



Trestle Board

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

The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

I'm afraid that this month's Trestle Board brings about a reminder of just how precious life truly is and how quickly the working tools of life can fall from our grasp. Brother William J. Kuhn, our Junior Deacon passed away on March 22, at the age of 51. To say that this came as a shock to the members of the Lodge would be a severe understatement and unfortunately, we did not know of his passing until several days after the funeral service so we were unable to provide to him the Masonic service that he deserved. All of our prayers are with his family. Brother Dave Hilber, will be assuming the station of Junior Deacon for the remainder of the year.

On a much more positive note, I would like to congratulate Brothers Wor. Brother Bruce Carlson and SW Chris Peace for their demonstration and discussion of the former Entered Apprentice Degree proficiency. This proficiency is much more in depth than our current ritual proficiency. We will have various volunteers either discuss or perform interesting facts about Masonry at each of our business meetings so, if there is anything that you would like to share with the members, please let me know to add to the itinerary.

Roy Dettmer, PM of Corinthian #241 was given an honorary membership to Stony Creek Lodge based on his past actions of supporting our Lodge and that of the Temple Board. It goes without saying that promoting Brotherhood and supporting Masonry should never be confined only to one's home Lodge, but afforded to all Brothers everywhere.

Now to the business of the Lodge:

We hosted elections for DDI and BGP for District 54 on April 7th. Wor. Bothers Elwin R. Brown and Jack Hansel were elected into these two positions. Congratulations Elwin and Jack.

Here are key events in May to make note of. They are also on the Lodge website (www.stonycreek5.com)

May 4 – Regular business meeting with representatives from the

Masonic Charitable Foundation speaking about their services.

May 7 – Stony Creek hosts the May meeting - South Eastern Michigan Master Masons Assoc. at 7:30 P.M.

May 18 & 19 – The Grand Lodge of Michigan's Annual Communication at the Souring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. Proposed amendments and resolutions are at the bottom of our Members Only web page.

Advanced Notices

June 12 – **Outdoor Master Masons Degree**, 10:00 A.M. at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club (www.ocsc-mi.org) in Clarkston. Three Brothers going through and for those that have not yet attended an outdoor Degree it is something to see – I actually received my 3rd Degree there. If there are enough Brothers going, we can car pool. The lunch served is \$10 per person.

June 24 – 27 – Another fundraiser at the Hazel Park Raceway. Volunteers are needed to staff this event. Please let me know if you are able to help the Lodge raise much needed funds.

July 18 - There will be a **potluck cookout** at Rochester Hills' Bloomer Park, possibly on the velodrome grounds, weather permitting. Open to all members of Stony Creek, their families, and friends. 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. Family has always been an important part of my upbringing so I hope that we can restart this annual tradition where all members of our Masonic family can get together and enjoy the day. If you are planning on coming, please let me know so we can coordinate both the quantity of food and the types of dishes bring brought.

August 21 – It's a **wine tasting** for members and their family over the age of 21 at the Filipo Marc Winery (www.filipomarcwinery.com) in Clinton Township. If you have not done a wine tasting before, this is a perfect opportunity to try one. Michelle and I have done several of these events at this location and it is

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always a good time. Let me know if you plan to attend as seats are limited. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Dinner follows at Buca di Beppo's (www.bucadibeppo.com) which is not included in the price of the wine tasting.

September 10 – 12 – Stony Creek and Corinthian 241 will again conduct the **Michigan Child Identification Program** at the Arts & Apples Festival in the Rochester Park (www.artandapples.com). We have done this successfully for the past few years. If you are able to volunteer your time, please get with SW Chris Peace, he will be handling the scheduling for this event. This is not only a great way to support the community, but an excellent way to

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increase our Lodge's exposure to potential candidates.

We are receiving petitions to join the Lodge through our contact with the community and through the Grand Lodge website (www.gl-mi.org). The stranger you meet today may be a Brother tomorrow.

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE

by Brother Rob Morris *Poet Laureate of Freemasonry*

(Written in August, 1854, is the most popular Masonic Poem of all time.)

We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square.
 What words of precious meaning, those words Masonic are!
 Come, let us contemplate them! They are worthy of a thought;
 In the very walls of Masonry the sentiment is wrought.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come,
 The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home;
 For the rich must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
 And the poor man finds his best respect upon the Checkered Floor.

We act upon the Plumb - 'tis the orders of our Guide.
 We walk upright in virtue's way and lean to neither side;
 The All-Seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true
 That we still try to honor God and give each man his due.
 We part upon the Square, for the world must have its due;

We mingle with the multitude, a faithful band and true.
 But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
 And we long upon the Level to renew the happy scene.

There's a world where all are equal - we are hurrying toward it fast,
 We shall meet upon the Level there when the gates of Death are past;
 We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there
 To try the blocks we offer with His own unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the Level there, but never thence depart.
 There's a Mansion - 'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart.
 There's a Mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude is there
 Who have met upon the Level and been tried upon the Square.

Let us meet upon the Level, then while laboring patient here;
 Let us meet and let us labor, though the labor be severe;
 Already in the Western sky the signs bid us prepare
 To gather up our Working Tools and part upon the Square.

Hands round, ye faithful Brotherhood, the bright fraternal Chain.
 We part upon the Square below to meet in Heaven again!
 What words of precious meaning, those words Masonic are —
 We meet upon the Level and we part upon the square

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

Fraternally,
 Jeffrey A. Geske W.M.



May 2010

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	6:30 P.M. Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular	7:30 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Regular			SEMMA Meeting 7:30 P.M. @ Rochester Masonic Temple	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Mt. Pleasant.	Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Mt. Pleasant			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Memorial Day					