

# JULY ROCHESTER MASONIC NEWS

Brethren,

Summer is finally here after a whole FIVE MINUTES of spring! The 2011 Masonic year is also half over and we are still as busy as we've ever been.

I would like to take a part of this communication to recognize Past Master Scott Hummon for his outstanding work at seeing an opportunity to serve our community, and capitalizing on it. WB Scott organized a Child ID Event for the Rochester Police Open House that took place on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We were able to ID almost 100 kids at that event. So with that I would like to express my gratitude to WB Scott, and to the Brothers who gave their time to help make this program a success!

Summer has traditionally been a time of rest and refreshment for the Officers and Brothers of the Lodge and this year has certainly warranted a much needed break. Masonic education and service should never take a break however! Whether it is the Officers polishing their ritual for potential new chairs in December, Entered Apprentices learning how to enter or retire from a Lodge properly, or Fellowcrafts mopping the floors, we all have no pass to drop our Working Tools completely!

No matter the time of year, an inactive Lodge inevitably emerges a rusty one. With that in mind, though we are "dark" when it comes to regular communications, the light of Masonry kept burning over 175 years ago will still burn bright at Stony Creek Lodge, giving Officers, and Brethren an opportunity to stay sharp. I want to stress that these activities will be optional, and should your cabletow confine you to a beach, vacation home, or around a bon fire with family, then it is certainly understood!

We will be having regularly scheduled Quarry Nights for our Brothers of various degrees. I want to more especially draw your attention to the one event that we should all feel obligated to attend, and that is the raising of FIVE Brothers to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will be joined by Eureka North Warren Lodge for a special combined degree day.

With all the work needs to come some fun and involvement with our families as a Lodge. August 13<sup>th</sup> will bring the annual Lodge picnic and barbeque for Brothers and their families, and August 27<sup>th</sup> we will head to the pistol range to blow off some of that work induced steam, and just to enjoy each others company...while shooting things.

So Brethren, enjoy your summer away from approving bills, reporting on Committees, and correcting or accepting "the minutes as read", but know that July and August will give you ample opportunities to learn, be involved, and just as importantly...HAVE FUN!

Stay cool and I'll see you in Lodge soon!

Faternally Yours,

Christopher Peace WM

## **CALENDAR ITEMS:**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – NO BUSINESS – DARK

July 12<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. - Entered Apprentice Quarry Night

July 19<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. - Fellowcraft Quarry Night

July 26<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. - Master Mason Degree

August 13<sup>th</sup> – 12 p.m. - Lodge Picnic (Venue to be determined)

August 27<sup>th</sup> - A Day at the Pistol Range