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Ladies Night November 4th



Our Worshipful Master

Brethren all,

To all that are reading this I hope you are doing well and enjoying the change of season.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the 2006 Apple Festival. The inclement weather hampered the start and things were looking bleak, but the weather cleared and we were able to make a profit. Our profit was not as large as in previous years, but as everyone knows you can't predict what Mother Nature will do!

This is a long day and this year was no exception. In my experience over the years I have found that the day is too long for any one person and I would like to seek volunteers to work in shifts. To do this, I would like to implement a volunteer form for next year's festivities. This will alleviate the wear and tear on our elderly Brothers who enjoy participating in this event. It is my vision to have volunteers working from 6:00 a.m. 'til 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 'til 4:00 p.m. I will be developing this form and submitting it for input before my tenure is up. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I would also like to thank **Mr. James Ohle** our newest petitioner to the Lodge and **Brother Jonathan Wright** our newest EA for participating in the Apple Festival. This was the perfect opportunity for them to see our Brothers working well as a fraternity.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Duane Duncan, WM



Ladies Night at Stephenson

Ladies night will be the first Saturday in November (11/4/06) at the Level Firehouse. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. with some great entertainment to follow at approximately 7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$15 per person. This price covers food, entertainment and a corsage for the ladies. We do not make a profit on this event. So it would be great if everyone could attend.

This is a special evening dedicated to the ladies in our lives who stand beside and encourage our travels to other lodges throughout the State. Let's show our appreciation by coming out and supporting this event!

Ladies Night at Mt. Ararat

Mt. Ararat will be hosting their Ladies Night on Nov. 10, 2006. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. with entertainment following at 8:00 p.m. The address is 136 E. Gordon St., Bel Air, MD 21014. If interested call Brother Ron Hill, WM at 410-893-5287.

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.

NOVEMBER 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 Esdraelon 176 Regular Meeting FC Degree(s)	10 School of Instruction MM Degree Stephenson 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 Esdraelon 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



Esdraelon #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:

November's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, November 1st

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

First Degree for Harry James Ohle

The first meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on 11/1/2006. The order of business will be opened and the Entered Apprentice degree. The 1st Degree will be conferred on Mr. Harry James Ohle. The Degree work will be performed by Brother Omar Duncan our Worshipful Master elect. I would everyone to come out and support Brother Omar while he is conferring this Degree. It is pretty amazing that someone who is almost 80 years old is going to be installed as a Worshipful Master. I am very proud of my Father and the work that he has done to reach this level as WM for 2007.

Second Meeting, November 15th

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

The order of business will be opened and the Lodge will be opened in the Master Mason Degree. We will be taking the Grand Masonic Word and we will be voting on the possible by-law changes. This was cancelled in our October meeting due to overwhelming business.

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

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.

RITUAL KNOWLEDGE:

School of Masonic Instructions

Date	Lodge	Degree Catechism
Nov 10	Esdraleon	M.M. Susquehanna
Dec 1	Mt. Ararat	Installation

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STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2006

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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
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