

Trestle Board

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



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Greetings Brethren,

As this is my last Trestle Board as the Worshipful Master for 2010, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for the support, respect, and council that each member of Stony Creek has provided to me over the past year. I can speak from personal experience that the first time that you sit in the East as the Worshipful Master, it is a little overwhelming and the primary thought going through your mind is that all you want to do is not let the Lodge or the Brethren down. However, with the Brethren of Stony Creek No. 5, you made it easy for me by overlooking my shortfalls, correcting me when I made a mistake in a firm yet respectful manner, and you supported me with the new ideas and activities that I thought would strengthen the Lodge and for that, you have my everlasting thanks. I have heard many of the Past Masters state that by the time you are comfortable in the chair and you have real understanding of what goes on both inside and outside of the Lodge, your year is over. I would have to say that, for the most part, that is a pretty accurate statement, but I truly enjoyed the experience and will look back at 2010 fondly.

I also want to take time to specifically thank the family members of the Brethren of Stony Creek. I know that my tasks as Worshipful Master would have been much more difficult if our Lodge did not have the continued support and understanding of the sons, the daughters, and most especially the wives of our members for "allowing" them to take time away from their own busy schedule to participate in Lodge functions. Without them, we simply could not have accomplished many of the things that we did this past year because harmony is the strength and support of all institutions and this most assuredly includes home.

As some of you know, I come from an automotive background and one of the primary figures in this field is Henry Ford. There was one quote of his that I came across that has stuck with me over the years:

*Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.*

Each Brother willingly approaches Masonry in the beginning for ideologies that are entirely his own. The first step in coming together relies on the belief that each man who joins a Lodge does so in order to not only better himself,

but to assist the Lodge in becoming stronger and better than it was before he walked through the outer door for the first time. While there are many facets within Masonry that are vitally important, it is that initial inclination of stepping through that door and coming together that is paramount because that is the cornerstone in which fidelity is built upon.

Keeping together is something that we have achieved since our original Worshipful Master, William A. Burt, rapped the gavel for the first time in 1828 and that is something that every member of Stony Creek should take pride in. For over 180 years we have met in Brotherhood, but we must not stand solely on our laurels. Looking into the past, we can discover who we are and where we came from, but looking towards the future is where we are going to find our unending success. Without the Officers and members of Stony Creek making the commitment of focusing on the continued growth and longevity of the Lodge, we are doomed for failure for no one man can do it alone. With that, I must state that for those that cannot come to Lodge for the sake of logistics or time constraints, we entirely understand, but for those that can come to Lodge, but simply choose not to, know that you are always welcome and will be embraced as a Brother. So, come to Lodge and help us help ourselves.

Working together is sometimes one of the hurdles that we must overcome. I have seen the members of Stony Creek come together cohesively on some issues, but in a select few instances, splinter on others. However, this is an occurrence that is common within any organization when you group together individuals with different backgrounds, ideologies, and aspirations and it is this very diversity that ultimately makes us stronger. The key here is to step back and take a look at the "big picture" and you will see that we still managed to overcome our differences and work together for the common good of the Lodge and its' members.

The Annual Installation of Lodge Officers is on Saturday December 11 at 11:00 A.M. at the Lodge and is open to the general public. A meal will follow the installation.

Congratulations to each of the new Lodge Officers for 2011 and a special thank you for their willingness to sacrifice their time and energy for the betterment of the Lodge. Our elected

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Treasurer Ed Moellering, PM
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Senior Deacon Dave Hilber
Junior Deacon Dan Toole

In terms of appointed positions and committees, that will be communicated to the members in the first Trestle Board of 2011 or by special communication by the Worshipful Master.

Our Lodge website www.stonycreek5.com will continue to be utilized by the Master of the Lodge in posting the Trestle Boards, Beehive Newsletter, and the calendar of events. If anyone has questions on upcoming

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activities, locations of events, or information concerning the Lodge and its' history, it can be found there. I will continue to be webmaster for 2011, but all other questions concerning the newsletters and calendar should be directed to the Worshipful Master.

We will also continue to utilize the group that we have on Facebook as well – *Stony Creek No. 5 Masonic Lodge in Rochester, MI* - as a medium to promote our Lodge. For those that do not have a Facebook account, there is no charge to join and by simply doing a search for our group, you may join ours as well. Once that is done, you would be able to receive and post updates. There are literally millions of people on Facebook, so it is a quick, easy, and free way to get our word out.

The month of December brings us to the close of the year. Christmas is just around the corner and the New Year is making its' inexorable approach signifying the symbolic changing of the times. It is both the season of reflection and spending real quality time with your family and friends. Going beyond the materialistic aspect that this time of year now seems to exude, it is still a marvel to watch the seasons change and for the most part, see people at their best. This

is also a time of year when each one of us should take time to remember our fellow citizens that are in the military. While I am the first to admit that I "sound the drum" on this issue, it is important that we do not forget the sacrifices that these individuals have made for us. By putting themselves on our first line of defense, they provide us the means to live our lives to our choosing. So, if you see someone in uniform, thank them for their service.

In closing the last Trestle Board for 2010, I want to once again thank the members of Stony Creek and wish them the best in all of their endeavors and have a safe and prosperous 2011 and leave with one last thought:

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another. Sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason. Benjamin Franklin, 1760

"Be careful how you live... You may be the only Mason some people will ever meet."

Fraternally Yours,

Jeffrey A. Geske W.M.



**December 2010
 Calendar of Events**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6:30 P.M. Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular	7:30 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Annual Communication				11:00 A.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Public Installation of Officers
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting			12 Noon Stony Creek Lodge #5 E.A. Degree
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						Happy New Year!

