



*Stephenson
Lodge*

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

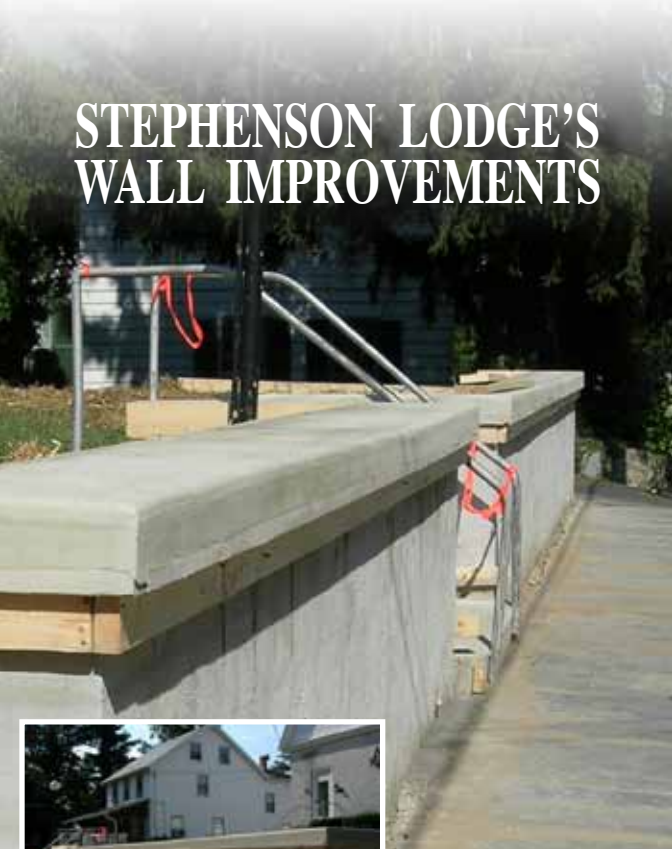
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STEPHENSON LODGE'S WALL IMPROVEMENTS



Ladies's
Night will be
November 5th at
Level Fire Hall. \$15
for tickets see
any officer.

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren,

It's time once again to resume our labors. Summer will soon be a fleeting memory, and we must turn out attention to our Masonic duties.

The summer has been a busy time at Stephenson Lodge, our Building Committee headed by Bro. Dave Kraus has made much progress as you can see by the photos. I would like to especially thank Bros. Keith Thompson and CD Miller for their hard work and support.

The Darlington Apple Festival is just around the corner on Saturday, October 2nd. Brother Gene Burchette is handling the apple dumplings and Brother Jerry has finished a design for a Stephenson Lodge tee shirt to be sold this year. We have already have new petitions and degree work and catechisms for the Fall. September 21st will be our first meeting and I look forward to seeing everyone.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Bro. Dean Alban, WM



2005 Darlington Apple Festival

at Stephenson Lodge, October 1st

Bring your friends and family for great Fall time at the Darlington Apple Festival. Visit our Open House.



A History of Bonnie Blink

Part Three

Past Master Bruce Flaughter brought this article to the attention of the Lodge at a previous meeting and wanted to share it with is brethren. This is the second part of a mutiple part article.

The tower clock and its bell were dedicated on October 26, 1935, made possible by a gift of \$4,250.00 from Thomas D. Epron of Pythagorean Lodge #123. In the fall of 1935, a portrait of the late Grand Master Warren Seipp was presented and it still hangs in the Board Room. Plans were announced for the addition of a Chapel and dental clinic. The dental clinic was equipped with funds earned by a series of suppers. By November, 1935, there were 44 residents in the Home.

The first Easter Sunrise Services were held at Bonnie Blink in 1936, with about 100 persons present. Also, this marked the year that the Trustees began holding their meeting at the Home with dinner in the dining room with the residents. Another first this year was a special dispensation granted by the Grand Master to hold a Lodge of Instruction. About 65 brethren attended, representing 22 lodges.

Corn-husking was discontinued from 1932 through 1936 and resumed in 1937. Also, there were no husking parties during the war years, 1942, 1943 and 1944.

During 1937, the Endowment Fund received more than \$100,000.00 from the Estate of Arthur D. Rivers and the Grand Chapter of Maryland, Order of the Eastern Star, undertook the project to erect a Chapel. The new Chapel was dedicated on June 4, 1938, and presented by the Maryland Grand Chapter, OES, and accepted by Grand Master Harry B. Wright.

