



Although it may be politically incorrect, all of the officers of Stephenson Lodge wish you and your's a

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

2012



A MESSAGE FROM

The Secretary

Another year is drawing to a close and what a year it has been. We have been busy this year working with new members, getting them through their degrees. We've seen two of our new brothers go off to the middle east and have seen one home safely.

We had to say goodbye to three brothers who have gone on to "that house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens", Past Master Carl Stearn, and Past Master Jim Gamble. All three will be missed at Stephenson Lodge.

We've seen Open House 2011, the Darlington Apple Festival, and Ladies Night all come and go, creating fond memories for all who attended.

Our Lodge building looks better than ever thanks to Past Master Keith Thompson's untiring work over the Summer and Fall months. We now have a Lodge to truly be proud of with the efforts of so many local members who came out to help, and to all of the members who donated funds to assist with this great project.

Now, the year is drawing to a close, and the line officers of 2011 will be replaced with new officers anxious to move up or start in the line. I foresee 2012 being another great year for Stephenson Lodge with the great brothers that we have.

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethern one and all,

As the year rapidly draws to a close I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This is the best time of the year and I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Please remember our troops who are protecting us and say a special prayer for Bro. Daniel Gonzalez, who is stationed in Afghanistan.

A special thank you to the Officers and Brethren of Stephenson Lodge for all of the hard work and dedication you have shown during my two terms as Worshipful Master. It has not only been an honor to have served as Worshipful Master but perhaps the most satisfying time of my life. I truly realize that Freemasonry is the greatest Fraternity in the world and our Brothers have done great work in our community and made our Lodge a better place.

Thanks to all of our members and your families for your good deeds.

Carl Lee, PM, *Worshipful Master, 2011*



THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP

You should have your **2012 Dues Card**

Stephenson Lodges Annual Dues	\$48. ⁰⁰
Affiliated Member Annual Dues	\$25. ⁵⁰
Petition	\$205. ⁰⁰



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2011

Worshipful Master Carl W. Lee, PM
 Senior Warden William A. Bridges, Sr.
 Junior Warden Richard Turkin, II
 Secretary Jerry R. Arnold, PM
 Treasurer Thomas J. Boyle, PM
 Senior Deacon Daniel Gonzalez
 Junior Deacon Keith J. Thompson, Sr., PM
 Senior Steward Clinton Adams, HPM
 Junior Steward Joe Wilkowski
 Tyler Frank W. Fowler, HPM
 Chaplain Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
 Musician Vernon K. Stearn, PM
 Marshal C. Dayton Miller, PM
 Ritualist Duane A. Duncan, PM
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Masonic Birthday

John Robinson Dec 21, 1960 51 yrs.
 Richard Pomraning Dec. 15, 1976 35 yrs.
 Robert Thomas, Jr. Dec 21, 1983 28 yrs.
 Michael Finn Dec. 17, 1986 25 yrs.
 Herman Gonzalez Dec. 9, 1993 18 yrs.
 Richard Hoffman Dec. 16, 1998 13 yrs.
 Stacy Hale Dec. 14, 2005 6 yrs.
 Chad Blevins Dec. 14, 2005 6 yrs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December Communications

DECEMBER 7TH (WEDNESDAY)

Election of Officers

Lodge will open at 7:30 in the Master Mason degree.

DECEMBER 21ST (WEDNESDAY)

Lodge will open at 7:30 the in the Entered Apprentice degree for a very short meeting. We will have our Christmas Party at 8:00. Friends and family are all welcome to come and enjoy the festivities.

DECEMBER 22ND (THURSDAY)

Please join us as we travel to Esdraelon Lodge in Cardiff, MD. At our last Regular Communication our Brothers from Esdraelon visited our Lodge and it is time to return the favor.

NEW FELLOWCRAFTS

Drew & Rob are now Fellowcrafts

Andrew Kucharek and Robert Kiebler flew through their Entered Apprentice's Catechism and received their Fellowcraft degree on October 19th. They were to stand examination the previous meeting, but Andrew was called into work, so they did it the night of the degree. Senior Warden Bill Bridges, assumed the East that night and performed the degree.

