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From the
Master
Bill Kesterson

"Brothers and Families!"

Welcome to a "New Year" of opportunity and Growth. May we all dedicate our efforts to due Diligence and Unity, especially in regards to Masonry and Family.

I would like to thank everyone, and all the groups, for this year's installation of the 2008 officers. The installation was efficient and smooth.

This year we have laid out a basic outline to follow:

- A. Brotherhood: Unity and Co-operation, Friendship and Faith.
- B. Family Friendly: to make Jackson Lodge #17 a place that our wives (significant others) and children can go and feel needed, wanted and welcome. This year we need to make a concentrated effort to work with the Temple Board Committee and the various groups that are part of "Our" Temple. There are serious structural and financial concerns that need to be addressed.

We congratulate Past Master Todd Rubert on being the new "Mason of the Year". He has done a great job this past year as Worshipful Master and will continue this year as Marshal. Todd has been dedicated and very reliable in his service to Masonry, especially Jackson Lodge #17.

Past Master Charlie Waters is taking a break to pursue other endeavors this coming year. We certainly thank Charlie for his many fine years of service, including Worshipful Master.

This year Brother Dan Hyliard and Lyman Robertson will not be line officers, as Brother Dan is pursuing a Doctorate in Education and continuing to work as an Assistant Principal at Parkside Middle School; Lyman and his wife are expecting "twins" (they may already be here). Good Luck to both of them.

Calendar for



- Thurs.
Jan. 3 - Officers Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs.
Jan. 10 - Regular Communication - 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs.
Jan. 17 - Entered Apprentice Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs.
Jan. 24 - Entered Apprentice Degree Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs.
Jan. 31 - ENTERED APPRENTICE - 7:00 p.m. Officers Please wear Tuxedos or Dark Suit.

I would like to personally thank Past Master, Herb Howell for all his many years of service (you're the reason I'm here Herb). We certainly hope you are feeling better, and, thank you to Lola, you are truly one of the special people in this world.

Just a quick thank you to Past Master, Larry McGowan, Michigan Lodge #50, for your help with the Master Mason Degree in December.

BEACON GROUP - If you can help out on this project, please contact Brother Albert Rossner, Junior Warden, at 517-531-7097

Fraternally
Bill Kesterson, W.M.

2007 NEEDY CHILDREN'S FUND REPORT

Last holiday season, the Needy Children's Fund provided food, clothing and Christmas gifts to a family from the Jackson Public Schools community. The family consisted of a single mom, and 4 children ranging in ages from 2 to 13. This family was very appreciative, the young girls, especially, hugging the legs of the 5 adults that delivered the boxes to them.

For the 2007 holiday season, the Needy Children's fund Committee has chosen to work with 4 families from the Vandercook Lake community.

One of the families has recently suffered the loss of their home burning down and being left with nearly nothing to show of their lives. While other community Groups have been assisting them, their need right now

is for a nice Christmas dinner for the 5 family members along with some basics like shoes for the kids and coats for the parents.

The second family is on the verge of losing their home to the bank. The grandmother has recently undergone bypass surgery and dad's income is barely enough to pay the water bill. His son is needing a pair of shoes and some shirts. Shoes, coats and some food will be purchased for this family as well.

The third family also has a single parent income, barely enough to make ends meet. They aren't receiving any assistance from other groups so for them we will provide an assortment of things, clothes, food, household items, etc.

The last family like the others is down on luck and money, but high on need. Like the third family, any help we could give is appreciated. Food, clothing and Household items will be picked up for them.

All the items will be picked up and delivered by the members of the committee with help from their spouses. The members are: Past Master, Chip Williams, Brother Dan Hyliard, Junior Warden, Albert Rossner and Brother Lyman Robertson.

**From The
Secretary's Best**



*A new year with new beginnings.
Let us all resolve to attend our lodge on a regular basis and then **DO IT**. Give a little of your time to the lodge and then follow through.
We miss you. See you in lodge.*

*Fraternally,
Secretary, Jerry Williams*



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