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Greetings Brethren,

I am happy to announce more degree work. On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Fellowcraft degree practice starting at 7:00 p.m. And on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> we will be conferring *three* Fellowcraft degrees, again starting at 7:00 p.m. It should be noted that the Fellowcraft degree may be conferred upon more than one member concurrently, so having three candidates will not take any longer than having only one candidate.

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., there will be a lodge of instruction at Pontiac Lodge, located at 2181 Willot Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. This instruction will also be in the Fellowcraft degree. Officers should make every effort to attend.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is known the world over as Saint Patrick's Day, but did you know March 16<sup>th</sup> is Saint Urho's Day?

In parts of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canada, March 16<sup>th</sup> is known as Saint Urho's day, the Patron Saint of Finland. Legend has it that Saint Urho drove the Grasshoppers out of Finland, thus saving the wild grape crops.

While this tale may sound much like the legend of Saint Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland, it is more than mere coincidence. The legend of Saint Urho was created in 1956 by a man of Finnish decent named Richard Mattson from Minnesota. Since then the 'legend' has grown and, although recognized as a joke, it does enjoy great popularity in those of Finnish descent in the U.S. and Canada. It has managed to export itself to Finland proper in the form of St. Urho's pub in Helsinki.

The real Patron Saint of Finland is St. Henry of Upsalla, who evangelized to the Finns before being martyred in 1156. His day is the 19<sup>th</sup> of January.

We are planning our next 'fun' event and hope to have something scheduled for April.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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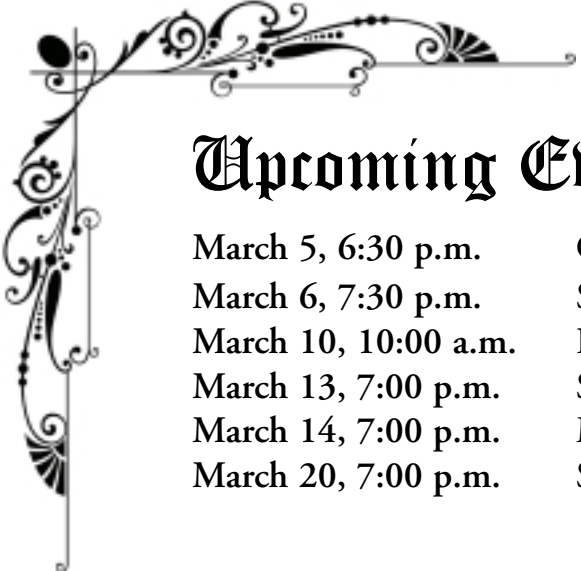
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## Upcoming Events (2007)

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| March 5, 6:30 p.m.   | Corinthian Lodge #241, Business Meeting       |
| March 6, 7:30 p.m.   | Stony Creek Lodge #5, Business Meeting        |
| March 10, 10:00 a.m. | Pontiac Masonic Temple, Lodge of Instruction  |
| March 13, 7:00 p.m.  | Stony Creek Lodge #5, FC Degree Practice      |
| March 14, 7:00 p.m.  | Meeting of the Rochester Masonic Temple Board |
| March 20, 7:00 p.m.  | Stony Creek Lodge #5, FC Degree               |



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