Left: Some of the officers who assisted with the degreework on October 19th. From left to right, Rich Dolly, Senior Deacon, Dean Alban, PM, Chaplain, Duane Duncan, PM Junior Warden, Tom Boyle, PM, Treasurer, Bill Bridges, Sr., Worshipful Master, Andrew Kucharek, Rich Turkin, Senior Warden, Clinton Adams, HPM, Senior Steward, Robert Kiebler, Joe Wilkowski, Junior Steward, Jim Gamble, Junior Deacon.

OCTOBER 22ND

Pit Beef Sales

On October 22nd, we held a pit beef sale on Route One between Darlington and Dublin. It was a good day for pit beef sandwiches as the weather was bright and cool. We had a select group of brothers out to assist Dicky Myers with the sales. The proceeds were to help with the remodeling costs.



Above: the meat on the grill being cooked to the proper temperatures for delicious pit beef sandwiches, either well-done, medium, or rare.

Below: Here is the hard working Stephenson Lodge staff at the Pit Beef Sale. It looks like they are waiting to be served themselves. From left to right, Past Master Duane Duncan, Past Master Dean Alban, and Past Master Keith Thompson.



ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS AND INTERESTED MASTER MASONS

Harford County School of Instruction

The month's School will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Mt. Ararat will be hosting this School. All Stephenson Lodge officers should plan attend to learn their respective duties and floor-work from Bill Richard, PM, DGL. (Cell 410-935-2372)

Stephenson Lodge Annual Ladies Night at Level Firehall, another success

by Jerry R. Arnold, Secretary

Once again, Past Master Duane Duncan has pulled off another great evening for our annual Ladies Night this year. Thinking ahead, he set up the arrangement with the Level Ladies Auxiliary last year. The meal consisted of turkey and ham with all of the trimmings. Our own

Vernon Stearn, PM provided the entertainment covering songs from the Great Wars to honor our Veterans. As he played the songs for each branch of the military, he asked all veterans of that branch to stand. After dinner, a short film was shown showing images of the two

World Wars. Past Master Dean Alban was Master of Ceremonies and finished with a moving dedication to Past Master Carl Stearn.



Left and Above: Master of Ceremonies, Dean Alban, PM and Worshipful Master, Carl Lee each addressing the audience. Right, Vernon Stearn, PM, Lou Bandell, PM, and Dean Alban, PM all crooning a song.



NOVEMBER 16TH, 2011

Stephenson Lodge creates two new Masons

We now have two more new Masons to add to our ranks of brothers. Mark Alexander and Michael Cook both became Entered Apprentices on November 16th.

The degree was watched by quite a few visitors to the Lodge, from Esdraelon Lodge

in Cardiff and also from Washington Lodge in Quarryville, PA. Worshipful Master Carl Lee performed the degree and gave the lecture.

Stephenson Lodge now has three Entered Apprentices and two Fellowcrafts.



Left: Officers performing the Entered Apprentice Degree; Bill Bridges, Rich Dolly, Keith Thompson, Sr., Mark Alexander, Carl Lee, Tom Boyle, Michael Cook, Jerry Arnold, Frank Fowler, and Courtney Hart. Right: Mark Alexander, Carl Lee, WM, and Michael Cook.

Veterans Flag Folding Ceremony

On the first communication on November 2nd, we had a covered dish dinner at 6:15pm followed by a Flag Folding Ceremony to honor our Veterans. The meat was provided and everyone brought a covered dish to share with our brothers and veterans. Friends and guests for stayed for the ceremony after the dinner.



Above: Past Master Keith Thompson and Courtney Hart prepare the covered dishes and set up the food line before dinner begins.

Below: Daniel Gonzalez's family, as our special guests, help themselves to the dinner while Past Master Duane Duncan waits his turn.



Above: The very impressive Flag Folding Ceremony performed by the Veterans as the members, families, and guests of the Lodge watched.

Above: The tables were decorated with fall leaves and miniature Maryland and US flags. The plate setting were in red, white and blue in honor of the occasion.