



Issue #3 – May 2026

Thumb York Rite

Caro Royal Arch Chapter #96

Thumb Council #90 | St. George Commandery #52

Mount Moriah #226 | Hubbard Winsor #420

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Recent News

Remember! **Caro Chapter #96, Thumb Council #90** and **St. George Commandery #52** are now meeting on the **3rd Thursday** of the month starting at **6:30pm**.

Mount Moriah Regular Communication – **June 3rd @ 7:30pm**

Hubbard Winsor Regular Communication – **June 15th @ 7:30pm**

Caro Chapter, Thumb Council and St. George – **June 18th @ 6:30pm**

Updates and Upgrades

Things are happening here at the Thumb York Rite! Please see the below snippets of the most recent happenings around the Lodge.

Announcements



There's Your Sign– The Caro Masonic Building Association is proud to inform everyone that the signage has been installed on the front of the building. As the **Caro Masonic Center** we strive to make an available place for all bodies of Masonic gatherings to take place. This is part of a series of ongoing improvements to the building to make it a better experience for all!



Plural Application Submitted!

Mount Moriah was fortunate enough to receive a plural application from WB Jack Ruby. Jack has been instrumental in rebuilding the Thumb York Rite and has already helped steer Hubbard-Winsor Lodge to become a growing asset in the community. We welcome his years of expertise and guidance.

The Commandery Column

St. George Commandery met and focused on sword tactics under the direction of SK Eugene Davison. Differences in techniques were explored and discussed and SKs were encouraged to continue practicing tactics on their own. We look forward to honing our skills and learning more in the future.

Congratulations Sir Knight

St. George Commandery #52 was honored to dispense the scholarship check from the *Knights Templar Education Foundation* to a local Sir Knight. **SK Benjamin Flagg** arrived prior to our meeting to fellowship and receive the check. Thank you to all the Sir Knights that arrived in their Class-A uniforms for such a special presentation.



Sk Eugene Davison



Cuts: Not Just for Steaks

Let's get together and practice cuts and drills before this year's Annual Inspection. As St. George Commandery grows in numbers it's important to remember that we must help one another with drills, cuts and all manner of support.

Chapter Chatter

The Caro Arch Masons Chapter year has begun and we have one new petition along with another we expect to vote on in June. Our numbers are growing as interest continues to bring potential new Companions to our welcoming door. We have scheduled practices on the Mark Master Degree to start the path to exalting two new Royal Arch Masons. We have had steady attendance and look forward to working together toward this goal. If you would like to participate or lend any assistance to the Mark Master ritual practice please reach out to our Chapter Secretary and let us know.



The ritual is set during the construction of King Solomon's Temple, highlighting an organized workforce where craftsmen present their work for inspection by Overseers.

Lodge Lamentations

Hubbard-Winsor Lodge No. 420

This past May we had a step-up night and Bro Andrew Totz took the East while WM Jack Ruby was at Grand Lodge. For some time now we've been considering how we want to address Hubbard-Winsor and had a couple of invites from other lodges to relocate. We took these under consideration and also kept in mind that we can make repairs to the lodge ourselves as well. We decided that our lodge is important to the area and we believe that with some good old-fashioned hard work we can bring a restoration to our building. We made a Building Committee and we are just going to start doing stuff. Don't be surprised to see dust and mess as we work through this and we'll let you know as we work and feel free to stop by as we can always use more guys with hammers and power drills along with some paint brushes too.

Mount Moriah No. 226

Mount Moriah met at their regular communication with low numbers yet again but those that attended did so with passion and vim. We were lucky enough to receive a plural petition from WB Jack Ruby in hopes to assist us in knocking off the edges of our rough ashlar and getting the lodge moving forward. We discussed

the most recent news from the Grand Lodge Session as well as gave updates from the Oklahoma Indian Degree Team event. An NPD Committee was formed and will meet to discuss options on contacting Brothers who are 1, 2 and 3 years delinquent in their standings. A request to pass the torch for the Scholarship Committee was given as WB Kenton wishes to pass along his methods of selection. It was further discussed to create an online submission form to speed up the process.

Council Combobulations

Thumb Council No. 90 had an Official Visitation from MIGM Al McKay. We conducted our business and were brought up to speed on what is happening in Councils across Michigan. We received and voted on a petition and made tentative arrangements to get the new Companion started on his Council Degrees. It is a very exciting time in the Thumb York Rite bodies, we are growing and working together to make things thrive.

