



*Stephenson  
Lodge*

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

No. 135

# TRESTLEBOARD

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## Our Worshipful Master Elect

**B**rethren one & all,

I am truly grateful to you for the show of faith you have bestowed upon me in choosing me to serve you as Worshipful Master for 2007. I shall do everything in my power to make you proud.



Let us remember that we are all like parts of a puzzle. To be complete we must all be there and I am sure you will be. When there is one piece missing the puzzle can never be completed!

Brethren, as everyone knows a new year is upon us and with it comes new problems.

We must NOW begin to solve them “which we CAN and WILL” if all of us set out to do it.

In the past year we have made great strides in taking on an improvement which has turned our lodge into a showcase. With the determination of our Past Master and the help of our Brethren, especially Keith Thompson, who is the most faithful and dedicated mason I have ever met. “We did it.” Let us forget our differences and work on our future. With this in mind it will work.

I owe a lot to my lodge for all the help I received from each and every one of you. This is my chance to do what I can to repay you. Feel free to call on me anytime. Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I look forward to a very productive year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bro. Omar Duncan, WM Elect

## Covered Dish Installation Dinner

Stephenson Lodge will be holding a covered dish installation dinner at 6:00 pm on January 3th, 2007. The dinner is open to all and is free for all members and guests. Please try to bring a covered dish of your choice. The lodge will be furnishing the main meat for the dinner. The dinner will be held upstairs in the Lodge room of Stephenson Lodge. Installation of Officers will be immediately after the dinner at 7:30 pm. Our Lodge is the only remaining Harford County Masonic Lodge to perform the original form of the Closed Installation with all of the grandeur and ritual splendor once seen throughout the state of Maryland. Until recent years this ritual was performed by all Maryland Lodges.

Although the benefits of the common Open Installation of Officers allows for family and friends to attend, the officers of Stephenson Lodge, A.F.&A.M feel that it's important to preserve the traditional form of installation for our newly raised County brothers who have never witnessed its full form and ceremonies.

All of the signs and due guards will be used within the ceremony along with the Procession of Past Masters with the impressive installation of the Worshipful Master and the proclamation of the Marshal.

*The typical section of tasty treats available at one of Stephenson Lodge's Installation Dinners. This is a photograph of one year's selection.*



# JANUARY 2007 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	3 Installation	4	5	6
7	8	9 Susquehanna 130 Installation	10	11 Esdraelon 176 Installation	12 Mt. Ararat 44 Installation	13
14	15 Aberdeen 187 Installation	16 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	17 Regular Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	24	25 Esdraelon 176 Regular Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

## January's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

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### First Meeting, January 3<sup>th</sup>

#### INSTALLATION DINNER

Starts at 6:00pm See Page 3

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007

Starts at 7:30

Closed Installation Ceremony.

See back for total list for installation.

### Second Meeting, January 17<sup>th</sup>

#### REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

After our regular business, we will be performing

A MESSAGE FROM

## Our Junior Past Master

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**B**rethren all,

My year as Worshipful Master of the Stephenson Lodge #135 has been a true blessing and a memory that I will hold for a lifetime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this year as productive and successful as it was.

When I came into this position, I had a vision for what I would like to accomplish for 2006. I immediately realized that no goals could or would be reached if it was not for the Brethren behind the scenes which include the Line Officers and members of the Lodge. I would to take this opportunity to share with you the goals that we met this past year.

- The remodeling of the entire lodge room. This included new electric and new drywall. The final result was outstanding.

- We completely remodeled the Secretary's Office and I would like to personally thank Brethren Keith Thompson for the outstanding woodworking and craftsmanship that he put into making the wall unit.

- A chair-lift was donated and installed to enable our elderly Brethren to be able to attend lodge functions.

- We completely revamped the website which includes update-to-date Lodge functions and current and past Trestleboards. There is also a map function included so that our Brethren who travel from other lodges can locate us easily.

- I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jerry Arnold for his tireless dedication for the work he does on our Trestleboard. His work is unsurpassed if ever equaled to. Jerry's expertise and craftsmanship has been praised by other lodges across the State.

Everything that has been accomplished was a team effort from everyone involved – No man can work alone to complete such a mile stone!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. I won't be hard to find – just look to the West in 2007 (hint!)

Finally, I would like to thank the Lodge for voting me in as the Worshipful Master for 2006. Again, it has been a memorable, as well as, enjoyable year!

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Duane Duncan, WM

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## 2007 Dues are Due

Please remember to pay your dues for 2007. The dues for this year is **\$48**. If you haven't paid yet, now is the time to do it. I will start to send out reminders to Brothers that are behind.



## STEPHENSON LODGE'S

### *Line Officers for 2007*

Worshipful Master .....	Omar F. Duncan
Senior Warden.....	Duane A. Duncan, PM
Junior Warden .....	Keith J. Thompson, Sr.
Secretary .....	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer .....	Herman M. Gonzalez
Senior Deacon.....	Carl W. Lee
Junior Deacon .....	Stacy C. Hale
Senior Steward.....	<i>to be appointed</i>
Junior Steward .....	<i>to be appointed</i>
Tyler .....	Frank W. Fowler
Chaplain .....	James K. Johnson
Musician.....	Vernon K. Stearn, PM
Marshal .....	Charles D. Miller, PM
Ritualist.....	Duane A. Duncan, PM
Grand Inspector .....	William Dula, PM, GI

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