

# Trestle Board

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



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Greetings Brethren,

This is by far the hardest Trestleboard I've ever had to write and I still have one left which I am certain will be harder still. I try to remind myself constantly that my job is to set the Craft to work and give them proper instruction. Setting the Craft to work is easy so long as the instruction you give them is something they are familiar with. Giving them PROPER instruction however is another matter altogether. Sometimes you find yourself dancing around subjects hoping that men will connect the dots and be inspired to be something better or to think differently. I'm a terrible dancer.

Brothers, on November 1<sup>st</sup> you will participate in the time honored tradition of electing your Officers for 2012. Stony Creek Lodge has made extremely strong progress and the continuation of that progress is largely in your trusty hands. This is not a passive responsibility. One must carefully consider the merit of a man to sit in one chair or another past where he CURRENTLY sits and his time in Freemasonry. A man who has been a Master Mason for a day can be much more valuable as a Senior Warden than a man who has progressed through the Chairs and now seeks to protect the Inner Door of the Temple as his next step in the moving line. If his heart is pure, if his love of the Craft is profound and demonstrated in his attendance, decorum and ritual, and if his excellence and morals are uncompromising then he will serve the Lodge better than one

who seeks to advance and ultimately rule by inheritance. There is not a single example of nepotism serving society well, and Freemasonry is not, and will not be, any exception. You must have the courage to recognize this and nominate and vote accordingly without regard for what others may think. It is a sacred trust.

To the Brothers considering serving your Lodge: you truly must examine yourself and understand that stepping into these responsibilities cannot be done lightly. There is an old thought that a Lodge is comprised of a "society of volunteers". This method of asking for men to serve with the predetermined excuse that if they fail they can somewhat pass it off as if they were doing the Lodge a favor is a thought that encourages mediocrity. We have been blessed with an active Lodge and any man who seeks to serve it needs to do so with the understanding that they no longer have the luxury of being a volunteer. They are duty bound to serve. Strongly consider if you have the capacity to fulfill these duties with excellence and dedication before you take on the yoke of responsibility. To give anything less is a disservice to the Temple we seek to build on stronger foundations. Expect more of yourself and the true Work of Freemasonry will have its desired effect on you and the Brothers around you.

All that being said the year isn't over and there is still a lot of work

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to be done and more work on the horizon. Please look at the calendar for opportunities to learn, support, and serve. Stay sharp, stay focused, and stay active.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Christopher Peace WM

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**November 2011  
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	<b>November 1</b>	2	3	4	5
		Election of Officers Stony Creek Lodge #5 7:30 P.M.				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.	Travel to Utica-Macomb Lodge #64 for FC Degree 7:30 P.M.	Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		FC Quarry Night 7:00 P.M.				Gods Help Hand Event. Contact S.W. Jeff Rolph
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		M.M. Degree 7:00 P.M.				
27	28	29	30	December 1	2	3
		Private Lodge of Instruction (E.A. Degree) 7:00 P.M.				