



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

The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

As you may know, Grand Lodge was held at the Souring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant, MI on May 18 and 19 and I had the honor of representing Stony Creek. I will have copies of the Grand Lodge and Subsidiaries Consolidated Financial Statements, the 2010 -2011 Proposed Budgets, The Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundations 2010 Annual Report, and the Advance Reports at the June business meeting for any Master Mason that would like to review any of this material.

In addition, I have a few of the new Grand Master pins that I plan on giving out as well. For any of you that would classify yourselves as a "Trekkie" you will certainly recognize this pin.

Overall, Grand Lodge was represented by almost 300 Lodges and hundreds of attendees. Both the fellowship and the zeal for Masonry were clearly evident by both the newly raised and the "old timers" who had the opportunity to attend. In fact, even some of the general public was enthused about the proceedings as I was stopped by a few of the casino guests who had questions about Masonry and what was needed to join. Even my wife Michelle was noted in the Grand Lodge proceedings when she had the honor of being introduced to all of the Grand Officers during the installation ceremonies by Bro. Dave Hill PM, WGT.

Apart from the "normal" activities held at Grand Lodge, there were some key areas that I would like to make note of that had a direct bearing on our Lodge:

1. Stony Creek No. 5 won the Lodge of the Year Achievement Award for the year 2009 under Brother Jay Rader, PM. Stony Creek was one of only a very select few to receive this honor at Grand Lodge by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald L. Carman. We should all inspire to be as diligent in our duties to the Lodge as Bro. Jay. Thanks Very Much, Jay!

2. Brother Dave Hill, PM was reelected as the Worshipful Grand Tiler and I ask all members of Stony Creek to support Brother Dave in his duties as a Grand Lodge Officer and congratulate him on his continued success.
3. Brother Tom Braun, PM Cedar 60 was elected as the Worshipful Grand Lecturer. Brother Tom has been instrumental in helping Stony Creek with our Degree work and Masonic Services. As with Brother Hill, I ask all members of Stony Creek to support Brother Tom in his duties as a Grand Lodge Officer.



In addition, this is just some information that I have often wondered about that came out during Grand Lodge:

1. As of the end of 2009, there were **317 Lodges** in Michigan along with **39,236 Brothers**. Of those, there are **15,175 Life Members**; there were **223 25 year pins**, **472 Life Membership pins**, **455 50 year pins**, **249 60 year pins**, **15 70 year pins**, and **1 75 year pin** awarded.
2. There were 7 Lodge consolidations in 2009.
3. New Masonic Grand Lodges were formed in Lithuania, Republic of San Marino, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Baja California, Paraguay, Cyprus, Mozambique, Malta, Slovakia, Bolivia, Sao Paolo, Brazil, and Moldavia. This should show each and every one of us that Masonry is alive and well throughout the world and we should always strive to spread the word.

And now to the business of the Lodge as there are several dates in June to be mindful of and once

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again, check the calendar on our website for updates:

Dates of Note for June:

June 4 – The South Eastern Michigan Master Mason Association will be holding their monthly meeting at the Centerline Lodge starting at 7:30 P.M.

June 8 – **EA Degree** at 7:00 P.M. Please try and attend so we have a good turnout in the raising of our first new brother of the year.

June 12 – An **outdoor Master Masons Degree** starting at 10:00 A.M. at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club (www.ocsc-mi.org) in Clarkston. The lunch being served is \$10.00 per person

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and I have advanced tickets for anyone interested.

June 24 – 27 –We will have another **fundraiser** held at the Hazel Park Raceway. We are in dire need of volunteers to staff this event so please make an effort to help out and let me know when you are able to help the Lodge raise much needed funds.

Advanced Notices:

July and August the Lodge is Dark but we do have activities planned outside of the Lodge room.

July 18 - Potluck cookout. This is a restart of an annual tradition in our Lodge where all members of our Masonic family can get together and enjoy the day. Michelle and I will be providing the hamburgers / hotdogs / bratwurst for this event as well as this garnishes that typically go along with these dishes. Please let me know if you plan on attending so we can coordinate both the quantity of food and the types of dishes.

August 21 – 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 cost is \$12.00 per person and we will be going out to dinner afterwards to Buca di Beppo's (www.bucadibeppo.com) which is not included in the original \$12.00 wine tasting cost.

September 10 – 12 – Stony Creek and Corinthian 241 will host 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.

I am always on the lookout for new ways to promote the Craft and to have activities outside of the Lodge. If you have ideas that you would like to discuss, please let me know.

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

Fraternally,
 Jeffrey A. Geske W.M.



**June 2010
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Memorial Day	7:30 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Regular			SEMMA Meeting 7:30 P.M. @ Centerline Masonic Temple	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	6:30 P.M. Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular	7:00 P.M. E.A. Degree Stony Creek Lodge #5	7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting			Outdoor Master Masons Degree 10:00 P.M. at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Note: July 18th Family Pot Luck Cookout. August 21st: Wine Tasting followed by Dinner.