



*Stephenson
Lodge*

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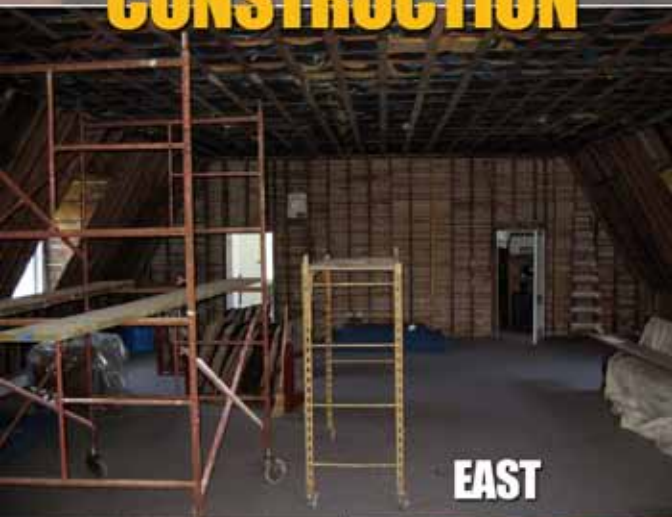
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UNDER CONSTRUCTION



SUMMER 2006

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren all,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer with family and friends. Nothing is better than being with the ones you love the most! But the days of being dark are starting to come to light for the lodge and it is time to go back to labor. We have a lot of business ahead for the last half of the year.



First, I would like to invite all the Brethren of Stephenson Lodge and all surrounding Lodges to visit us when we open our first meeting. The renovation of the lodge will be complete and I welcome you to come and see the fruits of our labor! Now when I walk into the Stephenson Lodge I almost feel like I am walking into the Grand Lodge. The craftsmanship and detail is unbelievable and you really should take the time to come out and see it!

I would like to thank all of the Brethren who came out on June 10th for the tear-out of the walls and gutting of the Lodge. A special thanks to Charlie White, WM of Aberdeen Lodge #187 for taking time out of his busy schedule to come out and help! This is a perfect example of lodges interacting and lending a helping hand. Another special thanks goes to Keith Thompson for all of the extra effort put forth on this project and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you better this past summer. Without your time and knowledge this project would not have come to fruition. A job this big was not completed by one person alone and I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this project.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Duane Duncan, WM



Progress over the Summer months.

The lodge is in need of some new drapes – I am asking for your help in seeking volunteers to make them for our new lodge. If you know of anyone who would be interested please let me know.

I need all line members to get serious with their necessary lecture work needed to be certified in order to become Worshipful Master of Stephenson Lodge. The future is in your hands, just as it was with the previous Masters.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Stephenson Holding Company Meeting Notice

The Stephenson Holding Company meetings will be held at 6:45 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month prior to our regular meeting. During this time we will:

- 1) Pay Utilities and
- 2) Create minutes for this meeting.

**ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!**

*If you are a Lodge member, then you are also a
Holding Company member.*

SEPTEMBER 2006 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	5 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	6	7	8 Harford County School of Instruction Aberdeen Lodge EA degree will be exemplified	9
10	11	12 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	13	14 Esdraelon 176 CASUAL	15	16
17	18 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	19 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	20 Stephenson 135 First Meeting after Summer	21	22	23
24	25	26 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	27	28 Esdraelon 176 CASUAL	29	30

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

Ronald A. Hill, Sr., WM
Don Knode, 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

George Welford, WM
G. Wilson Tharpe, Sec



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

Charles White, WM
Ralph L. Perry, Sec

September's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

Only Meeting, September 20th

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30.

The order of business will be opened and the Entered Apprentice degree. The catechism will conferred upon all those proficient in the EA degree.

By-Law Changes: Vote Oct 19th

ARTICLE III

Elections–Appointments

Installation of Officers

Section 1. The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be elected annually, by **majority of written ballot.**

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ARTICLE V

Salaries

Section 5. The Worshipful Master shall be exempt from the payment of dues and Grand Lodge assessments.

GREEN: Current Bylaws RED: Changes or New Section.

Stephenson Lodge

APPLE FESTIVAL

The first Saturday in October (10/7/2006) is our Apple Festival. All Brothers are urged to attend. Only teamwork can make this as successful as in previous years. It is the one time of year that we deal with the general public on such a large scale. I would hope that this would influence the younger generation to ask if they are interested in becoming a Mason.

LADIES NIGHT

Ladies night will be the first Saturday in November (11/4/06) at the Level Firehouse. This is a special evening dedicated to the ladies in our lives who stand beside and encourage our travels to other lodges throughout the State. Let's show our appreciation by coming out and supporting this event!

FIRST PRACTICE

The first practice will be 9/17/2006 at 7:00 p.m. All Line Members and Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Please contact Bro. Jim Gamble, PM if you are interested in signing up to help with the refreshments for future meetings. Bro. Gamble can be reached at 410-939-3533.

School of Masonic Instructions

Date	Lodge	Degree	Catechism
Sept 8	Aberdeen	E.A.	Esdradeon
October 13	Esdradeon	F.C.	Stephenson
Nov 10	Esdradeon	M.M	Susquehanna
Dec 1	Mt. Ararat		Installation



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2006

Worshipful Master	Duane A. Duncan
Senior Warden.....	Omar F. Duncan
Junior Warden	James Gamble, PM
Secretary	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer	Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
Senior Deacon.....	Keith J. Thompson, Sr.
Junior Deacon	Carl W. Lee
Senior Steward.....	Richard E. Hoffman
Junior Steward	Stacy Hale
Tyler	Frank W. Fowler
Chaplain	James K. Johnson
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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William Dula, PM

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Havre De Grace, MD 21078

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