

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December's Communication for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, December 2nd
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7:30 pm

Opening in Master Mason Degree

Second Meeting, December 16th
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:30 pm

Opening in Master Mason Degree

WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU

Pay Your Dues

Often, we as Masons take our privileges for granted and we fail to appreciate what we have. For the small investment of our annual dues and per capita assessments we have:

- Membership in the largest and most dedicated fraternity in the world
- The greatest security for ourselves and our wives that concerned brotherly love can provide:
 - a Maryland Masonic Home which provides us, our spouses and our widows with one of the best continuing-care retirement communities in the state of Maryland with an abundance of activities, services, and fellowship
 - the same Home which also provides a nursing care facility second to none with a devoted staff and loving care,
 - all of this even if we are destitute
- A welcome in Lodges the world over where brotherly love and affection is ours for the taking
- Wherever we travel, we have an enormous number of Brothers looking out for us
- On the highway (assuming our car has a visible square and compasses) assistance from a man we can trust
- Our word accepted for the truth wherever we find ourselves,
- Help from a Brother going the extra mile, even if he was a total stranger a minute earlier
- The knowledge that we have much in common with those who led this country to greatness



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

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 Senior Warden..... Carl W. Lee
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CHRISTMAS 2009



All of the officers wish for a very Merry Christmas to all of our members, families and friends this season.

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all,

Whoa, it is hard to realize this year has come and gone.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me with Frank Fowler and Clint Adams' Past Master Night, Brother Dodson Brown's 60 year party, the Darlington Apple Festival, and our annual Ladies Night.

I would also like to ask everyone to support Carl Lee in the coming year. Being Worshipful Master is a lot different now then it was seven, eight or ten years ago, but it was nothing I wasn't expecting, after all I have been in business over 26 years. Everyone needs to look to the future, not the past and dig in and help this great Lodge go forward.

The ideal of Masonry is great, so please remember to look into the mirror and ask how do I want the person I see there to be treated, and treat other Brothers the same. We must remember that we all have different personalities and we must treat each other with respect. In other words make every effort to "be nice".

In closing, once again thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Worshipful Master.

Fraternally, Keith Thompson Sr., WM



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM

Aberdeen Lodge No. 187

Attention all Masons,
On December 1st, Aberdeen Lodge will exemplify a **Knife and Fork degree** at 6:30 PM.

Bring your appetites, a full meal is served. Soup, salad, meat, potatoes, vegetables, will be served. They will continue this tradition on the first Monday of each month, one hour before their stated meeting. Eat at 6:30 and meet at 7:30. This will be the last **Knife and Fork degree** for 2009.

The best part is that it's free, of course there will be a Steward's box to except donations.



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 our Worshipful Master so he can coordinate this humanitarian effort with the VA hospital. **We need another Brother to step forward and help with this effort.** If you are interested in making a difference, contact our Worshipful Master.

Our Last Date for 2009 is:

December 20th

Our dates for 2010 are:

February 21st April 18th June 20th
August 22nd October 24th December 19th

A MESSAGE FROM

Duane Duncan, PM

I would like to thank every brother, who called and asked about how well his wife was doing after her surgery on November 5th, 2009 It really means a lot to be remembered. Thank you all.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Harford County School of Instruction

The Harford County School of Instruction will be held at Stephenson Lodge on Friday, November 6th at 7:30 PM. All Lodge officers are requested to attend and all Master Masons are invited. The Master Mason degree will be exemplified that night. Come show your support for the officers.

Date	Lodge	Degree	Catechism
Dec 4	Mt. Ararat	Installation	Ceremony

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Secretary

Once again, we are approaching that special time and the Lodge will be busy with elections, Christmas parties, decorating, and installations. I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas.



I will endeavour to set up the Christmas tree in the Lodge again this year. We seem to have gotten a lot of good comments from the neighborhood last year. I will also take it down in January, after the season is over, to prevent any damage to the decorations.

Current annual dues for Stephenson Lodge members is \$48. Check to see if you have your 2009 dues card. 2010 cards are now available.

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 2009 DUES NOW TO AVOID BEING SUSPENDED FOR NPD IN JANUARY 2010