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

The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

It is my hope that this reaches you while you are in good health and are in active preparation for St. Patrick's Day (March 17). As this is one of my favorite holidays (and I am the first to admit that I am extremely biased on this one), I would like to share with you some revelations that I have made during my research into both Masonry and St. Patrick's Day. While it is generally understood by all that St. Patrick's Day is in remembrance of the death of St. Patrick, the British-born missionary who is credited with converting Ireland to Christianity, there is also a link to a Master Mason by the name of George Washington.

General George Washington issued a proclamation during the Revolutionary War, declaring March 17, 1780 a holiday for the Continental Army, then stationed in Morristown, New Jersey, in honor of the many soldiers of Irish ancestry and those born in Ireland. It was reported that this was the first holiday granted the troops in two years. Washington's remark that the proclamation was "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence," was possibly the origins of St. Patrick's Day in America as an expression of Irish nationalism as much as Irish heritage or of honoring a Christian Saint. All I can say is: Erin Go Bragh!!!



Upcoming Events

There are a few important dates in March that we need to take notice of apart from our normal business meeting and again, check the Lodge calendar on the website:

- 3/03 – Another installment of the Leadership Training Course being offered by Brother Dave Hill. For those that have not yet attended, it is well worth your time.
- 3/05 – A SEMMA Meeting will be held at the Richmond Lodge at

7:30 P.M.

3/12 – The Lecture by Chris Hadopp will be held at 6:00 P.M. at the Detroit Masonic Temple in which the novel "The Lost Symbol" by Dan Brown will be the main topic. There are still seats left for anyone who would like to attend and I am being told that the fee will be \$15.00.

3/15 – There is a FC Lodge of Instruction to be held at 7:00 P.M. which will be hosted by Corinthian Lodge 241.

3/16 – Master Mason's Degree held at Stony Creek opening at 7:00 P.M. Please plan on attending and assist us in raising our newest Master Mason in 2010.

3/18 through 3/21 – The Shrine Circus is on again this year, but it will be held at the Hazel Park Raceway and NOT at the Michigan Fairgrounds as it has in the past.

<http://detroitshrinecircus.com>

3/30 – The rescheduled EA Lodge of Instruction will be held at 7:00 P.M.

Schedule Change

The wine tasting in August has had a date change. It is now going to be on August the 21st at Filipo Marc Winery and NOT on the previously announced 14th. There are still seats available and is open to anyone in your family that is of legal drinking age. Please let me know if you would like to attend. The cost remains at \$12.00 per person. The dinner location afterwards will be posted as the event grows closer.

New Fundraising Scheduled

We held our first fundraiser at the Hazel Park Raceway and we were able to raise money to be placed in the general fund for the Lodge. Please go along with me in thanking everyone who put the time and effort in to working the fundraiser and making this event possible. Also, note that our next fundraiser will also be held at the Hazel Park raceway on 6/24 through 6/27 (4 nights) so

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plan on marking your calendars now to be called upon to volunteer your time to help the Lodge. I would truly like to see more Brothers step up and volunteer their time than the few that did for the first one, so the same individuals are not taking the brunt of the workload again.

New Officer Appointment

I would also like to announce that Stony Creek now has a new Junior Deacon, Bro. William Kuhn, who stepped up to the challenge of that chair when Dan Marshment made the decision to step out of the officer line. Thanks very much Brother Kuhn, your dedication and willingness to help will not go unnoticed!!!

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Pictures Needed

I would like to add more photos to the Lodge's website www.stonycreek5.com and I am trying to get some copies of the older photo's that may be floating around. If you have any photo's that you feel would be suited for the website, please either e-mail them to me (par8hds@comcast.net) or mail them in (they will be returned to you if you so desire).

Closing Thoughts

"The value of man does not consist in the truth that he possesses, or means to possess, but in the sincere pain which he hath taken to find it out. For his powers do not augment by possessing truth, but by investigating it, wherein consists his only perfectibility. Possession lulls the energy of man, and makes him idle and proud. If God held enclosed in His right hand absolute truth, and in His left only the inward lively impulse toward truth, and

if He said to me: Choose! Even at the risk of exposing mankind to continual erring, I most humbly would seize His left hand, and say: Father, give! Absolute truth belongs to Thee alone." *G.E. Lessing, Fragments*

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

Fraternally,
 Jeffrey A. Geske W.M.



**March 2010
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 P.M. Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular	7:30 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Regular	6:30 P.M. Leadership Training Class @ Rochester Masonic Temple		SEMMA Meeting 7:30 P.M. @ Richmond	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting		6:00 P.M. Lecture by Chris Hadopp at the Detroit Masonic Temple	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	7:00 p.m. FC Lodge of Instruction Corinthian Lodge 241 @ Rochester Masonic Temple	7:00 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Mater Mason Degree		Shrine Circus at Hazel Park Raceway	Shrine Circus at Hazel Park Raceway	Shrine Circus at Hazel Park Raceway
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Shrine Circus at Hazel Park Raceway						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		7:00 p.m. EA Lodge of Instruction @ Rochester Masonic Temple				