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A NEW YEAR

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren all,

First and foremost, let me take this opportunity to thank the Grand Architect, the officers, and members of Stephenson Lodge for the honor of serving as Master for the year 2005.



It is truly a privilege to be elected into the position of Worshipful Master of Stephenson Lodge No. 135, AF&AM. This is greatly enhanced because of the stature of each and every member of the Lodge. I am also thankful for the strength and integrity of the elected and appointed officers who will assist me in providing programs and activities throughout the year. We are all very enthusiastic about the year ahead and hope each of you will participate to the fullest extent possible. I accept this position with great humility and feel very awed in following the previous Past Masters who have provided such wonderful guidance. I am grateful to all who have helped me on my journey to the East.

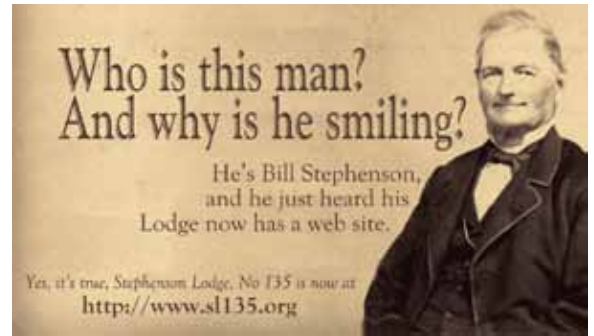
I would also like to thank all the officers who served the Lodge this past year. A simple “*Thank You*” seems insufficient for the hours of service that these gentlemen have given to our Lodge and without whose service this lodge would cease to exist. I would also like to give a special thanks to all of our brothers who have come out and supported the Lodge and our activities on every occasion. It takes more than just the officers to make a lodge, and these brothers have made all the difference and have made all of the effort by the officers worthwhile. I strongly encourage all of my brothers to make a concerted effort to come out and support the Lodge activities.

I have a few plans, a lot of energy, and the hope

that our members will help to make this a banner year for Stephenson Lodge. I encourage you to come out to Lodge, when you are able, or write and let us know how you are, if you are not. Installation of Officers will be on Wednesday, January 5th, 7:30 pm, at the Lodge. Please come out and welcome and congratulate your newly elected officers.

As we go forth into a new year, I want to wish the brethren and their families a very happy, healthy and prosperous year and look forward to seeing you at Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally, *Dean Alban, WM*



A MESSAGE FROM

Our Secretary

To the members of Stephenson Lodge, I would like to thank you for the honor of electing me to this position. I look forward to working with each of you and keeping the Lodge running as smoothly as possible. Should you have any Lodge related issues, please contact either me, our Worshipful Master, or either of our Wardens.

Fraternally,

Jerry R. Arnold, *Secretary*

Remember

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

JANUARY 2005 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Years Day
2	3 Aberdeen 187 Installation of Officers	4 Mt. Ararat 33 Installation of Officers	5 Covered dish dinner & Installation of Officers	6	7	8
9	10	11 Susquehanna 130 FC Catechism	12	13 Esdraelon 176 Installation of Officers	14	15
16	17 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	18 Susquehanna 130 Installation of Officers*/ Mt. Ararat 33 EA degree	19 Regular Meeting Guest Speaker, Jeffery Marshall (See page 7)	20	21	22
23	24	25 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	26	27 Esdraelon 176 EA Catechism	28	29
30	31	1 *Added meeting for Susquehanna No 130 to hold an open installation with the Grand Lodge			4	5



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

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Junior Past Master

Brethren,

I would like to thank you all for your help and support while I served as Master of Stephenson Lodge. It has been a privilege to serve as the Master of this Lodge.



You brethren have always come through and help me whenever it was needed. You are the reason this Lodge is the great Lodge that it is. Grand Master Belanger has always used this Lodge as an example of what masonry is all about. We will be installing new officers this month. Please help and support them the way you helped and supported me.

I will still be around, helping Dave Kraus and the Lodge with the remodeling project and other projects to keep this Lodge the strong lodge that it is and help it move forward into the future. I hope to see you at installation and other meetings throughout the upcoming year.

Once again thank you for all your help and support. May God bless you and your family in the upcoming New Year.

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Senior Warden

Thank you for the privilege. Once upon a time, not very long ago at all, I was elected to take the station of Junior Warden. I was honored then, and I am once again honored to serve as the Senior Warden of the Stephenson Lodge. I expect this will be a busy year and I look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge. I hope this Trestleboard finds you in good health and spirits.

Duane Duncan, *Senior Warden*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January's Communications

First Meeting, January 5th

COVERED DISH DINNER at 6:15 pm in the Lodge room. Everyone is invited. Bring a dish and enjoy the food and friendship. Cost is, as usual, **free** for all members and guests.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2005 at 7:30. Come and support your line officers as they become invested and installed into their new positions. This will be a traditional closed installation of officers.

Second Meeting, January 19th

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.



A MESSAGE FROM

Our Junior Warden

Thanks to all my brothers who expressed their faith in me by electing me to serve in the honorable position of Junior Warden. I am looking forward to devoting my utmost attention to serve in this chair to the best of my ability for the benefit of all my brethren and my Lodge.

Your Brother,

Omar Duncan, *Junior Warden*



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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