

# ALPENA HOPPHOPPER #199

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"WHAT WE DO FOR OURSELVES DIES WITH US - WHAT WE DO FOR OTHERS REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL." ~A.P.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Lodge Clean-up, Feb 6th at 11am-1pm
- ◆ Valentines Dinner at 19th Hole, Feb 13 gather 5pm
- ◆ Fellow Craft Degree, Feb 17 Dinner 6pm, Lodge 7pm (dress sharp for a group photo)
- ◆ Movie Night, Feb 26 at 6:30pm

## Valentines Dinner

The Annual Valentines Dinner will be held on Feb 13 at the 19th Hole Restaurant. Social time begins at 5pm with dinner to follow. Please contact SW Tony Meimar to RSVP your attendance (248)240-1242.

## Second Dues Notices

Second dues notices will be going out this month. If you haven't paid for your 2016 dues yet, please do so. The lodge is now able to accept installment payments, and a new online payment option is available through the Grand Lodge website.

[www.grandlodgemi.org](http://www.grandlodgemi.org)



Kathy Laatz, Mark Stoinski, Arthur Laatz, WM Roy Cartwright, David Barrett

## Bean Soup Fundraiser a Success

Brethren, Family and Friends,

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you. Without your support, this would not have been a success. The meal catered to over 60 in attendance, raised \$762, and allowed us to donate 75 meals to the Friendship Room.

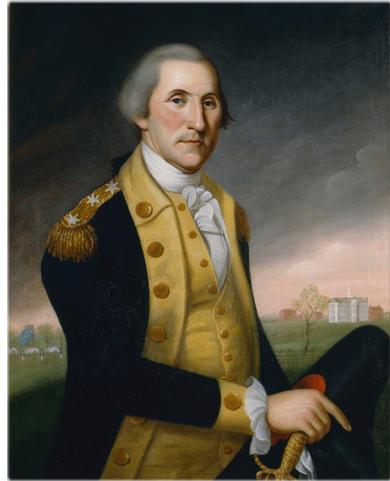
I would like to extend a special thank you to Bro. Ron Shumaker, Jennie, Sue and Susan for all their help in organizing service from the kitchen. And a special, special thank you to Bro. David Barrett for approaching the Lodge with this fundraiser and seeing it through.

Seeing an event like this come together is encouragement for even more fun filled events to come in the future. Thank you all.

- WM Roy Cartwright JR

**Did you know?** In 1892 the world's tallest building was the Masonic Temple at Randolph and State Streets in Chicago.

*Excerpt taken from GWMNM*



## George Washington's Birthday February 27

George Washington joined the Masonic Lodge in Fredericksburg, Virginia at the age of 20 in 1752. His Masonic membership, like the others public titles and duties he performed, was expected from a young man of his social status in colonial Virginia. During the War for Independence, General Washington attended Masonic celebration and religious observances in several states. He also supported Masonic Lodges that formed within army regiments.

In retirement, Washington became charter Master of the newly chartered Alexandria Lodge No. 22, sat for a portrait in his Masonic regalia, and in death, was buried with Masonic honors.

Such was Washington's character, that from almost the day he took his Masonic obligations until his death, he became the same man in private that he was in public. In Masonic terms, he remained "a just and upright Mason" and became a true Master Mason. Washington was, in Masonic terms, a "living stone" who became the cornerstone of American civilization.

## Member Spotlight - Danny O. Mitchell, PM

Danny joined the U.S. Air Force in 1973 and retired in 1993. He was involved in Junior Air Force ROTC in high school.

While in the Air Force, he was stationed at Rhein Main AFB in Germany, where he married his wife (Denise) from Wayne, Michigan. Their first son was born in 1977 in Wiesbaden. They left Germany in 1978 for his next station at Warner Robins, Georgia, where they had their second son. The family then moved to Plattsburgh, NY in 1980. At that time he cross trained from communications to aircraft maintenance (fighters). In 1982 with a third son on the way, he was transferred to Kunsan, Korea for a one year remote tour. In 1983, his family moved to Langley AFB, Va. where they stayed from 1983 till his retirement at the rank of Master Sgt (E7) in 1993. While at Langley, the First Tactical Fighter Wing was transferred in 1990 to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. After Kuwait was liberated, he was deployed back to Langley AFB. All during this time in the military he had heard a little about Masonry, but it wasn't till he was invited to a Masonic Awareness Dinner, that he was formally introduced to the Craft.

Danny grew up in western Kentucky, and graduated from High School in 1973. His wife (Denise) grew up in Wayne, Michigan and attended the same school as WM Roy Cartwright. She graduated from Eastern Michigan in 1972. The family moved to Kincheloe, MI after his retirement to be close to Denise's parents who retired in Paradise. Their three sons graduated from Rudyard, MI. Two of his sons enlisted in the military, with his middle son in the Army and the youngest in the Air Force. Their youngest son is posted in Alpena with the State Police.

Danny sought out Alpena Hopper #199 after moving to Alpena in November 2014, and later transferred membership from Bethel Lodge #358 in 2015.

"What I appreciate most about the craft is the sense of Brotherhood, something I had left when I retired from the Military. I also wanted to have more involvement in our community." - Danny Mitchell, PM

**Did you know?** In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.

