

Trestle Board

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Greetings Brethren,

The cold winds of autumn are blowing through Michigan at last. I don't know about you but I love this time of year, just warm enough to be comfortable, just cool enough to feel brisk and refreshing. It is quite remarkable how fast this year has gone by thus far. With the end of this Masonic Year looming there are still so many opportunities for you to get involved.

With this Trestleboard I would like to impress upon our Brothers a very important reality of our Lodge as it grows. It is no longer a part time effort. The Great Architect has richly blessed us. My question to you is: are you sharing in that blessing? I cannot express how wonderful it is to see so many of our eager new Brothers taking a seat in their Lodge and taking an interest in it. I look at those very sidelines and I see these new Brothers vastly outnumber our Master Masons and Past Masters of yesteryear. What a beautiful yet tragic thing to behold!

To my young Brothers: I say that your enthusiasm is a phenomenon in Michigan Masonry that have captured the focus of other Lodges and our Grand Lodge and I earnestly implore you to keep your dedication and focus sharp. You will have a litany of distractions thrown at you when you become Master Masons, none of which are the legendary institution of which you are presently engaged in. You need no further light in Freemasonry than that of a Master Mason, an honor which you each

are working very hard to earn. Expect nothing less of those behind you.

To my older and more experienced Brethren and even newer Master Masons from the last couple years: I often wonder where you are. You are well informed of upcoming work at our Lodge and others. You have ample opportunities to communicate with your Lodge should there be something keeping you from gracing our halls so that we may assist you. You are missed, and missing out. More than anything, you are WELCOME in your home. Extend your patronage and contribute. It is a shame to do anything less.

To both: I contend that at no point have you contributed "enough" to give yourself a break. At no point have you received so much light that you have divested yourself of the responsibility of teaching the newly initiated Entered Apprentice his proficiency face to face, or honoring a Brother with your presence at his Passing to the Fellowcraft Degree. If you believe your work is ever done then the lessons of Freemasonry are lost on you, and I humbly suggest that perhaps some time in Lodge would do you good to relearn the lessons inculcated in you during your degrees!

October is promising to be a busy month for you to carry out this charge. Please see the Trestleboard calendar for your opportunities to grow in our Craft.

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Sincerely and Fraternally,
Christopher Peace WM

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**October 2011
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	October 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.	Regular Communication Stony Creek Lodge #5 7:30 P.M.				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Lodge of Instruction EA Degree 7:00 P.M. (Corinthian Hosting)	District 54 Meeting (Stony Creek Hosting) 7:00 P.M.	Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		F.C. Degree 7:00 P.M.				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		M.M. Degree 7:00 P.M.				
30	31	November 1	2	3	4	5