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Lodge*

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CHRISTMAS 2006



Our Worshipful Master

Brethren all,

I hope everyone is out enjoying the unseasonably warm weather, because before you know it the Christmas season will be here along with the SNOW! My wish for Christmas this year is to keep the WARM weather!



Ladies Night was a true success – as in years past. This night is dedicated to the widows of our fallen brethren and to the ladies who support our endeavors and travels allowing us to meet with other Brethren of the fraternity to promote unity and the fellowship of the craft. I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated brothers behind the scenes who made it all happen. A special thanks to the men and women of the Level Volunteer Fire Station for the outstanding food preparation.

For all interested members, let it be known that the 2007 Dues cards are now available for purchase. Please take note that we still have a few Dues cards on the secretary's desk. Yearly dues continue to be \$48.00. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me or the Secretary.

I wish everyone a Safe, Healthy and Very Merry Christmas!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Duane Duncan, WM

Time to get serious...

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 #135. The future is in your hands, just as it was with the previous Masters.

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.

Past Master's Night at Esdraelon Lodge

Esdraelon Lodge will be hosting Past Master's Night on December 15, 2006 at 7:30pm. No dinner will precede the meeting, but there will be refreshments afterwards. Past Masters should look for notification by mail soon.

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.

DECEMBER 2006 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

Who's doing degreework?
Look for these symbols.



Entered Apprentice Degree



Fellowcraft Degree



Master Mason Degree



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



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

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES



Esdraelon #176
304 Main St.
Cardiff, MD 21024
2nd & 4th Thursday



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

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

James Ringsaker, WM
Phillip L. Powell, Sec

George Welford, WM
G. Wilson Tharpe, Sec

Charles White, WM
Ralph L. Perry, Sec

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, December 4th

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

The order of business will be opened in the Master Mason Degree. We will be voting on the New Line Officers for the upcoming 2007 term. Since the by-law changes were defeated at our last meeting, we are required to vote by secret written ballot. I need 100% participation from all members who are interested in securing the future of Stephenson Lodge.

Second Meeting, December 20th

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

The order of business will be opened. There is the possibility that we will open in the Fellowcraft Degree in order to confer the proficiency in the Catechism in the Second Degree for all those prepared for examination

RITUAL KNOWLEDGE:

School of Masonic Instructions

Date	Lodge	Degree Catechism
Dec 1	Mt. Ararat	Installation

2007 Dues Cards are Here

Please remember to pay your dues for 2006 if you haven't yet.. The dues for this year is **\$48**. Please see the secretary or mail the dues to the Lodge to get your new 2007 dues card.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pusher Service

Perry Point VA Hospital is in need of volunteers to escort the disabled veterans to church. These veterans have fought to protect our country and it is now time to give a little back to them! If you are interested please contact Brother Stacy Hale at 410-499-7828 so he can coordinate this humanitarian effort with the VA hospital. I encourage all who are able, PLEASE GET INVOLVED!



Our last date for 2006: December 17th

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2007 Installation

There will be an covered dish dinner prior to our installation on January 3rd, 2007. Plan on attending and support the new 2007 line of officers. Bring a covered dish, and enjoy good fellowship with your brothers. Our installation will be a traditional installation ceremony. If you have never seen traditional installation, you will be impressed with it's ceremony.



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 C. 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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