

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF DARLINGTON, MARYLAND

STEPHENSON LODGE No. 135

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER FOR 144 YEARS



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MARYLAND MASONS
CELEBRATE
225 YEARS
OF MAKING
GOOD MEN **BETTER**

MAY 18TH & 19TH



Above, the Gala 225th Anniversary Banquet held Friday evening, May 18th provided each attendee a commemorative medal as shown to the left.



STEPHENSON LODGE

Line Officers for 2012

Worshipful Master William A. Bridges, Sr.
 Senior Warden Carl W. Lee, PM
 Junior Warden J. Courtney Hart
 Secretary Jerry R. Arnold, PM
 Treasurer Thomas J. Boyle, PM
 Senior Deacon Richard E. Dolly, Jr.
 Junior Deacon Jim Gamble
 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 Kevin Emery PM, GI

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The 225th Anniversary of Grand Lodge of Maryland

was capped off with a stunning fireworks display held on Friday night, May 18 following a banquet at the Grand Lodge Ballroom. This quasiquibicentennial event began at 6:30 at the Grand Lodge and included the Grand Line along with MWPGM Raymond J. Vanden Burghe, Jr., Honorary Past Grand Master of Maryland, from the Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey, WMGM Richard W. Aydelotte from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, MWGM Joseph S. Crotiata from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and RWDGM Gearl Raynes from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and Senator Brother Benjamin L. Cardin. There were four toasts given through the event using the chargers present to each Brother at the banquet along with the medallion below.

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one and all,

As summer is close approaching, it's almost time to call the craft from labor to rest. However, Stephenson Lodge No. 135 still has a busy June schedule and I hope that all can attend the remaining meetings.

During our time off this summer let us celebrate the good works that have been accomplished, the personal relationships that have been made and the old relationships that have been strengthened, the brothers that have been introduced to the fraternity, and let us look forward and anticipate our interest in the new and continued journeys that will resume in the fall.

Replenish your wisdom, restore your strength, arouse your curiosity, and stimulate your thinking but most importantly ENJOY YOURSELVES AND FAMILIES!!!!!!

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2012

Stephenson Lodge Events
 County Lodges Events
 Grand Lodges Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 Aberdeen, MD	5 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 Bel Air, MD	6 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Darlington, MD Strawberry Night	7	8	9 School of Instruction Aberdeen Lodge 8:00 am
10	11	12 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 Havre de Grace, MD	13	14 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Cardiff, MD	15	16
17	18 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 Aberdeen, MD	19 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 Bel Air, MD	20 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Darlington, MD Past Master's Night	21	22	23
24	25	26 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 Havre de Grace, MD	27	28 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Cardiff, MD	29	30

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES ADDRESSES & MEETING NIGHTS



Mt. Ararat no.44
136 East Gordon St.
Bel Air, MD 21014
1st & 3rd Tuesday

T. Scott Cushing Sr., WM
James W. Davidson, Sec



Susquehanna no.130
215 North Washington St.
Havre de Grace, MD 21078
2nd & 4th Tuesday

Thomas Dunworth, WM
Baxter Leppert, Sec



Esdraelon no.176
304 Main St.
Cardiff, MD 21024
2nd & 4th Thursday

G. Richard Wilmouth, WM
G. Wilson Tharpe, Sec



Aberdeen no.187
20 North Howard St.
Aberdeen, MD 21001
1st & 3rd Monday

Richard L. McClain, WM
Ralph L. Perry, Sec

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STEPHENSON LODGE

June's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

FIRST COMMUNICATION

JUNE 6TH (WEDNESDAY)

Strawberry Night—opening in First Degree (see next page)

Quick business meeting followed by strawberries & ice cream.

Friends and families invited and it will be a casual dress for brothers.

SECOND COMMUNICATIONS

JUNE 20TH (WEDNESDAY)

Past Master Night, with the Master Mason Degree for Mark Alexander performed by the Past Masters of Stephenson Lodge by special dispensation.

