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Greetings Brethren,

My how the time flies by! I guess being busy, though tiring, has had some of its benefits and there certainly isn't any sign of that ending any time soon! Our Grand Lodge Annual Communication is right around the corner (we will be discussing the amendments and resolutions at our May Regular Communication), and a much needed break for our Officers is drawing ever closer as we prepare to go dark for the summer (though there will still be some work that needs to be done during this time).

One thing I've learned is that the sun never sets on a Worshipful Masters work, and this summer will be no exception for me personally. As many of you already know the Great Architect will be blessing my wife and I with our first child somewhere around May 18th. My mind is filled with joy, dread, excitement and apprehension all at the same time, and we haven't even HAD the baby yet! We've been to the formal birthing and safety classes and had endless advice from friends and family, which is nice but there is an overwhelming feeling of not being prepared. You can imagine my disappointment when I found out NONE of the pain medication will be for ME!

As I enter fatherhood the charge we are given to remember that our families come first is ever more meaningful. I will need to take a short period of time to tend to my supportive wife and new child, but I will remain ready and willing to help

you and my Lodge in any possible capacity I can during this brief period. Many of you have walked where I am about to and know how overwhelming it can be but it is only through YOUR help and time commitment that the greater work of our Lodge can continue while I adjust to my new responsibilities. I will be calling on each of you more than ever to assist where I cannot for the time being. Your extension of brotherly love and charity in the form cooperation and understanding will be essentially necessary and appreciated more than you can know.

It is my sincere appeal to the Officers and Brethren that we all have a renewed focus on our Lodge, being ever ready and willing to perform its work. Though we may get tired, let us not forget that Freemasonry should never be a burden to us, but it should be viewed as a sacred trust that we should happily attend to with zeal and dedication!

Nights when we don't have degree work or business shouldn't be looked at as time off, especially when that time is dedicated to our new Brothers, bonding with them, teaching them, and helping them serve the Lodge. It is also a great opportunity for US to learn and grow! Every time we do what I affectionately call a "Quarry Night" I learn something new and so can you!

I will be asking each Officer and each Brother to keep the train of

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learning and service moving forward in my absence and beyond. To lose the momentum and to let the focus on candidate education and service stall or fail altogether would be a detriment to your Lodge and the future we shall each inherit. The hard work we do now...every Tuesday...will be echoed perpetually as future generations see that work and come to expect it from themselves. I know that my fellow Officers and

Brethren are up to the challenge always remembering that a true and long lasting result is a success that arises from teamwork only. I have no doubt that each of you will serve with the fidelity entrusted in you as you always have! Keep my wife, myself and our little one in your thoughts and prayers. We're certainly going to need them!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
 Christopher Peace WM



**May 2011
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.	Regular Communication Stony Creek Lodge #5 7:30 P.M.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		E.A. Degree 7:00 P.M.	Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		F.C. Degree Quarry Night 7:00 P.M.				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Grand Lodge Annual Communication	Grand Lodge Annual Communication			
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