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SEPTEMBER 2005 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	6 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	7	8 Esdraelon 176 Regular Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	20 Mt. Ararat 44 Grand Master & Line Starts at 7:00pm	21 Stephenson 135 Regular Meeting	22 Esdraelon 176 Regular Meeting	23	24
25	26	27 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	28	29	30	1 Darlington Apple Festival

Who's doing degreework? Entered Apprentice Degree
Look for these symbols.

Fellowcraft Degree

Master Mason Degree



Mt. Ararat #44
136 East Gordon St.
Bel Air, MD 21014
1st & 3rd Tuesday

James W. Davidson, WM
Richard Mainley, Jr., Sec



Susquehanna #130
215 North Washington St.
Havre de Grace, MD 21078
2nd & 4th Tuesday

James Ringsaker, WM
Phillip L. Powell, Sec

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES



Esdraelon #176
304 Main St.
Cardiff, MD 21024
2nd & 4th Thursday

David W. Johns III, WM
G. Wilson Tharpe, Sec



Aberdeen #187
20 North Howard St.
Aberdeen, MD 21001
1st & 3rd Monday

Greg Gelder., WM
Ralph L. Perry, Sec

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September's Communication for Stephenson Lodge

Only Meeting, September 21st

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

Business meeting followed by refreshments!

Grand Lodge Events

The following is a list of upcoming events for the Grand Lodge of Maryland:

Grand Masters Banquet

Friday, November 18, 2005, 7:00pm

Grand Lodge Ballroom

Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Saturday, November 19, 2005, 2:00pm

Grand Lodge

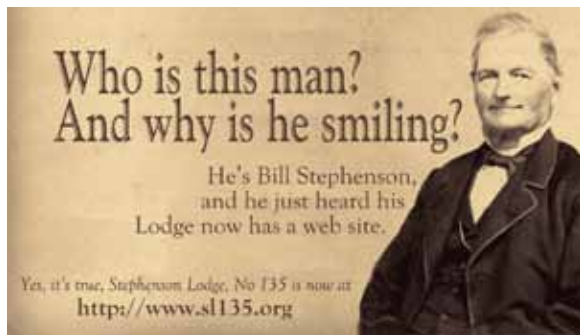
Grand Lodge Open Installation of Officers

Sunday, November 20, 2005, 2:00pm

Grand Lodge

Around the County Lodges

The Grand Master and his officers will be conferring the Master Mason Degree on *Daniel Shane Kepler* and *Mark Clifton Behlert* at **Mt. Ararat Lodge, No. 44** on **September 20th**. Note that starting time will be **7:00 pm**. Try to support this event if you can.



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By the spring of 1947, there were 111 residents at Bonnie Blink, and the Infirmary fund had reached \$225,000.00. The Annual Cornhusking Day was a wet one, raining all day. Despite this, the attendance was the second largest in its history. The Cornhusking Party of 1948 was held on the first Saturday in November and more than 4,000 Masons attended, partaking of a barbecue luncheon.

The contract for the Infirmary was authorized on September 14, 1949, to John K. Rutt, Inc. at a price of approximately \$283,155.00, exclusive of the elevator. The cornerstone was laid on November 12, 1949.

Over the years, Corn-husking has remained one of the most memorable days of the year, even though there is no longer corn to husk. The day now is one of fellowship, good times, and a rededication of memories for all those who, over the years, have done so much for the brotherhood of mankind.

(Information for this article was gleaned from "History of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, 1888-1950") by Carl N. Everstein, Fort Cumberland Lodge #211. Submitted by resident, Daisy Gue, Trinity #99, Maryland's first and only Daylight Chapter.)

Changes in the Deputy Grand Lecture Organization

Brother **Robert Hill** has been appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer and is assigned to Mt. Ararat 44, Susquehanna 130, **Stephenson 135**, and Aberdeen 187. Brother Hill will coordinate the change in assignment with Brother Jim Davidson.

It is the duty of the Deputy Grand Lecturer to hold monthly ritual schools within his region and to assist each Lodge with ritual matters. The officers, ritualist and all interested brethren are invited to attend these schools.



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2005

Worshipful Master	Dean R. Alban
Senior Warden.....	Duane A. Duncan
Junior Warden	Omar F. Duncan
Secretary	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer	Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
Senior Deacon.....	Andre A. Fournier
Junior Deacon	Keith J. Thompson, Sr.
Senior Steward.....	Carl W. Lee
Junior Steward	Anthony J. Vitak
Tyler	Frank W. Fowler
Chaplain	Jerome Fields, PM
Musician.....	Vernon K. Stearn, PM
Marshal	Charles D. Miller, PM
Ritualist.....	Charles D. Miller, PM
Grand Inspector	William Dula, PM, GI

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