



The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

Even though the Lodge is officially "Dark" for the months of July and August, I want to keep the lines of communication flowing in an attempt to keep the Brethren of Stony Creek informed as to what is currently going on around the Lodge and what direction I would like to take now that my "term" as your Worshipful Master is half over. I have to admit that the time has gone by much faster than I ever could have imagined and I am extremely grateful for all of the support and encouragement that I have received thus far.

One area that I would like to focus on for the next several months will revolve around the gathering and archiving of the unwritten history of Stony Creek. It is easy to look at the information readily available on-line or in books concerning the history of our Lodge, but it is the experiences and perspectives of the individual members and their families that make us who we are. During the past several weeks, I have been looking into the nature of Freemasonry in regards to its origins and original teachings. As such, I came across the Reguis Poem.

The Reguis Poem, which is the first Masonic text known, was believed to be written sometime on or around 1390. It consists of 64 written pages and begins by speaking of Euclid and his invention of geometry and its' subsequent spread amongst the lands. This is then followed by fifteen points for the Master concerning both moral behavior (do not harbor thieves, do not take bribes, etc) and the operation of work on a building site (teach apprentices properly, do not take jobs that you cannot do, etc) which goes to frame the standards in which we should all strive to achieve and to use as a template to live our lives.

While reading through an English translation of this poem, one line stood out for me:

"...And So Each One Shall Teach The Other..."

Masonry has to be more than the

ritualistic teachings of those traveling through the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason Degrees. In order for each Brother to truly garnish the most out of the experience of traveling through the three Degrees and well beyond for that matter, it becomes both the responsibility and the duty of those individuals within the Lodge that have the knowledge of the Craft and the history of their individual Lodge to pass it along. Without this type of history being passed down amongst all Brethren, we lose too much of what and who we are as a Lodge.

Oral / family history provides a primary source material that aids us in our understanding of the past. Oral history passed on through the generations of Masons, gives us a perspective often missing from our ritual books, articles, and textbooks. Perspective of a certain era, event, or observation from an individual's point of view often gives on unprecedented insight of who we are, where we came from, and quite possibly where we are going. In fact, it may also provide meaning to why we all chose to become Brothers within the great Fraternity that is Masonry.

With this in mind, I am asking that the members of our Lodge that feel that they have information revolving around Stony Creek that should archived to please send it to me. It can either be emailed or sent to me through the normal post. There is no "size" requirement, it can be a single paragraph or several pages long, and photographs would be highly appreciated. In fact, you can come to Lodge and present it to all of the Brothers present if you so desire. Remember that once this type of history is gone, it is lost and gone forever. My hope is to compile this information and then pass it along to all the Brethren at the end of this calendar year and to then treat this information as a type of living document that can constantly be updated.

Other activities / business before the Lodge:

We raised two new Brothers on

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June 8th. I would like to welcome our two newest members of Stony Creek No. 5 and I would also like to thank all of the Brethren that came out and assisted with the EA Degree. With these two new Brothers, we have also assigned mentors to them to aid and assist them in not only preparing for their Entered Apprentice proficiency, but to ensure that they have the necessary tools to take the next step.

A few of the members of Stony Creek were present at the 4th Annual Lutz Bleckley Outdoor Degree (sponsored by Cedar Lodge No. 60) on Saturday, June 12th at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club.

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Three new Brothers from various Lodges were raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the help of several Blue Lodges throughout this area and by members of the Prince Hall Lodge located in Pontiac, MI. For those that have not yet witnessed and outdoor Degree, it is truly something to behold.

There have been a few minor changes to the Lodge website including adding a tab specific to Mount Moriah. I will continue to update the website as new information becomes available so please check back often. As you also know, Stony Creek is on Facebook and is open to everyone. If you have items for discussion or if you would like to let everyone know your thoughts on Masonry, you can easily post them there. www.stonycreek5.com / www.facebook.com

Advanced notices:

July and August - The Lodge is Dark, but the Temple Board will continue to meet.

July 18 - There will be a potluck cookout. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

August 21 – There will be a wine tasting for all members and their family over the age of 21 at the Filipo Marc Winery (www.filipomarcwinery.com) in Clinton Township. The wine tasting cost is \$12.00 per person. Following the wine tasting, it is dinner at Buca di Beppo's (www.bucadibeppo.com) which is **not** included in the original \$12.00 charge.

September 10 – 12 – Stony Creek and Corinthian 241 will be hosting the Michigan Child Identification Program again at the Arts & Apples Festival in the Rochester Park (www.artandapples.com). If you are able to volunteer your time, please get with Bro. Chris Peace, SW of Stony Creek as he will be handling the scheduling for this event.

October Fundraiser – The fundraiser scheduled for October 28th through the 31st has been cancelled.

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

Fraternally,
 Jeffrey A. Geske W.M.



**July 2010
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Fundraiser at Hazel Park Raceway. Volunteers are needed to staff.						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Potluck Cookout						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 21, 2010 – Saturday – Wine Tasting & Dinner
 September 10 – 12, 2010 – Child Identification Program at Arts and Apples Festival