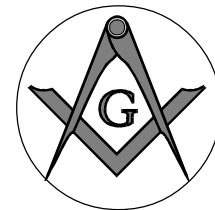


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Brothers,

As we turn the corner into November and Thanksgiving, it is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the holiday season! I don't know about you, but I usually get so wrapped up in work, lodge activities, and other obligations that I rarely take the time to think about everything that I am truly thankful for. I think the holiday season causes us to take pause and think about what it means to be thankful for what the Great Architect of the Universe has provided to us.

As we approach November 6, I am thankful that we live in a country that allows us to vote for our leaders without the fear of reprisal. Many of our Brothers have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we have this privilege. Be thankful for these Brothers and others that served our country so that our freedom to peaceably assemble and worship would be maintained.

In 1789, Brother and President George Washington stated in his Thanksgiving Proclamation the following:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of

government for their safety and happiness:"

Be thankful for your spouse and/or family that support you and your efforts to become a better man and a better Mason. This past year several of our Brothers became fathers for the first time, second time, and third time! Some became a grandfather for the first time; others found the person who they were meant to spend the rest of their life with, found a new job, were promoted, bought a new house, or were otherwise blessed with prosperity.

Be thankful for your Masonic Brothers who have each taken on an obligation to be there to support you and your family; for the opportunity to help others in your community who are less fortunate, to go to a house of worship of your choice to give thanks for all of the blessings that you have received.

Take some time this holiday season to tell a Brother that you are thankful for him. Tell your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, that you are thankful for them. When you say a prayer of Thanksgiving this year around the dinner table, have everyone say one thing that that they are thankful for; it will only take a couple of extra minutes but it will mean a lot to everyone.

I wish you and your families a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

"Give us grace, O Lord to be ever thankful for Thy providence, with hearts always ready to provide for the needs of others" – St. Francis of Assisi.

From the East,
Jeff Rolph, Worshipful Master

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Calendar of Events - November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 28	29	30	31	November 1	2	3
				Roosevelt #510 Regular 7:00 P.M. Cedar #60 Regular 8:00 P.M.	SEMMA – at Mt. Clemens #6 7:30 P.M.	Charity Poker
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Charity Poker	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M. Charity Poker	Regular Meeting Stony Creek Lodge #5, 7:30 P.M. Orion #46 Regular 7:00 P.M. Charity Poker				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.			"God's Helping Hand" Christmas Event
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Happy Thanks Giving		
25	26	27	28	29	30	December 1
		EA Degree Stony Creek Lodge #5, 7:00 P.M.				