

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March Communication for
Stephenson Lodge

FIRST MEETING, MARCH 3RD

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS
7:30 pm
Audit Committee Report for 2009
Talk on a famous Mason who was also a hero of
the American Revolution

Opening in Entered Apprentice Degree-All Masons welcome

SECOND MEETING, FEBRUARY 17TH

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS
7:30 PM

Opening in Master Mason Degree-Master Masons Only

A REPORT FROM OUR
Secretary

On Saturday January 30th Stephenson Lodge had three brothers attend the Grand Lodge Session, which is sort of the State of Masonry in Maryland address. Each committee addressed the assembly of bothers, mostly Worshipful Masters, Grand Inspectors and secretaries, and explained where they currently were and their plans for the near and far future. There's not enough room to go into each address, but the Grand Master gave an overview that was interesting. Here are some of the figures presented at the meeting. As of the end of 2009, we have 16,836 Maryland Master Masons, of which about 10,000 live in the state. By my calculations, that makes about one third of Maryland Masons living in other states and jurisdictions. The largest percentile is the 70 to 79 years age group. This large group of men represents the post World War influx of men joining the fraternity.

In 2009, the Grand Lodge lost about 500 members who passed away during the year. They also lost about 200 members to non-payment of dues. The largest group in this category were members that had been Masons between ten to nineteen years and were in their 40's.

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STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2010

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Senior Warden Stacy C. Hale
Junior Warden William A. Bridges, Sr.
Secretary Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer Thomas J. Boyle, PM
Senior Deacon Keith J. Thompson, Sr., PM
Junior Deacon Richard Turkin, II
Senior Steward Clinton Adams, HPM
Junior Steward Dave Kraus, PM
Tyler Frank W. Fowler, HPM
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THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP

Stephenson Lodges Annual Dues \$48.⁰⁰
Affiliated Member Annual Dues \$25.⁵⁰
Petition \$210.⁰⁰



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Lodge*

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND
No. 135

TRESTLEBOARD

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HOME OFFICERS COMMITTEES TRESTLEBOARDS PAST MASTERS

Stephenson Lodge No. 135, AF&AM is located in the town of Darlington at 2115 Shuresville Road and is one of five Masonic Lodges located in Harford County, Maryland. Our regular meeting nights are the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from October to May. In June, we meet only on the first Wednesday of that month, and in September, only on the third Wednesday of that month. All Master Masons are welcome to visit during any meeting. Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts can contact our Worshipful Master or Secretary to see which night they might visit.

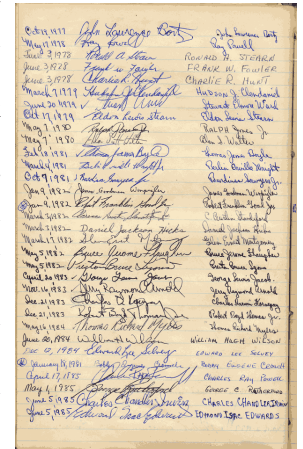
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STEPHENSON LODGE'S 2010

Updated website

We now have a new look to the Stephenson Lodge's presence on the web. This year, while the physical look of the Lodge is being improved and enhanced, so is our website. You can now go to the By Laws section and see scans of every page of the original By law book that resides in the secretary's desk. You can look up your signature that night when you became a Master Mason and signed it.

It's interesting to see all of the brothers that became Masons after you. You will recognize many of line officers and active members.



A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all,
As I write this the temperature is in the upper 40's and the snow is finally beginning to melt. Fortunately, the storms have not hit during meeting nights but hasn't it played havoc with all other activities we all have had planned?



We can all look forward to better weather, which should be just around the corner.

Thanks to Brothers Dave Krause, PM, Dean Alban, PM and Bruce Flaughner, PM for filling chairs at our last meeting. It is comforting to have so many fine past masters in our Lodge who are always ready to step in and help out when needed.

Speaking of stepping up to help, we need a Brother to organize our Pusher Service at Perry Point. This is a very worthy way of showing our gratitude to our Veterans so I am asking that someone from Stephenson Lodge contact me to coordinate the remaining dates.

Fraternally, Carl Lee, WM

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Traveling Schedule

Unfortunately, due to the heavy snow we did not get to visit Susquahanna Lodge last month. We will reschedule for **Tuesday, March 9th**. All line officers are requested to attend and all other members are encouraged to join us in visiting are fellow Masonic Brothers.



Several members of our Lodge were able to visit Harmony Lodge in Port Deposit on Feb. 19th, 2010. Those who went witnessed two First Degree's that Evening and we all enjoyed the opportunity to visit our Brothers in Cecil County.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR OFFICERS:

Harford County School of Instruction

Several changes are occurring in the Schools of Instruction. Brother *Gus Vourvoulas* has been appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer At-Large for Harford County. Schools of Instruction will still be held on the second Friday of the month and **ALL Schools of Instruction will be held at Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 in Bel Air, Md.**

The next date of the Harford County School Of Instruction is **Friday, March 12, 2010** at Mt. Ararat, in Bel Air. The February School was postponed due to snow so all interested Masons should attend this next School.

STEPHENSON LODGE

Library Update

The secretary has recently added a few new books to the Stephenson Lodge Library, both fiction and nonfiction.

The Book Of Fate by Brad Meltzer

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry

by S. Brent Morris

George Washington—Man and Monument

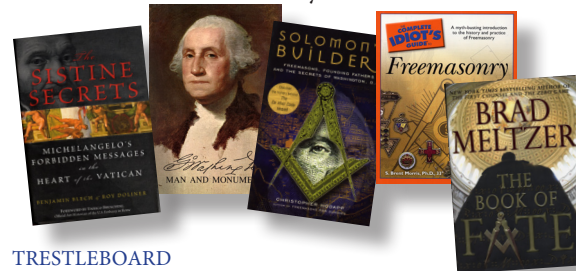
by Frank Freidel

Solomon's Builders—Freemasons, Founding Fathers and

the Secrets of Washington, DC by Christopher Hodapp

The Sistine Secrets by Ben Blech & Roy Doliner

These will be in the Secretary's office on the bookshelves.



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Quiz on local Lodges



Our square and compass that hangs over the master's chair in the East isn't the only like it. **What other near-by Masonic Lodge has the same emblem in their East?**

A REPORT FROM OUR

Secretary continued

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In the same period of 2009, the Grand Lodge received 728 petitions of which by the end of the year, only 300 were raised, the rest are still in lower degrees. The largest age group for the new petitions was between 30 to 39 year-olds with the 20-29 year-old almost as large.

The Grand Master plans to implement a new program called **2025** where the goal will be to reach 25,000 Maryland Masons by the year 2025. He hopes to have the Lodges produce at least 1,000 petitions annually. Over the next year he will be revealing his plans and programs to reach this goal. With leadership and proper planning it will be obtainable.

MARCH

Masonic Birthdays

The following brothers celebrate
being raised
In the month of
MARCH.
If you see them,
tell them "Happy Birthday".

- Arthur Crouse, PM..... March 5, 1958
- William Caldwell, Sr..... March 15, 1961
- Rex Leftridge, PM March 17, 1965
- Jerry Fields, PM..... March 4, 1967
- C.D. Miller..... March 4, 1970
- Roland Knight March 20, 1974
- Berlin Wright..... March 4, 1981
- Clarence Standiford..... March 3, 1982
- Glen Montgomery..... March 17, 1982
- Bob Johnson..... March 5, 1986
- Andre Fournier..... March 7, 2001
- Keith Thompson, Sr., PM..... March 7, 2001
- Bradley Lankford..... March 1, 2006