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# TRESTLEBOARD

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**A MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
TOP TWO MEN  
OF THE SEASON:**

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## Our Worshipful Master

**B**rethren one & all, I hope everyone is doing well this year. Like all the rest, time seems to fly by as we get older. Please be sure to take time to smell the roses, as they are a special treat from our GOD above.



I would like welcome our newly raised Master Masons, Brother Richard Turkin II, Bill Bridges, Sr. & Jr. Our brother Turkin was raised on November 5, and both brothers Bridges on Past Master Night, November 19. Bruce Flaughter, PM conferred the first two sections and Past Master Omar Duncan performed the Master Mason lecture for brother Turkin. I'm sorry for any brethren that couldn't make it out that evening, because you sure missed some fine degree work done by Brothers Omar and Bruce. I would like to personally thank them for a wonderful job, it takes a lot of hard work to learn so much material.

On November 8, 2008 Stephenson Lodge held its first pit beef fund raiser coordinated by our Senior Warden. Keith Thompson. Brother Thompson had the wonderful idea and took off running with it. It sure was a great time for the brothers who came out and worked. The weather was rainy but we kept steadfast and had a great turnout. A lot of our new customers came back the same day and purchased more sandwiches. The sandwiches were out-of-sight and were cooked by no other than Brother Dickey Meyers of Oxford lodge in Pennsylvania. Brother Meyers is truly a wonderful person to know and Stephenson Lodge would like to thank him for

helping us make an outstanding pit beef sale. We are planning another event in March or April. Look for information in our future Trestleboard. I would also like to thank Past Master Jerry Arnold for the huge sign. Because that is what was making everyone so hungry by just looking at it, they had to stop. See our previous trestleboard to see the billboard. Thanks to everyone involved.



*Master chief brother Meyers discusses the finer culinary aspects of pit beef with brother Clint Adams at our 1st Annual Pit Beef Sale.*



*These are return customers that came back for more pit beef sandwiches after discovering just how good they were. They look forward to our next sale.*

I am sorry to inform you that Bro. Jesse G. Fox has went from labor to rest. He was born May 25, 1929 and passed on November 8, 2008 Please his family in our prayers Remember, if you know a brother or friend who is sick, let us know. Please remember to give them a call. It means a lot, especially in this season.

Fraternally, Duane Duncan, PM, WM

# Ladies' Night is a **BIG EVENT**

Once again, Stephenson Lodge is proud to announce that well over one hundred hungry diners attended the Stephenson Lodge annual Ladies' Night this November 1st. We are one of the few remaining local Lodges to hold a banquet-style dinner to honor its ladies and women with such a large attendance.

For the cost of \$16.00, attendees got a complete delicious meal with entertainment following.



*Worshipful Master, Duane Duncan, PM discusses ticket sales with Past Master C.D. Miller, while our Senior Warden, Keith Thompson ensures at each Masonic guest receives a gift of a George Washington Masonic National Monument Memorial coin embedded in Lucite®.*



*Well over 100 guest attended the dinner held at the Level Firehouse.*



*Past Master Carl A. Stearn demonstrates how to get an audience laughing as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. As always, brother Carl knows how to keep the evening entertaining and fun.*

*Past Master Vernon Stearn singing with his grand daughter provided the entertainment for the evening. They performed duets and solos from many well known songs. As always, they were well received. In the background manning the electronics is Vernon's grandson. Both kids are well remembered as young children performing with brother Vernon at previous Ladies Nights.*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

### Pusher Service

Perry Point VA Hospital is in need of volunteers to escort the disabled veterans to church. If you are interested please contact Brother Stacy Hale at 410-499-7828 so he can coordinate this humanitarian effort with the VA hospital.

**Our last dates for 2008 is:** December 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS:

## December's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

### First Meeting, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ELECTION**—this is a special night where the new line officers are elected to serve in the 2009 line. ALL master masons of Stephenson Lodge are urged to attend and vote, it your right as a member. Any Questions or concerns please contact the WM.

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

#### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Catechism on all those found proficient in the Master Mason degree. **Past Master Carl Stearn will be talking on the "Christmas Story"**. Carl always gives a good talk. Everyone please come out support, bring a brother with you. Please bring some Christmas cookies or brownies to give our last meeting of 2008 a special ending at refreshment. **THANK YOU**



## C.D. Miller, PM becomes first MASON OF THE YEAR

In a ceremony held on November 23, C.D. Miller was named *Master of the Year*. A large number of members and wives were present to see Dayton get the surprise award.



## Richard Turkin II becomes a Master Mason

On November 5th brother Turkin received his Master Mason degree. Above shows brother Turkin, front row, second from left) along with the bothers who raised him.

## Father and son raised on Past Master's Night

William Bridges, Sr. and Jr. were raised on November 19 at a Past Master's night by the Past Masters shown below,





## STEPHENSON LODGE'S

### *Line Officers for 2008*

Worshipful Master .....	Duane A. Duncan, PM
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Junior Warden .....	Carl W. Lee
Secretary .....	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
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Junior Deacon .....	Bradley P. Lankford
Senior Steward.....	Clinton Adams
Junior Steward .....	Harry St. James Ohle
Tyler .....	Omar F. Duncan, PM
Chaplain .....	Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
Musician.....	Vernon K. Stearn, PM
Marshal .....	Charles D. Miller, PM
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