



*Stephenson  
Lodge*

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND  
No. 135

# TRESTLEBOARD

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## NEW LINE INSTALLED

The officers of Stephenson Lodge, No. 135 were duly installed on January 5th, 2005 in front of over fifty Master Masons who attended the Installation. Previous to the meeting, a covered dish dinner was held which was very well attended. Pictured above are the new officers for 2005. Front row, from left to right, are Vernon Stearn, PM; Tony Vitak; C.D. Miller, PM; Andre Fournier; Keith Thompson; and Jerry Fields, PM. Back row, from left to right, are Oscar Baldwin, PM; Omar Duncan; Dean Alban; Duane Duncan; Jerry Arnold, PM; and Carl Lee. We are fortunate not only to have a full line, but to have so many officers that are not Past Masters. We look to be in great shape for the next couple years, as far as officers go.

# Our Worshipful Master

Brethren all,

I look forward to seeing you at Lodge in February. Our first “snow event”, January 19th, caused us to reschedule our speaker Jeff Marshall to the second meeting this month. This event promises to provide lively discourse and enjoyment for the brethren of Stephenson Lodge.



Brethren, if you or someone from our lodge has not received their notices, birthday card from the Master, dues bill (due this past December), dues cards, noticed that your name or other information was not listed correctly, have a need/concern/complaint/compliment/suggestion, or just want to say hello – please call me or any other officer (phone numbers on page 6). Also, please tell us if you know a prospective candidate for the degrees or affiliation.

Your officers wish you a safe and healthy February, and look forward to seeing even more of our returning Brethren at the coming Called and Stated Communications.

## MASONIC KNOWLEDGE FROM THE EAST:

### The Lambskin Apron

During the Entered Apprentice Degree work, mention is made of four ancient orders; *The Golden Fleece, the Roman Eagle, the Star, and the Garter.*

The *Golden Fleece* was founded by Philip, Duke of Burgundy in 1429. It was established in Flanders and enjoyed high repute as an Order of Knighthood. It has always been considered one of the most



illustrious Orders of Europe.

The *Roman Eagle* was to the Romans the ensign of imperial power. It is of great antiquity, having existed for at least a hundred years before the birth of Christ.



The *Order of the Star* was created by John II of France in

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### February’s Communications

First Meeting, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### REGULAR BUSINESS

Second Meeting, February 16<sup>th</sup>

#### REGULAR BUSINESS & GUEST SPEAKER

Starts at 7:30. After our regular business, Jeffery Marshall will present “Overview of the Development of the Maryland Masonic Ritual: From Preston to the Baltimore Convention of 1843,” which covers the beginnings of a codified ritual with Preston and Webb’s modifications to it. He’ll discuss the role of the traveling ritual instructor and how that shaped the ritual and also the possible impact of the Morgan Affair on ritual. Finally, Jeffery will discuss the role and outcome of the Baltimore Convention of 1843 and its impact on Maryland Masonic ritual.



### First Meeting in March

#### PRESENTATION OF 60 YEAR AWARD!


One of our members will be celebrating 60 years of being a Mason. Can you guess who it is? Check the March issue of the Trestleboard to find out and plan to attend this momentous occasion.

# FEBRUARY 2005 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 Mt. Ararat 33 Regular Meeting (Balloting on petition)	2 Regular Meeting	3	4	5 Regional Grand Lodge Meeting at Grand Lodge
6	7 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	8 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	9	10 Esdraelon 176 <b>Fellowcraft Degree</b>  	11 Harford County School of Instruction Esdraelon Lodge # 176 Cardiff MD FC degree will be exemplified.	12 Regional Grand Lodge Meeting at Mt. Ararat 33 in Bel Air
13	14	15 Mt. Ararat 33 Regular Meeting (Balloting on petition)	16 Regular Meeting	17	18	19
20	21 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	22 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	23	24 Esdraelon 176 Regular Meeting	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

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

## Our Secretary

Stephenson Lodge has a new address. We now have a post office box at the Darlington Post Office. This way, all of the Lodge's mail will be sent to a place that is obtainable by not only myself, but also the Master or Wardens should I be unavailable for any reason.

The new address is:

**Stephenson Lodge**

**PO Box 500**

**Darlington, Maryland 21034**

I will be checking the box weekly for correspondence. Please use this address for any future Lodge business.

Fraternally,

Jerry R. Arnold, *Secretary*

### Remember

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

I still have 49 cards left, be sure to pay your dues.

## Around the County Lodges

**Mt. Ararat Lodge 44** is holding a *Trustees Sub Sale* and all orders need to be in to Russ Bonchu by February 12, 2005. Delivery of subs will be February 15, 2005. You can call Russ at 410-515-0271 to place your order. The price is only \$3 for a sub.

**Esdraelon Lodge 176** will be having their *Pancake Breakfast* on March 19th, 2005 at the Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The menu will include pancakes, eggs, gravy, sausage, bacon, etc. Time will be from 6:00 am until 10:00 am. Let's support our sister Lodges in the county.

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the middle of the Fourteenth Century.

The *Order of the Garter* was, and always has been considered the highest decoration a British sovereign could bestow upon his subject. This, the highest Order of Knighthood in Great Britain was created by Edward III of England in 1344 for himself and twenty-five Knights of the Garter.

Thus, it is that our Masonic Apron, proudly worn by members of the Masonic Order, is compared with the noblest decorations of Ancient Rome and Modern Europe.

*Photos from page 3: The Potence (Chain of Arms) of the Herald of the Order of the Golden Fleece The Roman Eagle from Spain, John II and the Order of the Star. This page: the Order of the Garter.*



## Grand Lodge

The following schedule has been established for the 2005 year Regional Meetings.

**Feb 5:** *Grand Lodge in Cockeysville*

**Feb 12:** *Mt. Ararat Lodge 44 in Bel Air*

**Mar 5:** *Wicomico Lodge 91 in Salishury*

**Mar 12:** *Hagerstown Lodge 217 in Hagerstown*

**Mar 19:** *Centennial Lodge 174 in Upper Marlboro*

**Mar 26:** *Snow Date for any cancellations*

All meetings will start promptly at 9:00 am. The host Lodge will serve coffee and doughnuts at 8:00am and sandwiches and soup at lunch.

All Worshipful Masters and Secretaries are required to attend one meeting. Other Lodge members are welcome to attend. An attendance sheet will be made available prior to the beginning of each sessions.

The Grand Lodge will bring information pertaining to the Grand Lodge's operation for the upcoming year.



## **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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