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Lodge

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## WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Stephenson Lodge's  
First Annual  
Pit Beef Sale

*November 8th • Rt. 1 in Glen Echo*



## Our Worshipful Master

**B**rethren one & all, I hope all are doing well and no one is under the weather. Be sure to take your vitamins and get your flu shot this fall. This last half of my term has been very busy for us, which to me, is a great way to start back to labor.



Our apple festival was a true treat to be involved with. Our brothers came out in full force and the general public gave us lots of compliments which were greatly received by all. The teamwork was flawless, everyone just ebbed and flowed. Our Lodge has been blessed to have such a wonderful group of brethren, which I am proud to call my brothers. Thank you again.



I would like to thank Brother Dave Scarborough for setting up the tents. Also thanks to Pam from Conowingo Gas Co for delivery of the grill and

providing the propane. The father and son team, Bro. Jonathan Wright and Bro. Rabbit Moody, for the use of their tents for refreshments. Jerry Arnold PM for the wonderful signs, as usual.

The lodge is looking for some good men to come forward and donate blood. Every time blood is given, you save up to three people from one pint. So lets get out there and help our community. Plus, Stephenson Lodge will get credit for finding people for such good cause. Please contact our blood chairman, Brother Carl Lee for donations or for any questions or concerns.



Fraternally,

Duane Duncan, PM, WM

## Wondering if Lodge is Cancelled?

Last year Stephenson Lodge was canceled twice due to inclement weather, once in the Spring and once in the Winter. From now on, when the weather looks bad, tune your radio to station **WXCY, 103.7 in Havre de Grace** to listen for closing announcements.

**103.7 on  
your dial**



## Now & Then Talk Sparks Interest

We would like to thank Brother Carl Stearn PM for his outstanding talk entitled *Now And Then* at Stephenson Lodge on October 15th. Past Master Carl really knows what he is talking about when it comes to our Lodge's history. We are sorry for anyone who might have missed it.



He discussed the founding fathers of Stephenson Lodge, Brothers Virdin and Stephenson, and related the early years of the Lodge and its birth in Lapidium.

After listening to Brother Stearn's talk, our secretary traveled to Rock Run Church to discover that Brother Stephenson's grave site is in total disrepair and overgrown with vines. He had to remove the growth just to read the stone. It seems that the whole Stephenson family plots are in need of pruning and some repair. Below shows the state of the family plots, the top image is Brother Stephenson's grave after pulling off the vines which still grows over the other stones.

Our Worshipful Master plans to look into the situation and see what can be done to correct the problem.



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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

## Ladies' Night is November 1st

Once again, Stephenson Lodge is proud to hold its annual Ladies' Night this November 1st at 6:15pm. We are one of the few remaining local Lodges to hold a banquet-style dinner to honor its ladies and women with a large attendance.

For the cost of \$16.00, you get a complete delicious meal with entertainment following. This event will be held at the Level Fire Station. Don't miss this special event. Plan to spend time with the ones you love.

If anyone needs tickets, please contact Dayton Miller, PM at 410-838-3086.

## Mark Your Calendar

Past Master's Night will be this November 19 starting at 7:00. Our Past Masters will confer the master mason degree on all those found worthy.

On November 8th, we plan on having a pit beef sale to the public. The sale will be from 11 to 3 at Glen Echo on Rt.1, a few miles south of the Lodge. You'll see the sign from the front cover there. This will be another



way to raise funds to help our lodge grow and prosper. Anyone who would like, please come forth and help. We sure can use all the support we can get to help our Lodge and Brethren.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

## November's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

### First Meeting, November 5<sup>th</sup>

MASTER MASON DEGREE on all those found worthy. Bruce Flaugher, PM will be doing the first two sections of this degree. Omar Duncan, PM will be doing the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of this degree. I would to thank these brothers helping with this. Please come out and bring a brother Master Mason with you and pack the Lodge and show your support.

### Second Meeting, November 19<sup>th</sup>

#### PAST MASTERS NIGHT

MASTER MASON degree on all those found worthy. **Our meeting will start promptly at 7:00pm** We have special dispensation from the Grand Lodge and will omit the reading of the minutes. If you haven't seen a Past Masters Night, come out and see a special treat. Bring a brother Master Mason.

## Our Apple Dumplings are another Success



top: Carl Lee, Dean Alban, PM & Carl Stearn, PM; right: Dean Alban, PM, Bruce Flaugher, PM, Dave Kraus, PM

## What Happened with CHIPs?

If you attended this years Darlington Apple Festival, you might have noticed that our CHIPs Program was not in operation. After discussing the planned event with the Grand Lodge's CHIPs coordinator, WM Duncan discovered an estimated staff of twenty would be needed, along with various professionals. Due to our intense involvement with the apple dumplings, and the activity around the Lodge that day, WM Duncan decided it would be in the best interest of all to cancel this part of the event so we could concentrate on our sales and not stretch our manpower too thin.



## A letter from our Treasurer

We are saddened to accept our treasurer's letter of resignation this fall due to bad health and stress. Brother Herman Gonzalez informed the officers at our last meeting in October that he was medically advised to curtail his activities and thus tendered his resignation as Treasurer of Stephenson Lodge. We wish for Brother Gonzalez a speedy recovery and hope to see him back in Lodge soon. So brethren, if you would like to try your hand at this elected office, please let our Worshipful Master know. Remember, elections are only a month away for your 2009 line officers. We will ballot by secret ballot according to our By Laws.



## STEPHENSON LODGE'S

### *Line Officers for 2008*

Worshipful Master .....	Duane A. Duncan, PM
Senior Warden.....	Keith J. Thompson, Sr
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 .....	James H. 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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