

Trestle Board

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



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The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

By the time that this months Trestle Board is posted, my wife and I will be sitting on a beach in Hawaii on a much needed vacation and immersing ourselves in the island life-style. So, I must say Aloha Kaikua'ana which, if my translation software is accurate, means "hello Brothers" in Hawaiian. Since I will be absent for the October business meeting, I wanted to ensure the members of Stony Creek that the Lodge is in the capable hands of our two Wardens and business will go on as usual so don't use my absence as an excuse not to come to Lodge.

September's business meeting had a number of accomplishments including the passing of our 2011 budget which will show a drop in our annual dues even with the Grand Lodge raising the Per Capita amount and monies were earmarked for the scholarship fund and for the relief of distressed Brother Masons. I should point out that these actions were possible due to those members that stepped forward and volunteered to staff our two fund-raisers that were held this year. I, for one, am grateful for their willingness to set aside time from their busy schedule to assist every Brother in the Lodge.

We also had a visitor from Concord Lodge in the United Kingdom – Brother Jim. Not only did Wor. Bro. Jim bring his Masonic regalia with him, but he was kind enough to speak on how his Lodge functions and was able to point out both similarities and differences between our two Lodges. It was not only enlightening, but it reinforced the ideal that no matter how far you travel, there are Brother Mason's everywhere.

The Child Identification Program that was held at the Arts and Apples Festival in conjunction with Corinthian 241 was a success despite the rain on Saturday. Over 300 children were "processed" during this three day event with all the information handed over to the parents for their records. Special thanks should go out to Bro. Chris

Peace for making sure that this went as smoothly as it did and to all of those that volunteered to help with this very important program.

Another positive note in September was the collection that was made of food and medicinal supplies that will be shipped to our troops currently stationed in Afghanistan. The White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, MI, was the drop off point for our contribution to this worthwhile cause which included everything from DVD's, cans of food and instant meals, to cough drops and chapstick. According to the coordinators of this event, we donated items far above the norm in terms of quality and quantity provided. This was not only designed to provide creature comforts and a taste from home for our military personnel, but to reinforce their belief that we support them and remember that they are putting themselves in harms way and sacrificing their own time away from friends and family to ensure that each and every one of us can live our lives in a more secure environment. If you have not yet thanked a veteran for their service, now more than ever is the time to do so.

As we start the journey towards the end of this calendar year, I want to touch on a topic this month that I have been trying to promote throughout my stay in the East and that is communication between the Officers and members of the Lodge. Communication in its most simplistic terms is simply the exchange of ideas regardless of the medium that is used. However, in the words of Brother C.W. Mason, Masonic Communication should take on a much greater meaning - that of joining together in a common Brotherhood in pursuit of common goals and common purposes based upon our common principles.

With that explanation in mind, we can better conduct ourselves in the transaction of our Lodge's business, in the conferral of our Degrees and in meeting in Fellowship with our Brethren. Lodge Communication is much more than just a meeting. It is

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much more than an assembly of Masons. It is, must, and should ever be, a joining together of kindred spirits for those loftier purposes of promoting, practicing, and extolling those Masonic virtues we promote.

With this type of foundation in mind, I have purposely pushed your Officers to increase the lines of communication between themselves and all members of the Lodge. I say that we are your Officers because that is exactly what we are. We are the ones that you have entrusted in both sustaining and hopefully improving on your Lodge. However, it is important for all of us to remember that for communication to be truly effective, it has to be a give and take type of exchange. As your

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Officers, we rely on your feedback to help shape the direction that the Lodge is progressing towards and in setting both the short-term and long-term goals. It only takes a few seconds to either pick up the phone or to drop a note via e-mail so if you have a concern, an idea, or just want to talk about Masonry, communicate and we will listen.

Upcoming Events:

Please check the calendar on the website for additional activities / events at www.stonycreek5.com

October 5 - Our regular at 7:30 P.M.

October 13 – The Temple Board monthly meeting at 7:00 P.M.

October 17 - Stony Creek and the Rochester Police department are hosting the Michigan Child Identification Program during the "Amazing Michigan Race" in Rochester. We will work with the Rochester Police Department to offer the ID Program at the Royal Park

Hotel grounds during the festivities between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. This event supports 'Special Olympics' and will be the first annual event. If all goes well, we will continue to participate in future events.

October 19 – There will be one EA Degree starting at 7:00 P.M. Please join us in raising our newest member of the Craft as first impressions are usually the lasting impressions.

October 20 – Stony Creek will host the election of the District Deputy Instructor (DDI) for District 54. The Lodge will open at 7:00 P.M. with the election to immediately follow.

October 26 – There will be three Brothers going through the FC Degree's starting at 7:00 P.M.

November 2 – The elections of Lodge Officers for 2011 will take place, opening at 7:30 P.M..

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

Fraternally,
 Jeffrey A. Geske W.M.



October 2010

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 P.M. Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular	12 7:30 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Regular	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting	21	22	23
24 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Michigan Child Identification at the Royal Park Hotel grounds.	25	26 7:00 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 EA Degree	27 7:00 P.M. DDI election for District 54	28	29	30
31	1	2 7:00 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 FC Degree	3	4	5	6
		7:30 P.M. Stony Creek Lodge #5 Election of Officers				