



# Trestle Board Stony Creek Lodge #5 F.&A.M.

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## The Master's Message

Hello Brothers,

For the month of April we have a lot to look forward to... no more snow or winter coats. Spring is here, so we receive more light, the beauty of flowers, warmer weather and the time of year when we honor our God in Heaven, Who sent His Son to atone for our sins. Remember all this as the week of Easter approaches.

Our scholarship donations have fulfilled our commitment for this goal. Thank you Brothers! Our next agenda is to accomplish the goal of completing a project started a few years back. That is to place the historical bronze sign at Mount Moriah, where the Stony Creek #5 Masonic Temple originally was built over 160 years ago.

The sign has been purchased and is presently located within our lodge building. If any Brothers would like to donate towards this project, we intend to recognize your name as a Mason sponsor of the site. The cost each year continues to increase, so I ask you to join in as members and help us achieve this goal. If you are willing, mark your donation to go for this project. The current active membership is for this, so please help us to complete this task, and hopefully before the fall of the year, we shall celebrate the achievement of this goal with a special get-together.

Again, I thank each of you who have filled out the "resource sheets", that were distributed with last month's *Trestle Board*, and returned them to the Lodge. As you see from the information gathered, it will help the WM and officers in the future and for the emergency situations we hope never occur.

Even though the attendance for our Mason of the Year dinner was disappointing, it was accomplished and Wor. Brother Scott Hummon was presented a plaque and parchment that evening. A proud thank you to those attending, it was most appreciated. It's sad to say that some of the members of

the craft fall into one of the following classes:

1. Always there (9 chances out of 10)
2. Part-timers (four or more times a year)
3. Some-timers (once a year or more)
4. Totally absent (didn't show or not heard from at all)

I challenge you to step it up a notch and become better at improving yourself as a member of the craft and this Lodge. If you are out of the area, drop us a line or two and let us know how you are doing. We care about our Brothers. Our lives get very busy, but remember we are here for each other according to our obligation. In April we shall raise two more men to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Come join us and welcome them into the craft and our Lodge.

We had a memorial service on February 27, 2009 for Brother George Vlaich, a lifetime member of Stony Creek. On February 1, 2001 he received his 40 year pin. He was nearly 92 years old. George and his wife Mildred were very active in Eastern Star and their daughters in Jobs Daughters. Our sincere condolences to his family.

On March 14th, three Brothers and I went to the Michigan Masonic Home to visit Br. Floyd Cobb. We took him into town for lunch. Upon returning to the home, Wor. Br. Dave Machin played five songs on his parlor pipes, as Wor. Br. Alan Anderson, Ed Moellering and I hummed along. We found Floyd doing well and he enjoyed our visit.

We did a quick tour of the area where he stays and were impressed with the housekeeping and opportunities they have to keep busy. It is a friendly place and all were helpful when asked questions. If you can visit Floyd, it will surely make his day!

In closing I remind you about the Shrine Circus to be held April 2 - 5, 2009 at the Fairgrounds. I wish you all blessings during the coming Easter holidays. Come to Lodge and help the craft!

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth break forth joyous song and sing praises." Psalms 98:4

Fraternally yours, Jay Rader, W.M.

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## April 2009 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		7:00 P.M. Officers and Committee Meetings	SEMMA Meeting @ Utica-Macomb Lodge 6:30 P.M.			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6:30 P.M. Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular	7:30 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Regular	7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting		Good Friday	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter		7:00 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 E.A. Degree				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7:00 P.M. Grand Lodge Town Hall Meeting @ Birmingham Lodge	7:00 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 F.C. Degree				9:30 A.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 M.M. Degrees RSVP for Breakfast at 8:30 A.M. - lunch during degree \$10
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
		7:30 P.M. Officers and Committee Meetings				