



## The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

As the fall season arrives and the leaves begin to change into their majestic rainbow of colors, it is often seen by many as the first step towards Thanksgiving. This is the time of year that each and every one of us should take a few minutes out of our day and simply look around to what we have and what we have accomplished. I should make it clear that I am in no way referring to the material items that we entrap ourselves with, but rather friends, family, and those individuals that we have the honor of calling "Brother." Without these people in our lives, we are certainly the poorer for it.

While the history of Thanksgiving may be traced back to ancient times, it was our own Brother, George Washington, Master of the Alexandria Lodge No. 22 of Virginia, who proclaimed this a true national holiday. One of the excerpts from his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789 states:

"Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the twenty-six of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that Great and Glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, previous to their becoming a nation; for the single manifold mercies, and the favorable interposition's of His providence, in the courage and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of Government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in

general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us."

It is clearly evident in Bro. Washington's speech that we, as individuals and a nation as a whole, still have much to be thankful for. Take time for yourself, remember the blessings that have been bestowed upon you, be generous to those around you, and tell those that are the closest to you how much they mean to you. Make Thanksgiving a true day of giving thanks.

### Lodge Activities:

As you know, we had Degree work that took place in the month of October so I want to thank each Brother that came out and assisted in these important tasks. However, I wanted to place a special emphasis this time on our Chaplin, Brother Erik Schuett. Not only did he readily volunteer to do the EA lecture, but he did it by memory. With the assistance of Wor. Bruce Carlson, PM handling our slide projector, it was truly something that will inspire all of us to "step up our game" when it comes to ritual work. Thank you Brother Erik and keep up this fantastic work!!!

### Michigan Child ID Program

We held a Michigan Child ID Program in conjunction with the Rochester Police Department at the Michigan Amazing Race Event for the benefit of Special Olympics where some 75 children were identified free of charge. While the Rochester Police Department did the majority of the hands on work this time, it was still nice to see everyone come together and provide our community with this invaluable service. Thanks very much to Brother Scott Hummon, PM and his wife Sharon for coordinating this event and making sure that it went off as smoothly as it did.

### DDI Election

Stony Creek also hosted the DDI election for District 54. Brother Robert Bellant, PM and member of

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Goodrich 548, Cedar 60, and Roosevelt 510 was elected to fill the post of DDI. Having been active in Masonry for over 20 years, I am confident that Brother Bellant will perform his role as DDI admirably and I am sure that we will be seeing him at Stony Creek very soon.

### 2011 Dues Notices

*Please take note* that the dues notices for 2011 were mailed out on Monday, October 18, 2010 so you should have received yours already.

### Where's.....

Our Secretary, Bro. Ed McDonald, is requesting that if anyone has knowledge of the whereabouts of

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Brother's Edgar Root, Larry McMahon, William Eureka III, and Donald Ellis to please contact him as the information that we have on file is no longer valid.

**Upcoming Events:**

Please check the calendar on the website for additional activities / events at [www.stonycreek5.com](http://www.stonycreek5.com)

- 11/2 - The election of Officers for 2011 will take place. As you know, the elected Officers for 2011 will be the key figures in determining how the Lodge will be run next year and in what direction it will be taking so please plan on attending.
- 11/2 – The election of the 2010 Mason of the Year will be held prior to the Officer election.
- 11/5 – SEMMA will be holding its' monthly meeting at the Lodge in Mt. Clemens starting at 7:30pm.
- 11/6 – The Detroit Area Shriners will be having their Fall Ceremonial in Southfield from 8:00 to 1:00pm.

For more information, please go to: [www.detroitshriners.com](http://www.detroitshriners.com)

11/10 – The Temple Board will be meeting at the Lodge at 7:00pm.

11/25 – Thanksgiving Holiday

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In closing the Trestle Board for November, I would also ask that each member of the Lodge remember those individuals that are in the American Armed Forces. It is because of these people who voluntarily put themselves in harm's way that allows us to enjoy the freedom to live the way that we want and to spend this Thanksgiving with our loved ones even though they themselves may not. Their sacrifice should never be taken for granted.....

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

Fraternally,  
 Jeffrey A. Geske W.M.



**November 2010  
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 P.M. Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular	7:30 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Election of Officers			7:30 P.M. SEMMA monthly meeting in Mt. Clemens at the Lodge.	Detroit Area Shriners Fall Ceremonial in Southfield 8:00 A.M.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Happy Thanksgiving!		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4