



# Trestle Board



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



Brothers of Stony Creek Lodge:

It is hard to believe that this is my last Trestle Board for 2012. It just seems like yesterday that all of the current Officers went through the 2012 Installation! Honestly, the first time you sit in the East as Worshipful Master it is intimidating to say the least. You suddenly realize that the responsibilities you shoulder will result in the success/failure or clarity/confusion of our Lodge. I cannot thank each of you enough for your willingness to support our Lodge and me this past year. You have overlooked my mistakes and missteps, and provided me with guidance and support making my tenure as Worshipful Master a great experience. This past year I have sought the counsel of several Past Masters of our Lodge on numerous occasions; and each has provided me with sound advice based on their years of experience in Masonry and also as a Past Master of the Lodge. The Line Officers have also been very supportive this year in fulfilling their responsibilities; many going above and beyond the duties of their place or station. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to your spouse, and the other members in your family, for allowing you to be away from home assisting with Child ID programs, Degree work, Regular and Special Communications, God's Helping Hand, etc. I know each of these take away from time with your families.

Many Past Masters have told me that by the time you get a handle on the scope and duties of the Chair in the East, your time is over. I can honestly say that is the truth! It has been a great experience this past year, one I hope I may be able to repeat in the years to come. Currently, we have a very strong Officer line with many new and young Master Masons looking to make their mark on Masonry and direct the Lodge towards bigger and better things. It is encouraging to look at our Officer line and see that we do not have any Past Masters due to the lack of growth or desire on the part of our Brothers not to get involved. This clearly

demonstrates that we are growing and expanding the Stony Creek Brotherhood.

As many of you know I have been in banking my entire career and as a result the following quote I thought was very appropriate:

*"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."* - Benjamin Franklin, FreeMason.

Continuing to learn what Masonry is about is a never-ending process. Although we all use the same ritual book, attend the same Special Communications, hear the same lectures, etc., I strongly believe that the true meaning of Masonry is very personal to each one of us as individuals. This includes not only what we want to give to the Craft, but what we expect to receive in return. Continue to read and ask questions; attend workshops, Special Communications, etc. If you have questions, or desire clarity on an issue, ask one of the Past Masters or Senior Members of our Lodge; they are more than willing to share their knowledge, experiences, and expertise with you. One of our more learned Brothers told me early on, understand what the ritual book is saying and it will make it a lot easier to learn and memorize versus just trying to remember words; that is so very true. Understanding the precepts and tenants of Masonry are the key becoming a successful man and a Mason.

Normally I would congratulate the Worshipful Master elect and the incoming line Officers, but as we have not had our elections yet it will have to wait. For those of you that are seeking a Station or Place in the Lodge for 2013, I encourage you to do so. If you are on the fence, jump off and throw your Masonic hat into the ring. The Lodge is always looking for new Master Masons to move into the line. Don't be afraid because it looks overwhelming, there is a strong support structure at the Lodge. We all will be there to help you whenever you may need it. Remember

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elections are at our Regular Communication on Tuesday, December 4th, so come out and get elected! Hopefully I will be your Chaplain for 2013 (hint, hint).

As we approach the Christmas season, remember the "reason for the season". It is a time of giving and sharing. As you know the Lodge is in the process of Adopting 6 families (20 children) in our

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community for the holidays. Many of your Brothers have already volunteered to shop for one or more families and others have contributed funds in order to make this effort a success. What a great way to end the year!

I wish you and your family the very best this holiday season. May you be blessed with a special time with your family. I wish the new Worshipful Master and the new Officer Line (whomever they may be) the very best in 2013.

From the East – at the close of the day

Jeff Rolph, Worshipful Master

**2012 Committees for Stony Creek Lodge #5 F.&A.M.**

**Finance & Audit Committee**

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**Fund Raising Committee**

JC Cullum  
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 Larry Simms



**Calendar of Events -December 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 25	26	27	28	29	30	<b>December 1</b>
		EA Degree Stony Creek Lodge #5, 7:00 P.M.				
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.	Election of Officers - Stony Creek Lodge #5, 7:30 P.M. Orion #46 Regular 7:00 P.M.		Roosevelt #510 Regular 7:00 P.M. Cedar #60 Regular 8:00 P.M.		
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	Adopt-A-Family for Christmas gifts delivery		Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.			Annual Installation of Officers - Stony Creek Lodge #5, 1:30 P.M.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
		Merry Christmas				
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		Happy New Year Note: January Regular on the 7th		Roosevelt #510 Regular 7:00 P.M. Cedar #60 Regular 8:00 P.M.		