



The Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

It is my hope that each and every member of Stony Creek is having an outstanding summer and has taken the time out of their schedule to appreciate friends and family. Apart from some of the brutal heat we have had during the first few weeks in July, it has been a relatively good summer so far for Michelle and me. As I touched on in the July Beehive, I was able to attend the International Shriner's Convention in Toronto with a reported 10,000 plus brother Masons along with our Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank T. Praria and the Illustrious Potentate of the Moslem Temple in Detroit Michael J. Dib and I had a truly fantastic time. Brotherly Love is indeed alive and well.....

We had another successful fundraiser in June. These much needed funds will go onto our coffers to assist the Lodge in having a scholarship fund set aside for next year and to put the finishing touches on the monument that we hope to install in the near future at the site of Mount Moriah. I want to personally thank those members of Stony Creek that volunteered in not only making this fundraiser successful, but in setting aside time in their busy schedule to assist our Lodge yet once again. Brothers Will Eichler, Scott Hummon, Ed McDonald, Ed Moellering, Chris Peace, Jay Rader, Jeff Rolph, and Dan Toole.

We had a wonderful day on July 18th at the cookout held at Bloomer Park in Rochester. It was really nice to see many of the Brothers along with their family and friends come together outside of the Lodge and just have a good time. We were lucky enough to have the rain stay at bay and to have plenty of shade and a nice breeze. I also want to extend a very special thanks to Wor. Bro. Bruce Carlson, PM for not only



explaining and giving a demonstration of the velodrome at the park, but allowing Michelle and I the opportunity to give it a try. I thought I was doing really great on the track until I started to get lapped by a eight year old..... For those that are not familiar with a velodrome, Bruce is one of the instructors there and is also their webmaster. I have placed a link to their website on ours in the Lodge Supporters / Services page – www.stonycreeek5.com or you can go directly to their own site www.velodromeatbloomerpark.com.

The Mark of a Mason

There was a very interesting article in the July / August 2010 issue of *The Highlander* which discussed the implications of the various masons marks found throughout the world which can point to a specific stonemason or cutter. The purposes of these "trademarks" are open to debate, but theories suggest that they were primarily used to identify who cut the stone so they could get paid for their work. It would thus be possible to attribute any defects or excellence to the appropriate mason and admonish or reward them appropriately. Mason marks have a long and complex history going back as far as 2500 B.C. where two thousand "mark men" were employed by the builders of King Solomon's Temple, whose duty it was to mark the stones to facilitate their assembly in the building site.

Even though the Craft works in Speculative Masonry only, it made me wonder what type of lasting masons mark we leave during our journey through the Blue Lodge. Are we traveling through and just doing enough so that we don't get admonished or, are we leaving the best mark that we can so we can, not necessarily get "paid," but to hope that we are leaving the Lodge stronger than when we first entered into it. I know that it is up to each individual to answer this question, but I can certainly recognize that there are Brother's in our Lodge that have left a far greater mark than they could ever possibly realize both

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Advanced notices:

August - The Lodge is Dark, but the Temple Board will continue to meet.

August 5 – The will be an optional Officers meeting and the Lodge at 7:00pm to discuss the budget for 2011. If there are any points of the budget that anyone feels should be specifically addressed, please let me know beforehand.

August 21 – There will be a wine tasting for all members and their family over the age of 21 at the Filipino Marc Winery (www.filipomarcwinery.com) in Clinton Township. The wine tasting cost is \$12.00 per person. Following

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the wine tasting, it is dinner at Buca di Beppo's (www.bucadibeppo.com) which is **not** included in the original \$12.00 charge.

September 10 – 12 – Stony Creek and Corinthian 241 will be hosting the Michigan Child Identification Program again at the Arts & Apples Festival in the Rochester Park (www.artandapples.com). If you are able to volunteer your time, please get with Bro. Chris Peace, SW of Stony Creek as he will be handling the scheduling for this event.



November 2 – Election of 2011 Officers.

"Be careful how you live... You may be the only Mason some people will ever meet."

Fraternally,
 Jeffrey A. Geske W.M.



**August 2010
 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			7:00 P.M. Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						Wine Tasting at Filipo Marc Winery & Dinner at Buca di Beppo's
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

September 7, 2010 – Tuesday – Regular Communication of Stony Creek Lodge #5 7:30 P.M.
 September 10 – 12, 2010 – Child Identification Program at Arts and Apples Festival