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Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all, I hope all brethren and their families, from east to west, and from north to south, are in great health this fine year. Shortly before we know it, the leaves on the trees and the flowers will be in full bloom. That is how I feel about the Lodge, it will soon



be in full bloom. What I mean by that, is our Lodge is shining like a brand new penny. I am pleased to be a member, even better yet the Worshipful Master.



Stephenson Lodge is off to a great start already. Practice of Masonic education and ritual is every Monday night in the Lodge room at 7:00pm. Since the first of the year, we've had a great turn out. What more could you ask for, our members are wanting to learn the Masonic ritual through our true and faithful brother, and ritualist, Dayton Miller, PM. who attends each practice and instructs all who are willing to learn. Brother Miller really knows the work and it shows during our nights the Lodge has meetings. Dayton can't count how many brothers he has taught over the years, and for that I would like to give him a "special thank you !"

Mark your calendars Stephenson Lodge is having it's first open house. We will be open to all. Please bring out your family, friends and any brothers you might find out and about. There has been a lot of new changes that has taken place at

Stephenson Lodge over the recent months, and all the members would like to show off their Lodge. We will have a very short meeting then close the Lodge for all to come and see. There will be light refreshments available. I would really like to pack the Lodge room that night.

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 March 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 follow-



ing will be the nights for the **Knife and Fork degree**, 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.

In February, Brother Hale only had two to assist him in this endeavour. We need more Brothers to come and help with this worthy cause.

Our dates for 2009 are:

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



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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Harford County School of Instruction

The Harford County School of Instruction will be held at Esdraelon Lodge, No 176 at 304 Main Street in Cardiff on Friday, March 13th 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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

What's UP?

UP is a two letter word that has many meanings. It is easy to understand **UP** meaning **UP** towards the sky or **UP** towards the top of the list. But why do we wake **UP** in the morning? Why does a topic come **UP**, and why are officers **UP** for election? Its **UP** to a secretary to write **UP** a report. Prices go **UP** when they increase.

Often little words aren't needed but are used anyway. We brighten **UP** a room, light **UP** a candle, polish **UP** the silver, lock **UP** the house, fix **UP** an old wagon, tie **UP** a bundle. At other times it has other special reasons, stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, think **UP** excuses, get tied **UP** in traffic. To be dressed **UP** is special. A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**. We open **UP** the store we close **UP** at night. We seem to be mixed **UP** about **UP**. To be **UP** to the proper use of **UP**, look "UP", **UP** in the dictionary. "UP" takes **UP** one-half a page of definitions and adds **UP** to about 40. If you are **UP** to it, you may think **UP** more ways of using **UP**. It will take **UP** a lot of time, so I'll give **UP** and leave it **UP** to you. Cheer **UP** and don't give **UP**!

The Fishwrapper Feb 6, 2009 issue

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:

Masonic Memorial Service for Jack R. Frazier

A Masonic Memorial Service will be held for the Grand Secretary Emeritus, Jack R. Frazier on Saturday, March 14 at 3 P.M. Brother Frazier was a honorary member of Stephenson Lodge.

The Grand Secretary Emeritus passed from labor after a long and painful illness. His remains have been cremated. At the time of his death his son-in-law, LCMD Michael Kline, was in Iraq and his daughter, Karen, wanted to wait until Michael returned home to have the Memorial. Michael will be home some time this month. Jack was very proud of Michael.

Jack's long illness was hard on Karen. To make matters worse her mother, Reba, is also very ill and is bedridden. Karen was forced to quit her position in the Health Care field to care for them alone because her husband has been stationed in Iraq. Karen deserves a lot of credit for what she has done but her father's death has been a devastating blow. She was very close to him.

The Memorial Service will be held at the Community Center where they live in Leonardtown. It's a long but scenic drive for some. After the Memorial everyone is invited to Jack's house, which is nearby, for refreshments and fellowship. Karen may have some of Jack's memorabilia on display as well.

The Memorial Service will be at Avenmar Community Center, 41165 Heron's Way, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Please try to clear your calendar for this and check with our Worshipful Master if you would like to carpool to this event. Stephenson Lodge should have a presence at this event, Brother Jack supported Stephenson Lodge over the years in many of our activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, March 4th

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:30 pm

Opening in Master Mason degree—catechism on all those found worthy in the Master Master degree.

Second Meeting, March 18th

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPEN HOUSE

7:30 pm

Opening in Master Mason degree

Short meeting followed by our 1st Open House

Please bring a refreshment with you, ie. cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, candy





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