard, Christopher A. (1967) C
 R1992 Banker, Douglas (1952) C
 R2019 Baraket, Zevi (1955) C
 R1970 Barlow, Millard J. (1938) A159 L-C
 R1985 Barnaby, Victor H., PM (1923) C
 R2002 Barth, Jay E. (1954) A159 C
 R2007 Bartholomew, Clinton R., PM (1975) C
 R2009 Basile, Jason M. (1980) C
 R1978 Bausch, Friedrich H. (1930) A159 *2018
 R1975 Baxter, Jack M. (1929) *1976
 R1971 Bell, Anthony L., PM (1931) A65 *2008
 R1953 Belmore, Harry C. (1912) A544 *1983
 R1968 Bemis, Dallas L. (1938) A544 L-C
 R1935 Benden, Edward B. (1903) *1976
 R2004 Beste, Matthew F. (1983) C
 R1955 Bethke, Robert L. (1923) A159 L-C
 R1943 Bethke, Richard, PM (1905) A544 *1998
 R2016 Bettner, Eric S. (1968) C
 R1994 Bevins, Ernest C. (1939) *2014
 R1932 Bigelow, Owen, PM (1907) A65 *1995
 R1946 Bissell, Harold C. (1901) A544 *1984
 R1991 Blackburn, Robert C., PM (1966) C
 R2010 Bladzik, Ryan R., PM (1978) C
 R1983 Blankenship, John R. (1935) *2009
 R1954 Bluhm, George O. (1927) A544 *1986
 R1958 Boone, Louis E. (1923) L-C
 R1978 Bordt, George F., PM (1946) L-C
 R1977 Boustany, Nader M. (1952) *2001
 R2018 Boyer, Andrew P. (1987) C
 R1957 Boynton, Vern M. (1925) *1983
 R1963 Branin, Willard (1922) A544 *1995
 R1970 Braun, Lon (1947) A159 L-C
 R1970 Braun, Gary R. (1941) A159 L-C

R2005 Brennan, Michael J. (1952) C
 R1928 Breuninger, Walter (1905) A65 *1998
 R1928 Brimacombe, Forest (1902) A544 *1988
 R1960 Brooks, Gayle C. (1927) A544 *2000
 R1993 Broughton, Jeffrey D. (1962) C
 R1952 Brown, Perry E. (1915) A544 *1997
 R1924 Brown, William C. (1900) *1977
 R1995 Bruder, Matthew, V. PM (1951) C
 R2014 Bunn, David, PM (1981) C
 R1983 Buntten, Paul L., PM (1943) A159 C
 R1994 Buntten, Fred M. (1928) C
 R1952 Busby, Charles (1916) A544 *2006
 R1922 Butler, Lowell T. *1976
 R1955 Byer, Arthur H. (1922) *2017

C

R1972 Campbell, Gilbert, PM (1942) A65 L-C
 R1921 Campbell, Horace W. (1900) *1979
 R2013 Carlisle, Robby B. (1986) C
 R1954 Carlson, Howard (1921) A544 *1982
 R1977 Carter, Donald D. (1928) A159 C
 R2011 Carthage, Michael C. (1960) A159 C
 R2010 Chalfant, David N. (1964) C
 R1999 Chao, Shih-Ho (1970) C
 R1972 Chapman, Richard N. (1933) *1993
 R1940 Cheatham, William O. (1914) *1980
 R2012 Chemler, Joseph A. (1981) C
 R1977 Chikofsky, Elliot J, PM (1955) C
 R1970 Clark, Frank H. (1919) A544 *2007
 R1988 Clark, Arthur E. (1935) *2007
 R1972 Clark, William R. (1946) L-C
 R1997 Clark, Robert L, Jr. (1970) C
 R1973 Clark, John R. (1949) *1980
 R1945 Clemes, Arthur H. (1908) A544 *1991
 R1962 Cloudman, Bruce (1932) A544 *1995
 R1944 Clough, Clyde (1911) A544 *2013
 R1945 Collingwood, Wm. (1907) A544 *1997
 R1990 Compeau, Alonzo, PM (1941) *2016
 R1972 Conklin, Danial R. (1924) *1985
 R1985 Contos, Paul G., PM (1950) *2016
 R1921 Cook, Warren F. *1992
 R2007 Cors, Brian, M., PM (1972) C
 R1945 Covey, Joseph K. (1917) A544 *2001
 R1972 Coy, Dean T. (1929) A65 *1997
 R1964 Craft, Frealin (1938) L-C
 R1958 Cramer, Vincent (1917) A544 *1992
 R1963 Criswell, James, PM (1932) A65 *2000
 R2012 Curtis, Christopher B. (1967) C

D

R1915 Daniells, Paul A. *1981

R1955	Daniels, Raymond (1911) A65	*1998	R1969	Fetters, James (1942) A159	L-C
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“WE REPRESENT A FRATERNITY WHICH BELIEVES IN JUSTICE AND TRUTH AND HONORABLE ACTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY. MEN WHO ARE ENDEAVORING TO BE BETTER CITIZENS AND TO MAKE A GREAT COUNTRY GREATER.”
- HARRY S. TRUMAN, PGM

“... AS A LEAVEN FOR A BETTER SOCIETY AND BETTER CITIZENSHIP.”
- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AT THE RAISING OF HIS SON

“THEY WERE INSPIRED WITH THE REALIZATION THAT MASONRY IS MORALITY IN ACTION, AND THAT THEIR OBLIGATIONS AT THE ALTAR OF FREEMASONRY WERE SACRED PROMISES THAT REQUIRED APPROPRIATE ACTION. THEY WERE COMMITTED TO A PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE EMBODIED IN THE TEACHING OF THE FRATERNITY ... WHENEVER THE NEED FOR REASSERTING THE DOCTRINE OF RIGHT AND FREEDOM HAS EMERGED, MASONS HAVE TAKEN A LEADING ROLE IN THE QUEST FOR INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL LIBERTY.”

- BRO. RICHARD KIDWELL, *SHORT TALK BULLETIN*
FREEMASONRY: THE SLEEPING GIANT

“THE EXISTENCE OF AN ACTIVE TRADITIONAL FREEMASONRY IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IS THE BEST GUARANTEE OF GENUINE SPIRITUAL AND CIVIC FREEDOM.”

- BRO. ROBERT DAVIS, “WHICH PUBLIC IMAGE DO WE CLAIM?”
LAUDABLE PURSUIT, JUNE 15, 2015

“[MASONRY] PLACES MAN IN HARMONY WITH ALL THAT IS TRUE AND GOOD, ENLARGING HIS POWERS FOR USEFULNESS IN EVERY VOCATION, STATION, POSITION OR CONDITION IN LIFE.”

- BRO. WILLIAM GRIMSHAW, OFFICIAL HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY
AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE IN NORTH AMERICA
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“... SO THAT WHEN ANY MAN IS SAID TO BE A MEMBER OF IT, THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT HE IS ONE TO WHOM THE BURDENED HEART MAY POUR OUT ITS SORROW, TO WHOM DISTRESS MAY PROFFER ITS SUIT, WHOSE HAND IS GUIDED BY JUSTICE, AND WHOSE HEART IS EXPANDED BY BENEVOLENCE.”

- FROM THE CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED MASTER

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- *THE AMERICAN TYLER*, 1896

