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**S**pring is finally here, it's time to get out and visit Stephenson Lodge. This month we'll be bringing two new candidates into Masonry and they will need your support. So be sure to mark your calendar for our April meeting nights and get out into the Spring air.

## Our Worshipful Master

Here it is Spring and the daffodils are up and blooming and the days are getting longer where we can enjoy more of the sunlight. This is traditionally a time of renewal, both in terms of natural cycles and in terms of spiritual cycles.



Spring is a time of Masonic renewal as well. When was the last time you sat in Lodge and enjoyed an old friendship? My Brothers, if you're not attending because it's been so long that you don't remember the "passwords" or "signs", don't worry. A few minutes of "good council" before the meeting is all it takes and you will be pleasantly surprised by how much your memory will recall. Please attend Lodge and enjoy the fellowship of good men in a common cause of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

From an old Masonic poem:

*Here bird and plant and man and beast  
Are seeking their Eternal East:  
And here in springtime may be heard,  
By him who doth such teachings seek  
With praying heart, and wise, and meek,  
The thundering of the old Lost Word.  
All things that in creation are  
From smallest fly to largest star,  
In this fellowship may be  
For all that floweth out from Him,  
From dust to man and seraphim  
Belong to God's freemasonry.*

I hope this message finds each of you with the sun shining warmly upon your face and smiling unto each day.

Sincerely and fraternally, *Dean Alban, WM*

## Brother Clifford Trott Receives his 60-year Award

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Most Worshipful Grand Master Ronald Belanger presented Brother Trott his 60-year award. The program was opened to friends and families and was held after a very short business meeting. A large number of the Grand Lodge officers were also present along with our Grand Inspector, William Dula, PM.

The program started with a multimedia presentation showing national events and scenes of Harford County of 1945. Following was a program that highlighted Brother Trott's personal and Masonic careers. Brother Trott responded with a recitation of a few poems. Between various parts of the program our Musician, Brother Vernon Stearn, PM, provided musical numbers and the Tall Cedars sang. Afterward, the 60-year award and pin was presented to Brother Trott by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. After a few comments by Brother Trott and the Grand Master, the program concluded and refreshments were served.





*From left to right, Carl Stearn, MWGM Belanger, Clifford Trott, and Dean Alban, WM.*

# APRIL 2005 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 Harmony Lodge Wild Game Night (see next pg)	2
3	4 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting 2nd Degree Catechism	5 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	6 Talk by Bro. Bill Richard, PM ( <i>Mt. Ararat Prepares For Their 200th Anniversary</i> )	7	8 Harford County School of Instruction Susquehanna Lodge MM degree will be exemplified	9 Breakfast at Harmony Lodge
10	11	12 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	13	14 Esdraelon 176 Past Master Night & 50 year award	15	16
17	18 Aberdeen 187 Past Master Night	19 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	20 2 First Degrees	21	22	23
24	25	26 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	27	28 Esdraelon 176	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

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:

## April's Communications

First Meeting, April 6<sup>nd</sup>

### REGULAR BUSINESS & PROGRAM

*Mt. Ararat Prepares For Their 200th Anniversary.*

An informative talk by Bro. Bill Richard, PM

Second Meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup>

**REGULAR BUSINESS** Starts at 7:30.

Two Entered Apprentices degrees:

Mr. **Stacy Cole Hale** Age: 41

30 Heavrin Ct.

Nottingham, MD 21236

Mr. **Bradley Paul Lankford** Age: 51

708 MacPhail Court North

Bel Air, MD 21014

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PERRY POINT ESCORT

## Our 2005 dates for Perry Point

The dates assigned to Stephenson Lodge for 2005 are **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, June 19<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you can attend one of these dates to assist with Church service, please let Frank Fowler know at 410-457-5584.

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## Around the County Lodges

Wild Game Night at **Harmony Lodge** on April 1st. Dinner at 6:00 and costs \$10. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Ronald Belanger will be in attendance.

**Esdraelon Lodge, No 176** will be having a Past Masters Night on April 14th which will be a conferral of the Master Mason degree. They will also be doing a 50-year award for Brother Harvey Yale, PM.

Try to support these events if you can.

## Coming Soon!

Stephenson Lodge will be hosting the entertainment in the form of Bingo! Night for the residents of Bonnie Blink on the nights of **April 29, 2005** and **August 26, 2005**

## Grand Lodge Events

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

### **Fifth Annual Bull & Oyster Roast**

Saturday, April 23, 2005

2:00pm-6:00pm

price: \$25 adults/\$10 for kids 6-12

Grand Lodge Building

### **Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communications**

Saturday, May 14, 2005

9:00 am Corinthian room

Grand Lodge Building

### **Annual Family Day Picnic**

Saturday, June 11, 2005

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Maryland Masonic Homes

*Additional information on these events can be obtained by contacting either our Secretary or the Grand Lodge.*

## Remember

Your Lodge dues are \$42.00 and are due by the last day of December.

I still have 14 cards left, be sure to pay your dues.



## **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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