

# Jackson Lodge No. 17



## Trestleboard



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Regular Communication  
Second Thursday Every Month

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*From The  
Master*

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### Thoughts for May!

Greetings Brothers! I hope the May newsletter finds you in the best of spirits and in good health! What a long winter we've had, it's good to finally see the flowers blooming, the trees budding, wake up to the birds singing. Ahh, glorious spring in Michigan!

Spring is a time for new life. The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer. The snow birds are returning from Florida and Arizona. Changes are taking place all over.

I was reading an article on the web the other night. It was an article about why brothers stop coming to lodge. The answers they gave were very simple; Once a brother is raised, he's hounded to sit in a chair; once a brother is raised, he's hounded and flooded with petitions to join other groups; once a brother is raised, the mystic is gone; "required" meetings take too much time away from the modern family man; a brother, who meant well, said the wrong things the wrong way; nobody likes to sit in a business meeting that lasts 2 hours when it could have been finished in 30 minutes...the list goes on. I think these are all valid reasons. I ask you to ask yourself one question; "Why did I become a Mason?" I would love to hear your answers! Give that some thought this month and email me your answers at [cswilliams97@yahoo.com](mailto:cswilliams97@yahoo.com). I would love to hear why you became a mason, and just maybe, we can turn some of these questions around. While you're thinking about that, come on out to a lodge function. Get together with some old friends, and make some new ones.

See you in lodge!

**Don't Miss Lodge - Need a Ride - Call The Worshipful Master - Bring a brother with you! Come meet your other brothers, you'll be glad you did!**

### Calendar For



Thurs.

May 7 - Michigan  
Center  
Lodge



**Clean-Up**  
6:00 p.m. - Dark - Bring a  
rake, shovel, leaf blower, gloves.  
The more the merrier, let's not  
make 4 guys do it!

**LET'S MAKE THE OUTSIDE LOOK  
GREAT!!! (if it rains we'll be Dark)**

Thurs.

May 14 - Regular Communication -  
7:30 p.m. Jackson Temple

Thurs.

May 21 - DARK

Thurs.

May 28 - DARK

#### THE MASON'S CHARACTER

Freemasonry has always been true to its name, and the real Mason is the builder of the temple of his own character. Its mission is to furnish high ideals for the individual, that may be reflected in his actions towards his fellow men. The Masonic ideal teaches that moral and spiritual attainments are far more important than the material and physical.



Don't forget to check out our website

[www.jackson17.org](http://www.jackson17.org)

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

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

*From The  
Secretary's Desk*



*May is arriving and with it signals the start of warm weather and fun times. It also brings us to observe Memorial day. A day set aside to honor our men and women of the Armed Forces of the USA, especially those who paid the ultimate price and gave up their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have. Please take time to honor them and all Service Personnel, wherever they are stationed. If you haven't been to lodge in a long time now is the time to renew old friendships and make new ones. See you at 17!*

Fraternally Yours,  
Secretary, Gerald L. Williams. P.M.

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