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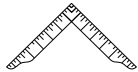
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## From the East

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



Well, this is it! Our Annual Communication and Election of Officers!! Hopefully, we'll have a group of officers that will make you proud of your Lodge. The only way that your voice will be heard . . . is for you to be here for the voting!

## HELP!!

As you probably know, our numbers are dwindling. We need every member who can attend this very important meeting to do so! Should you need a ride, please call **787-2980** ANY-TIME or **782-1017** between 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Leave a message on the answering machine if necessary.) We'll see that you get to Lodge.

See you in Lodge,

Ken

The deadline for the December Trestleboard is Wednesday, November 19th, 2008.

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

**Telephone:** (517) 789-6341,  
(Leave information on the machine if necessary.)

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Jackson, MI 49204-1401,  
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## What Makes a Mason

*By Robert M. Wolfarth, 32°*

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

**17** - Do not let self gain be your primary motivation to act or not act. I sometimes find myself wasting resources if I can tell myself that I'm not paying for it. I am now fighting to train myself that the reason I turn off the light is not just to save money (although that's a nice benefit), but because leaving the light on is wasteful, and therefore inherently wrong.

**18** - Befriend someone at least 20 years different from you in age. Befriend someone with a drastically different political and religious perspective. Learn from them. People like to talk about their areas of passion. Glean from their philosophies, not their knowledge of cars. Learn to tolerate - nay, celebrate their differences, and remain friends.



## The Secretary's Minute

*By Ken Strobel*

November Birthdays include James Rogers (11/4); Donald Lectka, P.M. (11/8); Ken Murray, P.M. (11/13); Barret Alger (11/14); David Ruoff, Jr. (11/19); Tommie Beasley, P.M. (11/22) & Martin Saper (11/28). 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 the last great lesson of Freemasonry - *the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word* - is a lesson for all people in all times: I therefore vow to be a man of my word."



## Dinner

Dinner at our November 5th Communication will be Oyster Stew . . . and free of charge! It's our Annual Communication, and Tradition dictates the menu! HOWEVER . . . there are several of you who have made it known that you don't care for oyster stew . . . for those people, there will be a Roast Beef Dinner (like last year) as well! From 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

## Committee Reports

**NPD's** for this year have been horrendous! However, we haven't dropped anyone in several years! I guess what we're doing now could be considered 'house cleaning'. Those of us who are left, will have a 'clean' house indeed!

## 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

## October 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. **Followed by Degree Team Practice.** Everyone's welcome!

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

Michigan No 50 Special Communication

### **Fourth Wednesday @ 7:30 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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a complete calendar of events.)

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is available to  
anyone who  
requests help.*

## Need a ride?



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