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From the East

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

Well, here we go again! This will be my fifth time as Master . . . and, although I will never say never . . . I hope this is my final time. Worshipful Brother Sanford tells me that I have to do it over and over again until I get it right!

This will be the first of ten (10) Trestleboards this year, as we will not mail one in July or August. (We're not going to be dark, just busy!)

I encourage everyone to attend Lodge as much as possible. It is by so doing that we learn what Masonry is all about.

Let's make this year an exciting one. Read "What Makes a Mason" & "The Masonic Compact" . . . and plan on discussing them in Lodge!

See you in Lodge,

Ken

What Makes a Mason

By Robert M. Wolfarth, 32°

Examples of Masonic acts that make a man a Mason.

1 - Recognize your fellow Mason as your brother. Ponder what that really means. But go one step further: treat every man as your brother, and every woman as your sister. Respect all. When you cross paths with strangers, do not regard them with suspicion, fear, or judgment. Assume instead that they are worthy of respect, consideration, and tolerance.

2 - When you judge someone's words or actions, consider the intent more prominently than the effect. People are easier to forgive when it is clear that they meant no harm.

Masonic Compact

The Masonic Compact was developed by the Grand Lodge of New York and distributed by Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick. He states that it "*is a way to restate our agreement to bring the best we have to offer to the craft, and to trust that our Lodges and our Grand Lodge will stand and work alongside us to become the best they can be.*"

Over the next several months, you will find articles from the Masonic Compact in this space. They all begin with: "Because I am a Freemason . . ." and end with: "these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life."

I hope you enjoy them.

The Secretary's Minute

Dues are now due for 2008, and remain unchanged at \$65.00. A dues notice has already gone out. Anyone who has an e-mail address . . . please let me know what it is, your Lodge could save a great deal of money by sending the Trestleboard via computer to those who can receive it. Also . . . nine digit zip codes are required by the Post Office now, so if you know it . . . please send it!

Dinner

Dinner will be served prior to each Regular Communication for the entire year. Cost: Donation. From 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Special Events

The Jackson Scottish Rite & Master Mason Club is open to all Master Masons, and specializes in Ritual Work. Club members will travel anywhere in our area to help area Lodges with Degree work. "*I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do . . . and I understand.*" - Confucius Join us.

The deadline for the February Trestleboard is Wednesday, January 16th, 2008.

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

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January 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 @ 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. Members & visitors alike are welcome!

Third Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
Michigan No 50 Special Communication

Fourth Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
Michigan No 50 - Officers Meeting



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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