



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



Brothers of Stony Creek Lodge:

Well Brothers it's that time again, the flowers are beginning to bloom the birds are returning and there is snow in the air! It is after all Michigan, but there is hope on the horizon that times of warmth and laughs around a grill are soon to come.

Your officers met the other night to talk about what items we wanted to get accomplished and where our priorities are for the rest of the year. We will be putting together a Lodge Work day soon to get some maintenance items around the building taken care of. There is also talk about a community action work day with Neighborhood House, so look for those notices to get your mailbox soon.

With spring comes the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. As we prepare for our next Grand Master to take the reins we also have several amendments to the Blue Book for the Lodge to review.

The amendments this year are to change the Section 5.6.4 to add that plural members are exempt from per capita assessment except in their primary lodge, to add to Section 8.1.2 that acts of discrimination against a brother for familial status, sexual orientation, or physical disability is a Masonic offence.

There is an amendment to change some of the rules on how the Grand Lodge invests money, to change the date that is used to calculate when the investments for prepaid memberships are calculated. There is an amendment to allow Lodges to obtain one day liquor licenses for public events, and a change to allow the Grand Master to authorize an all degree day.

There is also an amendment on the ballot to require background checks of all incoming members of the Lodge. If you remember, a few years ago this

was proposed as a way to protect the fraternity from unscrupulous characters that might want to gain admittance to defraud the Lodge or Masonry in general. That proposal was turned down by the delegates, and such was reworked for the current session. What this proposal would do would require the candidate to obtain a background check for the investigation committee to review, this would be done with the candidates own funds and would not cost the Lodge any additional funds. The investigation committee would then use the background check as part of their investigation, although it would not automatically determine the worth of the candidate. It is important that we protect our beloved fraternity, but this is also an amendment that needs to be fully discussed.

Another amendment would eliminate the Life Member award for any Brother raised after December 31st 2013, this has many implications for the future of our fraternity. We will be reading the full wording of each amendment and discussing the impact of that amendment on our Lodge and all of Masonry in Michigan at the May meeting, if you have input then that is your opportunity to discuss your concerns.

Wor. Brother Ever Swanson, who was WM of Stony Creek #5 in 1983, recently passed away in Alabama. Ever brought something special to everything he did. He was a World War II vet, an accomplished trombonist, very skilled in the martial art of Aikido and in his younger days quite a baseball player. He used his gifted hands as an oral surgeon with his practice in Rochester Hills. You never knew where a conversation with Ever would take you, but you knew you would likely learn something new. Ever was a person of great wit and intellect.

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He always, in his gentle manner, brought you to a new level of thought.

In the Lodge, Ever very quickly rose through the officers line and even after his term as Wor. Master remained very active and often delivering the lecture for one of the degrees. Ever's presence in our lives and Lodge will be greatly missed.

See you all in Lodge, and have a great spring.

Daniel J. Toole, WM

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Calendar of Events - May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
				Roosevelt #510 Regular 7:00 P.M. Cedar #60 Regular 8:00 P.M.		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.	Regular- Stony Creek Lodge #5, 7:30 P.M. Orion #46 Regular 7:00 P.M.	Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	the Grand Lodge of Michigan Annual Communication Mt. Pleasant 8:00 A.M.	the Grand Lodge of Michigan Annual Communication Mt. Pleasant 8:00 a.m.				
26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1
	Memorial Day					