

Jackson Lodge No. 17

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April, 2009

Regular Communication
Second Thursday Every Month

161st Year

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From The Master

Gerald L. "Chip" Williams, II, P.M.

April Showers and New Beginnings!

Wow, what a whirlwind month we had in March. We started the month with the open house at the Coolidge Temple. Our open house was very well attended and many positive comments were shared. After each brother had the opportunity to tour the facility, we had a sit down question-answer period with our secretary Bro. Jerry Williams, P.M. I believe that all of the questions that arose that night were answered. Our regular communication, which had 29 brothers present, brought the 2nd reading of the resolution to move our charter to Michigan Center. After each brother had the opportunity to speak and ask questions, the vote was cast in the affirmative with a resounding 28-1 vote. On the 19th we held a table lodge, which 15 brothers attended. A great time was had by those in attendance. Then on the 23rd, I received notice from our Secretary that we had received a communication from the Grand Master informing us that he was granting us our request to move our charter to the Jackson-Coolidge Masonic Temple in Michigan Center.

Just as I was thinking a break would be nice, April sprouted its head. I know that as the days get longer and warmer, it harder to find time to come to lodge. Take a break from the yard work (trust me it will be here all summer) and come join your brothers for a bit of camaraderie. It was wonderful to see all of the brothers at the March regular. I would love to see more than that at the April regular. We have so much to do in preparation for our move to Michigan Center and we would love to get everyone involved.

On a sadder note, Brother Charles Henry Walsh, life member of Jackson Lodge #17 passed away on March 20, 2009. The Masonic Memorial took place on Monday, March 23, 2009. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his son Bro. Dan Walsh and all of his family during this trying time.

Calendar For April

Thurs.
April 2 - DARK

Thurs.
April 9 - Regular Communication -
7:30 p.m. Jackson Temple

Thurs.
April 16 - FAMILY

POTLUCK

**Michigan Center Temple
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.**
(The Lodge will provide meat,
please bring a table service
and a passing dish, RSVP to
Chip Williams, P.M., W.M
at 750-1853. by April 14th).

Sat.
April 18 - Michigan child Identification
Program - CANCELLED

Thurs.
April 23 - Brothers - Bring-a-Friend
CARD NIGHT - 7:00 p.m.
Michigan Center Temple

Thurs.
April 30 - DARK

IN MY OPINION:
by George M. Otis, P.M.

Kudos To Worshipful Master
Chip Williams, II, P.M. on
the outstanding Table Lodge
that he held on March 19th. The meal was
great, the toasts were good and the main
program presented by Chip was excellent.
He had many of the brothers in atten-
dance participating.
If you missed it, too bad! I would hope
that he does another so the rest of the
lodge may attend and enjoy learning
something regarding Masonry.

Steve Vining is our website administrator - Great Job!
Thanks Steve!

Don't forget to check
out our website
www.jackson17.org

Brother Steve has added
additional Masonic Links that
everyone should enjoy.



*From The
Secretary's Desk*



*Spring is here! Hope that all the brothers have had a good
winter. Glad to see the snowbirds returning from the sunny
south. Some of you have responded to the call for e-mail
addresses and some have not. If you have an e-mail ad-
dress please send it to me at williamsgl@comcast.net. If
you do not have an e-mail address please drop me a line at
G.L. Williams, PO Box 1309, Jackson, MI 49203.*

Thanks. See you in Lodge

Fraternally Yours,
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