

Trestle Board

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



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Brothers,

It is hard to believe that winter is almost over! Another week and we will be into March and on the downhill slide to spring. What a great winter we have had! As we approach March we are anticipating some exciting things. Before I get into the calendar of events I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the following Officers of Stony Creek: Brother Brandon Scott, Brother Deyan Kozhuharov and Brother Scott Kreft. As many of you know our recently elected Junior Warden had to step out of the Officer Line for personal reasons, which left a gap - a big gap! After all who was going to supply the food!!!! So....with earnest and zeal I began to think of who might be able provide nourishment for the Brothers. After about 3 seconds of thought I landed upon our dedicated Brother Brandon Scott who was elected as our Senior Deacon for 2012. Brother Brandon was also the acting Junior Warden in 2011 after also filing a vacancy. Without hesitation, Brother Brandon stepped up and said he would be happy to be the Junior Warden. As you might have guessed this had a ripple effect down the Officer line with the Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon. Brother Deyan Kozhuharov said he would be willing to step up to the Senior Deacon chair and Brother Scott Kreft said he would be pleased to be the Junior Deacon for 2012. Brothers I can't thank you enough for your willingness to step up and take an active part in your Lodge. You have my sincere appreciation and that of your Lodge Brothers.

At the March Regular Communication our Senior Warden will address the Lodge Facebook page and its purpose. I am sure this will result in an interesting discussion with the Brothers. I know many of you are Facebook fans and routinely post your activities, your likes and dislikes, you tweet (I totally don't get this one), you blog, you link, etc. All of these have become an integral part of our social fabric. We do however, have to keep in mind as it pertains to Masonry and the Lodge the effect a comment or posting might have on the reader. Is what we are posting on our Facebook page a positive reflection

on our principles as Masons and on Masonry in general? Would someone who does not know much about Masonry, and is seeking information, have a positive experience by reading a blog, comment, post, tweet, etc? There is a place for personal beliefs, convictions, and topical discussions. I am sure that the Lodge Facebook page is not the place for it. This type of information would be more applicable on a personal webpage or Facebook page or twitter page where what is posted is a reflection on the individual owner of that site. When the site reflects on a group of individuals however, we have to be very careful what we say and how we say it. With that being said, I hope that the nature, scope, and purpose of the Lodge Facebook page will be investigated and discussed so that we are all comfortable with the final results.

Unfortunately, we are running into a little snag with the cable company. After informing us that we "qualified" for the Residential pricing, we were hit by the old "bait and switch". After being transferred to the Installation Desk, we were informed that we did not qualify for the Residential pricing, but the more expensive Business pricing. We are in the process of attempting to resolve this issue. I say all of this because I know many of you are anticipating the installation of the cable. It may take us a little longer than we had planned;undaunted however, we are pushing ahead because the cable will be a huge asset to the lodge.

I am very excited to tell you that we have scheduled our first Master Mason Degree for 2012. On Tuesday, March 20th, one of our Fellow Crafts will be raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. I ask that each of put this on your calendar so that we have a great turnout for our Brother. Lodge will open promptly at 7pm and dinner will be served between the first and second sections. As I mentioned earlier, we have 3 Brothers in new stations/chairs. We will schedule some practices at the Lodge prior to March 20th so that we are all sharp

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and ready to raise our Brother.

I would also like to congratulate our most junior Past Master Chris Peace for reciting the Master Mason proficiency and receiving his pin. Great job Chris! Brother Brandon, thank you also for all of your work with Chris. It is always great to work with someone when attempting to master something.

Brothers, it seems like our attendance at our Regular Communication, Lodges of Instruction, Degrees, etc., are dwindling. I know everyone has a very busy schedule and many times work and family life interfere with

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your plans. I would ask however, that you make every effort to attend these meetings so that we can all be involved in the business of the Lodge, we can enjoy each other's company, engage new Brothers, and meet new candidates. I also encourage you to attend other Lodges for degree work, special events, fundraising activities, etc. It is a lot of fun to visit another Lodge and either participate if needed, or just sit and watch and enjoy yourself and spend quality time with your Brothers at that Lodge.

I have also been informed that we will be having a social activity in March including our spouses or significant other. Also the Charity Committee will also have an event for the Brothers to participate in. Please look forward to more information.

In anticipation of St Patrick's Day:

May the road rise up to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

I hope that this Trestle Board finds you all in good health and anticipating the arrival of spring. How "Tweet" it is!

Fraternally and blogging from the East,
 Jeff Rolph, Worshipful Master

Best Wishes to you all from New Zealand

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Calendar of Events - March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 26	27	28	29	March 1	2	3
				Roosevelt #510 Regular 7:00 P.M. Cedar #60 Regular 8:00 P.M.	SEMMA 7:30 P.M. @ Royal Oak Lodge #464 Pontiac #21 Regular 7:30 P.M.	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.	Regular Meeting Stony Creek Lodge #5, 7:30 P.M. Orion #46 Regular 7:00 P.M.				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.			BGP meeting in Alma 9am - 3:30pm. Open to all Master Masons.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		MM Degree - Stony Creek Lodge #5 7:00 P.M.				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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