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THE OFFICERS OF **STEPHENSON LODGE** FOR 2009



Back row: Robert Hill, PM; Bradley P. Lankford; C. D. Miller, PM; Vernon K. Stearn, PM; Oscar R. Baldwin, PM; Jerry R. Arnold, PM ; Frank W. Fowler; William A. Bridges, Jr.
Front Row: Jim Ohle; Thomas J. Boyle, PM; Carl W. Lee; Keith J. Thompson, Sr.; Stacy C. Hale; William A. Bridges, Sr.; William Dula, PM, GI.

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all, I hope all members and family are going well this new year, and that their new year is off to a wonderful start. As for me, being installed as Worshipful Master of Stephenson Lodge was a great honor to have bestowed on me.



To have reached the highest position as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge is extremely exciting. Stephenson Lodge has a special place in my heart, and I will do the best of my ability to keep our Lodge going in a forward direction.

What a great group of men and brothers, which have so many talents to offer, we are definitely blessed!!! Our 2009 line of officers this year really looks good this year, and once again we have a father and son being invested at the same time. This will be a special moment in their hearts, which I know they will never forget. I have a great line this year and so much support. I thank you very much for this.

I would like to thank everyone who made my installation evening a truly special event for me, from those helping with the food to those preparing the new kitchen for the wonderful dinner. It was a great night. We had lots of food, lots of fellowship, and a great crowd, the lodge was three-quarters full that evening. This is the greatest group I have ever been a member of and it is a great honor for me to be the Master of this Lodge.

Our second meeting in February, the 18th, Past Master Dean Alban will do a short talk about one of

his many subjects in which he is so knowledgeable.

Also, at our second meeting in March, the 18th, we will have an **open house** for our families so they can see the finishing touches to the new kitchen. We will have a short meeting followed with coffee and refreshments. Please put this on your schedules.

If anyone needs anything, has a concern, or comment, please don't hesitate to contact me. My door is always open. My contact information is on the back of every trestleboard.

Fraternally,

Keith Thompson Sr., WM

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM

Aberdeen Lodge No. 187

Attention all Masons,

On February 2nd, 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 6:30 and meet at 7:30. The



following will be the nights for the ***Knife and Fork degree***, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, October 5th, November 2nd, December 1st.

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 Brother Stacy Hale at 410-499-7828 so he can coordinate this humanitarian effort with the VA hospital.

Our dates for 2009 are:

- February 15th
- April 19th
- June 21st
- August 16th
- October 18th
- December 20th



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Harford County School of Instruction

The Harford County School of Instruction will be held at Aberdeen Lodge, No 187 at 20 North Howard Street in Aberdeen on Friday, February 9th at 7:30 PM. All Lodge officers are requested to attend and all Master Masons are invited. The Fellowcraft degree will be exemplified that night.

Please contact Bro. Stacy Hale, our Junior Warden, if you are interested in signing up to help with the refreshments for the next or future meetings. Refreshment costs will be reimbursed. Bro. Hale can be reached at 410-529-5121.

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES

These are the other local Harford County Masonic Lodges. We invite you visit any one of them on their respective Lodge night, listed to the right. Also listed is their address.



Mt. Ararat #44
136 East Gordon St.
Bel Air, MD 21014
1st & 3rd Tuesdays



Susquehanna #130
215 North Washington St.
Havre de Grace, MD 21078
2nd & 4th Tuesdays



Esdraleon #176
304 Main St.
Cardiff, MD 21024
2nd & 4th Thursdays



Aberdeen #187
20 North Howard St.
Aberdeen, MD 21001
1st & 3rd Mondays

Wondering if Lodge is Cancelled?

When the weather looks bad and you are wondering if there's going to be Lodge, tune your radio to station **WXCY, 103.7 in Havre de Grace** to listen for closing announcements.

**103.7 on
your dial**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Maryland Masonic Home's 75th Anniversary Celebration

Maryland Masonic Homes will be celebrating 75 years of providing outstanding quality care to our residents. They have a whole week of celebratory events



planned and hope that we can join them for one or all of them.

On Sunday, April 26th they will have an Open House with wine and cheese at the Homes. From Monday, through Friday, they will have various resident events scheduled such as a history show, fondue extravaganza and Bonnie Blink talent contest. The finale of the week is an anniversary gala to be held at the Grand Lodge of Maryland on Friday, May 1st.

The staff of the Maryland Masonic Homes are extending an invitation to all of Stephenson Lodge. Tickets are available through the Grand Lodge for \$75 per person and will include:

- Open bar with hot & Cold hors d'oeuvres
- Entertainment by the Peabody Institute
- Seated dinner
- Live auction
- Firework display
- 75th Anniversary favor

There is a limited number of tickets which will be sold and can be purchased by contacting Bettie Dunkin at 410-527-0600.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, February 4th
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:30 pm

Opening in Master Mason degree

Second Meeting, February 18th
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:30 pm

Opening in Master Mason degree

Past Master Dean Alban will provide a short talk and discussion



"We represent a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community...men who are endeavoring to be better citizens.[and] to make a great country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly."

Harry S. Truman President of the United States



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2009

Worshipful Master	Keith J. Thompson, Sr.
Senior Warden.....	Carl W. Lee
Junior Warden.....	Stacy C. Hale
Secretary	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer	Thomas J. Boyle, PM
Senior Deacon.....	Bradley P. Lankford
Junior Deacon.....	Jim Ohle
Senior Steward.....	William A. Bridges, Sr.
Junior Steward	William A. Bridges, Jr.
Tyler	Frank W. Fowler
Chaplain.....	Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
Musician.....	Vernon K. Stearn, PM
Marshal	Charles D. Miller, PM
Ritualist.....	Charles D. Miller, PM

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