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Lodge

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

No. 135

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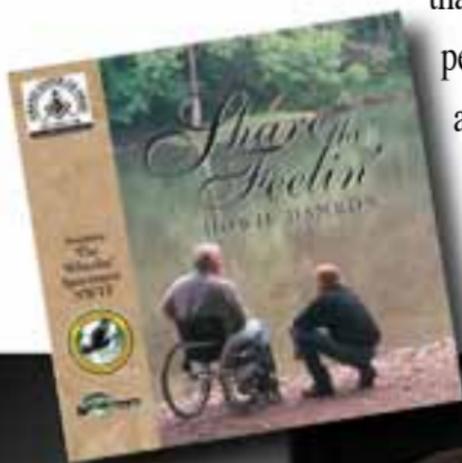
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*To all Brother Masons:*

**I**t's not hard to recognize that humanity needs moral and ethical leaders who are not afraid to stand and voice their opinions on what's right and what's wrong in today's society. I believe that all Masons everywhere should accept this challenge with pride, remembering our oath and obligations, for we have been duly and truly prepared to do so. In 2 decades as an entertainer I have had the opportunity to meet other traveling Brothers and I visit Lodges all over the country. It has been an honor to have written and performed the song "The Masonic Ring" for so great a fraternity of Brotherhood. There's no greater feeling after performing this song

than to have large numbers of people say, "How can I become a Mason?" or to have a Brother say, "I'm a Mason, try me."



## Our Worshipful Master

**B**rethren all,

This has been a very busy start to the New Year. We have had two new candidates entered into the lodge. We have some new Catechism coming up which will entail raising a Brother to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.



At our first meeting in February, we had the distinct privilege to meet Brother Howie Damron who wrote and performed the song *The Masonic Ring*. I cannot describe how I felt when listening to this song; it made me feel the Unity of the Brotherhood. It could be the Masonic Anthem. The song truly describes the meaning of Masonry. I would like to thank Brother Dean Alban for coordinating this surprise event!

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Duane Duncan, WM



## George Washington's Gavel

Duane and Omar Duncan, along with Dean Alban, PM, traveled to **Mt. Moriah #116** in Towson in February, 2006, pictured below with George Washington's Gavel. The gavel dates back to 1793.

It was an honor to be in the presence of such an historic archive. Just knowing that the First President of the United States used this gavel to lay the first cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol Building was amazing. You could feel the history when you were in its presence.

I look forward to seeing as many Brothers as possible coming out to the Fraternity and visiting other Brothers of the Fellowship at their lodges.



*Above, Duane Duncan, Worshipful Master, Dean Alban, Past Master, & Omar Duncan, Senior Warden.*

*Opposite, left to right: Keith Thompson, Oscar Baldwin, PM, Clinton Adams, Dave Kraus, PM, CD Miller, PM, Richard Hoffman, Duane Duncan, WM, Jerry Arnold, PM, Jim Johnson, Howie Damron, Vernon Stearn, PM, Frank Fowler, Omar Duncan, Bob Edwards, PM.*

# MARCH 2006 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	1 Regular Meeting 3rd degree 	2	3	4 Breakfast at Harmony Lodge
5	6 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	7 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	8	9 Esdraeleon 176 Regular Meeting FC Degree(s)	10 School of Instruction MM Degree Esdraeleon Lodge	11
12	13	14 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	15 Regular Meeting	16	17	18
19	20 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	21	22	23 Esdraeleon 176 Regular Meeting	24	25
26	27	28 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	29	30	31	1

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

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



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

George Welford, WM  
G. Wilson Tharpe, Sec



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

Charles White, WM  
Ralph L. Perry, Sec

UPCOMING EVENTS:

## March's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

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### First Meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup>

#### REGULAR BUSINESS

#### Third Degree for Brother Bradley Lankford

Starts at 7:30

### Second Meeting, February 15<sup>th</sup>

#### REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

## Grand Lodge

### Annual Brotherhood Night at Nur Temple Mosque

Sponsored by the Grand lodge of Delaware

Friday, March 17, 2006

Nur Shrine Temple, Rt 13 & 40, New Castle, DE

Social Hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:20pm

Price is \$25 per person

Contact Linda Hagan at the Grand Secretary's Office

### Grand Lodge Annual Easter Sunrise Service

Bonnie Blink

April 16, 2006 at 7:30am

*Informal dark clothes, no jewels or aprons.*

### Semi-Annual Communications

Grand Lodge building, Corinthian Room

Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 10:00am

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### Semi-Annual Communications

#### Religious Services

Bonnie Blink

Sunday May 14, 2006 at 3:00pm

*Informal dark clothes, no jewels or aprons.*

*Our representatives for the Semi-Annual Communication will be Duane A. Duncan, WM, Omar Duncan, SW, and Jerry R. Arnold, Secretary*

### Annual Family Day Picnic

Maryland Masonic Homes

Saturday, June 3, 2006

11:00am to 4:00pm

*This event is designed so that it is not necessary to bring food. You may bring family, children, friends, and neighbors. A donation of \$5.00 per adult is requested. Please bring lawn chairs.*

### Harvest Home Day

Maryland Masonic Homes

Saturday, October 21, 2006

7:00am to 10:00am

*Open to all Masons, sons, gransons, nephews, all male friends and neighbors. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Parking will be at the Executive Plaza of the McCormick Industrial Park and shuttle busses will operate between parking lot and activities.*

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## 2006 Dues are Due

Please remember to pay your dues for 2006. The dues for this year is **\$48.**

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## **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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