



Stephenson Lodge, No. 135 A.F.&A.M.  
2012 LINE OFFICERS

(from left to right) Richard E. Dolly, Jr. Senior Deacon • Thomas A. Boyle, PM, Treasurer • Charles Dayton Miller, PM, Marshal  
William Richard, PM, DGL • William A. Bridges, Jr., Junior Steward • Frank W. Fowler, HPM, Tyler  
William A. Bridges, Sr., Worshipful Master • J. Courtney Hart, Senior Warden • Carl W. Lee, Senior Warden  
Mike Randow, PM, Grand Inspector • Jerry R. Arnold, PM, Secretary • Dean Alban, PM, Assistant Chaplain  
Andrew N. Kucharek, Senior Steward • Vernon K. Stearn, PM, Musician • Jim Gamble, Junior Deacon

A MESSAGE FROM

### Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one and all,

January 2012 has been a wonderful month for Masons in Maryland. What a pleasure to visit with all of the Harford County Lodges and also with Harmony Lodge in Cecil Co for the installation of all the new line officers.

The warm expressions of Brotherly Love filled each lodge and will always be a wonderful memory. And.....I want to thank everyone for their friendship and kind words of encouragement. These words fuel the pursuit of our Masonic journey and are a great help. Thank You!

Special thanks to my brothers of Stephenson Lodge for traveling along with me and their commitment to bond with the brothers of other lodges. Their support is unconditional and much appreciated.

As we move forward, I would encourage all of the officers to attend the School of Instruction held at Mt. Ararat in Bel Air so that we may receive instruction from the Deputy Grand Lecturer, PM Bill Richard. His classes are informative, well run, and give the officers another opportunity to improve their skills as masons. Please join me whenever you can. Looking forward to a good year with all of you!

Sincerely,

William A. Bridges, Sr., *Worshipful Master, 2012*





## STEPHENSON LODGE'S

*Line Officers for 2012*

Worshipful Master ..... William A. Bridges, Sr.  
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 Junior Warden ..... J. Courtney Hart  
 Secretary ..... Jerry R. Arnold, PM  
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 Senior Steward ..... Andrew Kucharek  
 Junior Steward ..... William Bridges, Jr.  
 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  
 Grand Inspector ..... Mike Randow, PM, GI

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*Previous to installation, Stephenson Lodge held an installation dinner downstairs. Nearly all of the tables were filled and later, even more Brothers came for the actual installation of officers.*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Masonic Birthday

Emory D. Rasnake ..... Feb 20, 1957 ..... 55 yrs.  
 Robert Farrington ..... Feb 6, 1974 ..... 38 yrs.  
 Thomas J. Boyle, PM ..... Feb 18, 1981 ..... 31 yrs.  
 David H. Scarborough ..... Feb 17, 1988 ..... 24 yrs.  
 James B. Lunney ..... Feb 20, 1991 ..... 21 yrs.  
 Duane A. Duncan, PM ..... Feb 7, 2001 ..... 11 yrs.  
 James K. Johnson ..... Feb 18, 2004 ..... 8 yrs.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

## February Communications

### FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

#### **Entered Apprentice Lodge**

*Catechism of the Entered Apprentice degree for any who are ready .*

### FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> (SATURDAY)

*Harford County School of Instruction: 8:00am -10:00am at Mt. Ararat lodge. We will be reviewing the Second degree. All officers should attend and any Master Mason is welcome to visit.*

### FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

#### **Entered Apprentice Lodge**

*Catechism of the Entered Apprentice degree for any who are ready . Entered Apprentice degree on all who are ready.*

### PRESENTATION

## US Flag Flown overseas presented

Daniel Gonzalez and his family were able to join some of the officers of the Lodge for dinner at Bull on the Beach early January, before Daniel had to return to duty. After dinner, he surprised everyone by presenting the Lodge a US flag he had flown while overseas. Above shows



Dave Kraus, PM accepting the flag and its certificate. We will proudly display the flag and certificate at the Lodge. Look for the images of it in upcoming trestleboards

### A LETTER HOME

## from a farm kid now in the Marines

Dear Ma and Pa.

I am well. Hope you are. Tell brothers George and Eddie the Marines Corps ain't too bad. Tell them to join up quick before all the jobs are filled.

I was a little restless at first because they get you up at about 6 a.m. But I am getting used to sleeping late. Tell George and Eddie all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No cows to milk, No hogs to slop, wood to split, fire to start. Practically nothing.

Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc. but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and regular food, but tell George and Eddie you can always sit by two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, will hold you until noon when you can get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on marches, which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. The marches are about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks. Maybe he's going to work up to real marches when them city boys get toughen up a little.

The sergeant is like a schoolteacher. He nags a lot. I don't see much of the captains and colonels.

This next will kill George and Eddie with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a squirrel's head and don't move. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

They we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting that ole bull at home/ Old Walt Harrison from over to Gunstock City is the only one that can whup me. He took me two out of three. But Walt weighs nigh onto 300 pounds. I'm still about 125.

Be sure to tell George and Eddie to hurry and join before the other fellers catch on to this easy gig and come stampe-din' in.

Your loving daughter, Alice.

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