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



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Greetings Brethren,

It's time to shake off the cobwebs Brothers, September is here! As promised your Lodge was anything but "dark" for the most part of the summer. We filled the time with Quarry Nights, Masonic education and building maintenance, the Lodge Annual Picnic at Bloomer Park, and a Master Mason Degree that welcomed Brothers Guy Donovan and Tom Staley as the newest members of Stony Creek Lodge. Congratulations Brothers, it is a much deserved honor! I look forward to seeing you further contribute to your Lodge and being a helping hand to the Brethren behind you! Your journey is far from over and in many ways it's just beginning!

After two months of relaxation we will be jumping right back into the action, so it is important that we do not arrive at the Lodge in September as Rusty Nails! After months and months of opening and closing and conferring degrees I trust that we won't. Officers shouldn't be focused on their current chairs as much as they should be looking toward our future. The words in our ritual are not just words. They reflect a sacred trust and responsibility. As Worshipful Master one of my jobs is to give my Brethren proper instruction, but it is also important that I give the Officers and Brothers a chance to exercise their abilities. For this reason, for the remainder of the year, there will be occasional unannounced "Advanced Officer Nights" where each Brother will move up into the

next chair in the line. This will help assure that 2012 has a seamless transition in terms of ritualistic quality.

We do have a couple important events coming up. Our annual Michigan Child ID Program at the Art and Apples Festival in Rochester in partnership with our sister Lodge, Corinthian 241, running three days, September 9th – 11th at Rochester Park. I have sent out a volunteer schedule via e-mail, with available shifts. Please contact me with your availability. I look forward to seeing a full roster ready to serve our Community.

Its time to get focused Brethren, but not too focused as to neglect the very visting Brothers who help make Stony Creek a success with their attendance in OUR Lodge when it isn't required of them. Stony Creek Lodge is not a castle unto itself. We are part of a greater Masonic COMMUNITY and we need to "Act and walk as Such". Orion No. 46, in downtown Lake Orion, will conduct a MM Degree for two Brothers on September 13th at 7 P.M. A dinner will be served at 6 P.M. It would be most pleasing to see every Master Mason from Stony Creek at this function! We will be conferring a Fellowcraft Degree the following Tuesday. As I said Brothers, it's back to work! I look forward to seeing each of you grace our halls yet again to continue the Great Work of Freemasonry!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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**September 2011
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	September 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Labor Day	Regular Communication Stony Creek Lodge #5 7:30 P.M.			Child ID Program @ Art and Apples	Child ID Program @ Art and Apples
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Child ID Program @ Art and Apples	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.	M.M. Degree at Orion #46 7:00 P.M.	Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		F.C. Degree Night 7:00 P.M.				
25	26	27	28	29	30	October 1
		Combined EA/FC Quarry Night 7:00 P.M.				