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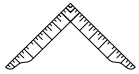
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## From the East

By Ken Murray, P.M., W.M.



November 5th, at our Annual Communication, we elected Officers for 2009. It's an exciting lineup, sure to make our Lodge stronger & more viable. As a result of those elections, this will be the last time I write in this column. It's been a real pleasure . . . to serve my Brethren as their W.M.

However . . . due to the poor judgment of those present, I will be your new Secretary . . . so you haven't heard the last of me yet! (I know, if it weren't for bad luck, you'd have no luck at all!)

Our Installation of Officers Elect will take place at our December Regular Communication, and will be a 'closed' installation. Please wear a dark suit & tie if you are in the line of officers.

See you in Lodge, Ken

The deadline for the January ('09) Trestleboard is Wednesday, December 17th, 2008.

Anyone who would like to provide information for the *Trestleboard*, may do so by the following means:

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## What Makes a Mason

By Robert M. Wolfarth, 32°

*Examples of Masonic acts that make a man a Mason.*

**19** - Pick up trash on the street as you walk by. If there's no trash can nearby, carry the trash with you, even in your car, until you find one. Why look the other way from an injustice when you have the power to rectify it?

**20** - Most religions teach us to do good deeds, that we may be rewarded. But I say do good deeds because it is inherently holy to do them. Give with no thought of receiving. Seek no reward for benevolent actions. Be selfless in your gifts to the world - as selfless as you are able.

Many of these suggestions come down to this: Every time you are placed in a situation in which you must make a decision, consider first *what is the right thing to do.*

This is what we *can* be.



## The Secretary's Minute

By Ken Strobel

December Birthdays include (incoming W.M.) Lawrence Sanford, Jr., P.M. (12/2); Halga (Ray) Sanford (12/5); Fred C. Warren (12/7) & Charles A. Nelson (12/23). If you know any of these Brothers, wish them a "*Happy Birthday*".

## Masonic Compact

The Masonic Compact was developed by the Grand Lodge of New York and distributed by Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick.

"Because I am a Freemason . . . I know that *Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared* with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple."

Because I am a Freemason, these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.



## Dinner

Dinner at our December 3rd Communication will be from 6:30 until 7:15 p.m. Lodge will open @ 7:30 p.m. We will have a short business meeting which will be followed by our Installation of Officers Elect @ 8:00 p.m.

## Installation

If you're a 2008 Officer or an Officer Elect, please wear a dark suit, as pictures will be taken. This way, we'll have pictures of the officers for both years.

## Our Masonic Family

**Masonic Lodge**, Jackson Lodge No 17.  
Bill Kesterson, Worshipful Master.  
(563-8762)

**Masonic Lodge**, Michigan Lodge No 50.  
Ken Murray, P.M., Worshipful Master.  
(787-2980)

**Masonic Lodge**, St. Nicholas No 12, PHA.  
Maurice Anderson, Worshipful Master.  
(513-309-6792)

**Royal Arch Masons**, Jackson Chapter No 3.  
Tom Royce, High Priest. (529-4934)

**Royal & Select Masons**, Jackson Council No 32.  
Doug Cunningham, T. I. M. (782-1017)

**Knights Templar**, Jackson Commandery No 9.  
Lloyd Darling, Commander. (569-3650)

**York Rite College**, Jackson College No 3.  
Gerald Williams, Governor. (750-3231)

**Order of Eastern Star**, Fernleaf Chapter No 66.  
Brenda Bieswanger, Worthy Matron. (783-3510)

**Rainbow for Girls**, Jackson Assembly No 7.  
Brandy Kuhl, Mother Advisor. (522-4349)

**Jackson Scottish Rite & Master Mason Club**.  
Charles Walker, President. (531-3461)

**Jackson Shrine Club**. Richard Deller, President.  
(517-795-5251)

**Jackson High-Twelve Club**. Gerald Williams, President.  
(750-3231)

## 2008 Officers Michigan Lodge #50

### *Worshipful Master:*

**Ken Murray, P.M. ....787-2980**

### *Senior Warden:*

Larry Sanford, Jr, P.M. ....783-3505

### *Junior Warden:*

Doug Cunningham, P.M. ...782-1017

### *Treasurer:*

Wm. K. Jaquays .....750-1281

### *Secretary:*

Ken Strobel .....787-2680

### *Chaplain:*

Larry McGowen, P.M. ....787-7009

### *Senior Deacon:*

Rick Rangler .....784-2016

### *Junior Deacon:*

Don Reamer .....780-4080

### *Senior Steward:*

Ray Sanford.....784-8739

### *Junior Steward:*

Bernard Lane.....531-3597

### *Marshal/Historian:*

James P Collins .....788-2692

### *Tiler:*

Ray Cross .....531-3962

### *Organist:*

Justin Krasnoff.....734-665-2236

## December Meetings & Events

### **First Monday @ 7:30 pm**

*Jackson Shrine Club* meeting @ the Jackson Masonic Temple - members & visitors alike are welcome!

### **First Wednesday @ 6:30 pm**

Michigan No 50  
Dinner followed by Regular Communication/Installation @ 7:30 pm

### **First Saturday @ 5:00 pm**

St. Nicholas No 12, PHA  
Regular Communication

### **Second Tuesday @ 7:30 pm**

Jackson Masonic Temple Association (*Temple Board*) meeting. Take part in your Temple - everyone is welcome!

### **Second Wednesday @ 7:30 pm**

Council & Chapter

### **Second Thursday @ 7:30 pm**

Jackson No 17  
Regular Communication

### **Second Sunday @ 8:30 am**

*Jackson Scottish Rite & Master Mason Club* Breakfast Meeting @ the Jackson Masonic Temple. **Followed by Degree Team Practice.** Everyone's welcome!

### **Third Wednesday @ 7:30 pm**

Michigan No 50 - DARK

### **Fourth Wednesday @ 7:30 pm**

Michigan No 50 - DARK



**High-Twelve Club** is open to any Master Mason, and meets every Monday at Noon at the Cascades Manor House. Buffet Lunch, only \$10.00. Come visit!!

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Need a ride?



Call any officer, they'll see that you get to Lodge!