COMING IN JUNE

Stephenson Lodge's Annual Strawberry Night

Stephenson Lodge's annual Strawberry Night will be on June 6th this year. This is one evening you don't want to miss. We will have fresh strawberries, ice cream, whipped cream, cakes and pies. This event is open to family and friends, so invite everyone to come and enjoy this evening of fellowship. We will have a very short meeting opening in the first degree at 7:30, pm and begin the festivities close to 8:00pm. 🍓



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2012

Stephenson Lodge Events
 County Lodges Events
 Grand Lodges Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10 Grand Lodge Summer School 7:00 pm Entered Apprentice Multiple Candidates	 <p>Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July</p>			14
15	16	17 Grand Lodge Summer School 7:00 pm Fellowcraft Degree Full Form				21
22	23	24 Grand Lodge Summer School 7:00 pm Master Mason Degree and Receive Grand Inspector Take GMW				28
29	30	31 Grand Lodge Summer School 7:00 pm Special Topics Various Ceremonies & Subjects Covered				4

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WELCOME TO

Our New Grand Inspector

Stephenson Lodge has a new Grand Inspector, Kevin Emery from Mt. Ararat Lodge no. 44. Past Master Emery was introduced to Stephenson Lodge on May 2nd by Past Master R. Bruce Tanner, Vice President of Grand Inspectors. This was Brother Emery first official visit to our Lodge in his Grand Inspector capacity. To give him support many members of Mt. Ararat accompanied Brother Emery to Stephenson and claimed the Galloping Gavel. See our story below. Unfortunately our Worshipful Master, Bill Bridges, was recovering from a recent operation and was unable to greet our Grand Inspector for his first visit, but our Senior Warden, Carl Lee, PM moved up a chair for the evening. 🐾



Our new Grand Inspector, Kevin Emery, left, Carl Lee, Past Master, who was filling in for Worshipful Master Bill Bridges for the evening, and R. Bruce Tanner, Vice President of Grand Inspectors.

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T

Galloping Gavel Captured by an Army of Mt. Ararat Brothers

Stephenson Lodge has passed the Galloping Gavel back to Mt. Ararat who captured it with twelve Brother and their Worshipful Master, T. Scott Cushing, Sr. on May 2nd. Mt. Ararat was out in force that night to see their Junior Past Master, Kevin Emery, begin his travels as a Grand Inspector and to capture the Galloping Gavel and take it back to their Lodge.

Stephenson Lodge originally capture the gavel from Susquehanna Lodge, 130 on March 27th. Susquehanna captured it from Mt. Ararat back in July 12, 2011 and held on to it for eight and a half months before we claimed with about ten members. The Galloping Gavel travels from Lodge to Lodge, all within Harford County as a token of friendship and brotherly love. 🐾



Carl Lee, PM, acting Worshipful Master for the evening (4th from left) gracefully loses the Galloping Gavel to T. Scott Cushing, (5th from the left) Worshipful Master of Mt. Ararat Lodge, No. 44 in Bel Air. Above are the many members from Mt. Ararat Lodge coming to claim the gavel and return it back to their Lodge. We challenge Aberdeen Lodge and Esdraelon Lodge to visit Mt. Ararat and claim the Gavel for their Lodge.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Summer Masonic Birthdays

Dodson Brown.....	June 1, 1949	63 yrs	Ron Petty.....	June 16, 1974	38 yrs
Williard Anderson, PM.....	June 18, 1958	54 yrs	Ted Roten	June 4, 1975	37 yrs
Ed Campbell.....	June 5, 1961	51 yrs	Harold Kirk	June 18, 1975	37 yrs
Donald Horton, PM.....	June 5, 1963	49 yrs	Eddie Mullins.....	June 16, 1976	36 yrs
Jesse Moxley.....	June 21, 1967	45 yrs	Ron Stearn, PM.....	June 3, 1978	34 yrs
Larry Hurley, PM.....	June 17, 1970	42 yrs	Charlie Ray Hunt.	June 3, 1978	34 yrs
Vernon Stearn, PM.....	June 2, 1971	41 yrs	Dan Dallas.....	June 3, 1987	25 yrs
John Cole.....	June 6, 1973	42 yrs	Alexandru Manolea.....	July 21, 2007	5 yrs
Samuel Pearthree.....	June 6, 1974	38 yrs	Jim Chason.....	July 21, 2007	5 yrs

GRAND LODGE EVENTS



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AND THE WINNER IS....

Semi-Annual Election Results

Stephenson Lodge had four representatives at the Grand Lodge Semi-annual Communications on May 19th, Worshipful Master, Bill Bridges, Senior Warden, Carl Lee, PM, Junior Warden, J. Courtney Hart, and Duane Duncan, PM, The results of the day's election were as follows, Grand Master: Gerald E. Piepiora, Deputy Grand Master: Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr., Senior Grand Warden: Charles J. Carmichael, Junior Grand Warden: David R. Sandy. Grand Secretary: Herbert Y. Holcomb, III, and Grand Treasurer: William E. Gyr. ~



J. E. Piepiora



K. S. Wyvill



C.J. Carmichael



D. R. Sandy



H. Y. Holcomb



W. E. Gyr