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DODSON BROWN

*Time to trade in
that 50-year hat for
a new 60-year one.*

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Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all, When I took the office as Worshipful Master of Stephenson Lodge in January, it seemed liked I had a long journey before me. But before I knew it, the first half of this year was almost over. I sure hope all the members are feeling the same way, because that means we are enjoying what we do as friends and as brothers.



Our first meeting in April was a very special one. We now have two new Honorary Past Masters within our walls. Those titles belong to two very worthy brothers, Brother Clinton Adams and Brother Frank Fowler. If you could have seen the look on there faces, you would only have one thing to say “priceless”. The whole evening was a total surprise to both men, congratulations to both brothers. I would like to thank Bro. Bruce Flaughter. PM and Bro. Carl Stearn. PM for their outstanding presentations that evening. It sure takes a lot of behind the scenes work and research to coordinate and write a wonderful evening for all to enjoy.

We are working with Past Master Dean Alban to put images from the presentation on the web for our distant brethren to view.

Fraternally,
Keith Thompson Sr., WM

Award-winning secretary

Our Secretary has been awarded the Guru Award for Illustration in Boston, MA this April at the National Association of Photoshop Professionals’ Photoshop World. This international contest has a variety of categories and digital illustration was one. Our Secretary, Jerry R. Arnold, PM had two of his three submitted images nominated for the award and one actually took the award.



Aberdeen Lodge No. 187

Attention all Masons, On May 4th, 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*, 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 our Worshipful Master so he can coordinate this humanitarian effort with the VA hospital.

Brother Hale who has handled this worthy cause for the past few years is needing to pass the torch to someone else. 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 dates for 2009 are:

June 21st August 16th October 18th
 December 20th



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Harford County School of Instruction

The Harford County School of Instruction will be held at Susquehanna Lodge on Friday, May 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. Come show your support for the officers.

Date	Lodge	Degree	Catechism
May 9	Susquehanna	FC	Mt. Ararat
June 13	Mt. Ararat	MM	Aberdeen
Sept 12	Aberdeen	EA	Esdraleone
Oct 10	Esdraleone	FC	Stephenson
Nov 7	Stephenson	MM	Susquehanna
Dec 5	Mt. Ararat	Installation Ceremony	

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

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



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



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

A RETIRED FARMER HAS SPENT MORE THAN 30 YEARS BUILDING AN ENORMOUS SCALE MODEL OF A BIBLICAL TEMPLE:

Farmer builds model of Biblical temple



Alec Garrard, 78, has dedicated a massive 33,000 hours to constructing the ancient Herod's Temple, which measures a whopping 20ft by 12ft. The pensioner has hand-baked and painted every clay brick and tile and even sculpted 4,000 tiny human figures to populate the courtyards.

Historical experts believe the model is the best representation in the world of what the Jewish temple actually looked like and it has attracted thousands of visitors from all over the globe.

But Mr Garrard, who started the elaborate project in his 40's, says his masterpiece will not be finished in his lifetime.



"I've always loved making models and as I was getting older I started to think about making one big project which would see me through to the end of my life," he said.

"I have an interest in buildings and religion so I thought maybe I could combine the two and I came up with the idea of doing the Temple .

"I'd seen one or two examples of it in Biblical exhibitions, but I thought they were rubbish and I knew I could do better.

"I have been working on it for decades but it will never be finished as I'm always finding something new to add."



Mr Garrard, from Norfolk, spent more than three years researching the Temple which was destroyed by the Romans 2,000 years ago and deemed to be one of the most remarkable build-



ings of ancient times.

He then started to construct the amazing 1:100 scale model, which is now housed in a huge building in his back garden. "Everything is made by hand. I cut plywood frames for the walls and buildings and all the clay bricks and tiles were baked in the oven then stuck together," he said.

Mr Garrard sculpted and painted 4,000 figures, measuring just half an inch and all wearing their



correct costumes including 32 versions of Jesus. Visitors come from all over the world to see the model and Mr Garrard provides binoculars so they can see all the details.





Special Thanks to Past Grand Master Jack Biggs for supplying this article and photo.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

May's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, May 6th
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:30 pm

Opening in Master Mason degree

Second Meeting, May 20th
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS
60 YEAR PRESENTATION BY GRAND MASTER

7:30 pm

Short business meeting

Please bring anyone you can and come out and enjoy a special evening planned for this, our special Brother, Dodson Brown. Support your Lodge and welcome our Grand Master within our walls.

June's Communication for Stephenson Lodge

Only Meeting, June 3rd
REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:30 pm

Opening in Entered Apprentice degree

This short meeting is casual—
dress-wpants and shirt with a collar
STRAWBERRIES AND ICE CREAM

This is one of our **family night**, so bring your family and friends and enjoy some wonderful refreshments.



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

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Junior Warden.....	Stacy C. Hale
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Junior Deacon.....	Jim Ohle
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