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A NEW YEAR

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all,

I would like to thank everyone for electing me back into the East. I know that with the great support I've always had, our lodge will run like a well oiled machine.

If you haven't been to the lodge recently, you should. Our lodge, in my mind, is turning out as one of the best lodges I've seen. I am very proud of it, and I know all our members are too. We have a little more work to do to finish the downstairs area of the Lodge. We've been busy remodeling the old doctor's office, because we now have renters.

I am looking for volunteers for labor. We now need to remove some walls and install a new suspended ceiling to complete the back section to make our refreshment area larger. If labor isn't what you can do, perhaps a small donation from you. It's all help, one way or the other.

Does anyone know where we find some round tables, like they have in Jones Hall at Esdraleon Lodge. We will need around five, if you know of someone getting rid of some. Please let me, Past Master C. D. Miller, or Keith Thompson know if you can locate some.

We have great line for this year so please come out and support your lodge. I predict we will have a busy year, with a possible seven or eight new petitions. There is nothing like watching our membership grow and grow.



Please don't hesitate if you need something, let me or the line know so we can help. Also, don't forget we have chair lift and a new ramp to help our mobile-challenged members with access. If you have difficulties with stairs and would want to come out, we can get you up inside with no problem.

Thank you again,

Duane Duncan PM, Worshipful Master



The Worshipful Master and Senior Warden working at Friendship Lodge in Pennsylvania demonstrating that true Masonic principles know no boundaries.

UPCOMING STEPHENSON LODGE EVENTS:

Stephenson Lodge's Installation Dinner

This year's Installation Dinner will be held at the Lodge at 6:15 pm on January 2nd. It will be a covered dish dinner with the Lodge supplying the meat entree and drinks. Please create your favorite dish and bring it to Lodge and share in good fellowship and food. Our Installation Dinner is open to all of guest and visitors also. So come out early and enjoy a great dinner before the installation.

Remember that Stephenson Lodge is one of the few remaining Lodges to **perform the complete installation ceremony in the third degree** with all of the splendor and grandeur associated with it. We welcome all Master Masons from other Lodges to come and enjoy this event. Especially newly raised masons can see this installation as it was once performed throughout Maryland.

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES

These are the other local Harford County Masonic Lodges. We invite you visit any one of them on their respective Lodge night, listed to the right. Also listed is their address.



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



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



Esdraleon #176
304 Main St.
Cardiff, MD 21024
2nd & 4th Thursdays



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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR

Newest Past Master

Dear Brethren,

It gives me pleasure to thank you for electing me your Worshipful Master this past year. Sorry I was out of service for so long, 2007 it wasn't my best year. I am so thankful for the outstanding line of Officers I have been



blessed with. They were behind me all the way and did so many things to improve the lodge. I give them all the credit with Brothers like Keith Thompson, Duane Duncan, C.D. Miller and Frank Fowler, just to name a few, they did outstanding work to run and improve our lodge. In the future I urge every member to stand behind and support them any way they can, don't sit back and watch them, HELP them. This way the lodge will grow.

Thanks again,

Omar Duncan, PM

Please contact Bro. Carl Lee if you are interested in signing up to help with the refreshments for future meetings. Bro. Lee can be reached at 410-734-9483.

A REQUEST FROM THE

Worshipful Master

The Lodge has four new Entered Apprentices. We will need all the help we can get to help with the degree work and help teach the catechism. Please contact me and let me know what's your pleasure.

Thank you,

Duane Duncan WM

January Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, January 2nd

INSTALLATION DINNER

Starts at 6:15

Covered dish dinner, meat entree and drinks provided by the Lodge. All guest & visitors welcome.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008

Starts at 7:30

The installation of Line Officers for 2008 will be held on this evening. This will be a closed installation. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Second Meeting, January 16th

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

Regular order of business.

Balloting on petition for:

William Frank Custer, Jr.

264 Rockspring Road, Conowingo, MD 21918

Age 52 and owns the Stone House Restuarant in Conogwingo, MD

DON'T FORGET IT'S TIME

2008 Dues are Due

Once again it's time for paying our dues. Remember your 2008 dues are actually due before the end of 2007.

So if you haven't paid your dues for 2008, now is the time.

Total Due for 2008 is \$48.00.



SPECIAL NOTICE

Stephenson Holding Company Meeting Notice

The Stephenson Holding Company meetings will begin in the northwest corner of the lodge promptly before 7:00pm. If interested, please have a seat in that section. During this time we will:

- 1) Pay Utilities and
- 2) Create minutes for this meeting.
- 3) Any topics of discussion that may arise during the course of a month other than regular business

ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!

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



The Stephenson Lodge's Christmas Party was a big success with tons of Christmas goodies for all to eat. There were cakes, cookies, brownies, ice cream and other assorted treats available to all of the members, families, and visitors of the evening. The party followed a short business meeting in the Lodge room.



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2008

Worshipful Master	Duane A. Duncan, PM
Senior Warden.....	Keith J. Thompson, Sr
Junior Warden	Carl W. Lee
Secretary	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer	Herman M. Gonzalez
Senior Deacon.....	Stacy C. Hale
Junior Deacon	Bradley P. Lankford
Senior Steward.....	Clinton Adams
Junior Steward	James H. Ohle
Tyler	Omar F. Duncan, PM
Chaplain	Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
Musician.....	Vernon K. Stearn, PM
Marshal	Charles D. Miller, PM
Ritualist.....	Duane A. Duncan, PM
Grand Inspector	William Dula, PM, GI

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Duane A. Duncan, PM

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