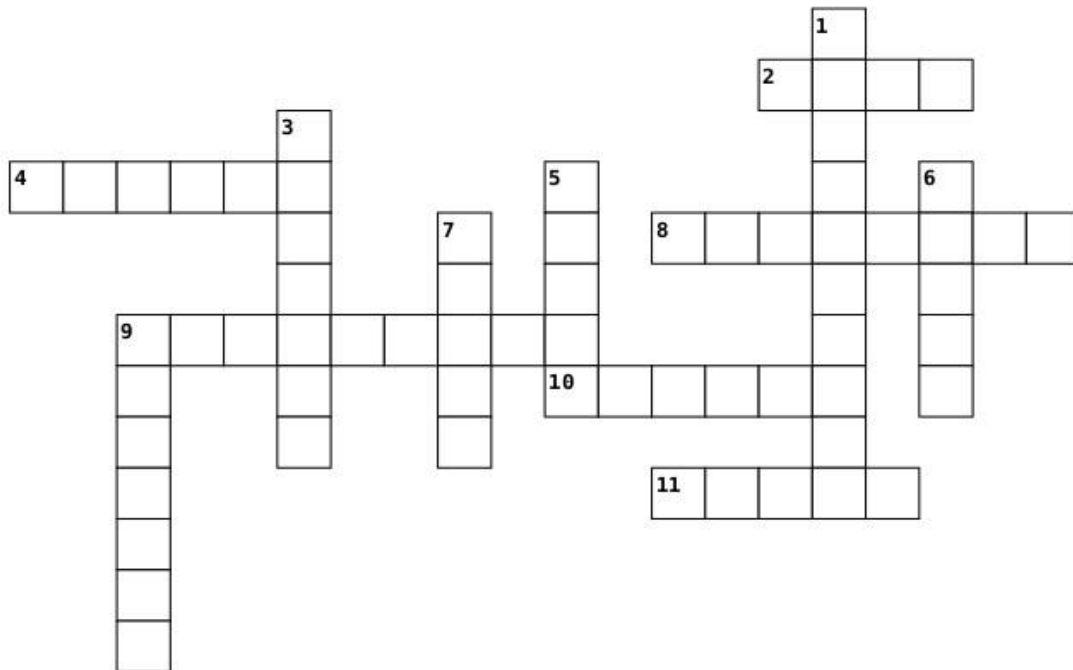
Did You Know?

Between 1890 (when it became a state) and 1951, every Governor of Wyoming, except one, was a Mason. The one, Mrs. William A. Ross was the wife of a Mason and

School of Instruction

We will have a *School of Instruction* coming up at our Commandery meeting on June 18th at the Caro Masonic Center. Please do your best to try to attend and brush up on those sweet sword skills.

Masonic Crossword



Across

- 2.** A secret, identifying handshake that is unique to each degree.
- 4.** Masons part on the _____
- 8.** The blindfold or hood placed over a candidate's eyes during portions of their degree ceremonies.
- 9.** (2 words) Also known as the Symbolic Lodge, this is the basic organization where members first achieve the three primary degrees.
- 10.** The term used to describe a candidate who has successfully completed the Master Mason degree.
- 11.** Masons meet on the _____

Down

- 1.** (2 words) The governing body that holds administrative and legislative authority over the individual lodges in its specific jurisdiction.
- 3.** The progressive stages of advancement in the lodge (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason).
- 5.** The ceremonial officer or outer guard of a Lodge who ensures it is secure from intruders.
- 6.** A metaphorical term for Masonic knowledge, truth, and wisdom.
- 7.** A constituent group of Freemasons assembling together, or the physical building/room where they meet.
- 9.** A specific ritual of clapping or striking the hands and feet in a designated rhythm.

Jerry Thorp II Memorial Golf Outing After-Party Gathering



Date: July 18, 2026.

Please join us for a fun evening!

Come enjoy a Chicken Dinner at 6:00 PM,
followed by live music at 7:00 PM.

**\$15 per Ticket with dinner, or \$5 cover charge
without dinner.**



Located at The Thorp Residence
1582 Riley Rd. Caro, MI.

Band: The Leftovers

Bring your own lawn chair
and favorite beverage.



**The proceeds will be split between The
AFLAC Children's Cancer Center and local
student scholarships.**

RSVP for dinner by July 1st. Payment can be sent via Venmo to
@jerrythorpmemorial, or a check written to Kim Thorp.