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OF DARLINGTON, MARYLAND

# STEPHENSON LODGE No. 135

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER FOR 144 YEARS



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## The Vitruvian Man

Contemplation on  
**Masonic teachings** by  
Worshipful Master,  
William Bridges



*Daniel Gonzalez's son was recognized as student of the month for Meadowvale Elementary at the last city council meeting in Havre de Grace. Here he is presented an award by the Mayor of Havre de Grace while his family watches. His dad, and our brother is overseas currently, and we are all proud for him.*



## 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  
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 Chaplain ..... Oscar R. Baldwin, PM  
 Musician ..... Vernon K. Stearn, PM  
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A MESSAGE FROM

## Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one and all,

In looking at this drawing of man's proportions as depicted by Leonardo da Vinci, several Masonic teachings came to my mind. See if any come to yours.

Notice the arms and feet within the circle, the square, and the positioning of his feet. I can't really make out any of the writing and my intention is not to give an interpretation of this drawing. But, I just thought it interesting and I will further my own education of this probably via Google®.

However, as we all know, Masonry does concern men and on May 5<sup>th</sup>, a statewide open house of Masonic Lodges will be held to attract new men interested in being Masons. It is necessary that as a fraternity we continue to add to our ranks so that we remain a viable body. There is strength in numbers. And new members are needed to give us depth in building upon what has already been established by our brothers before us.

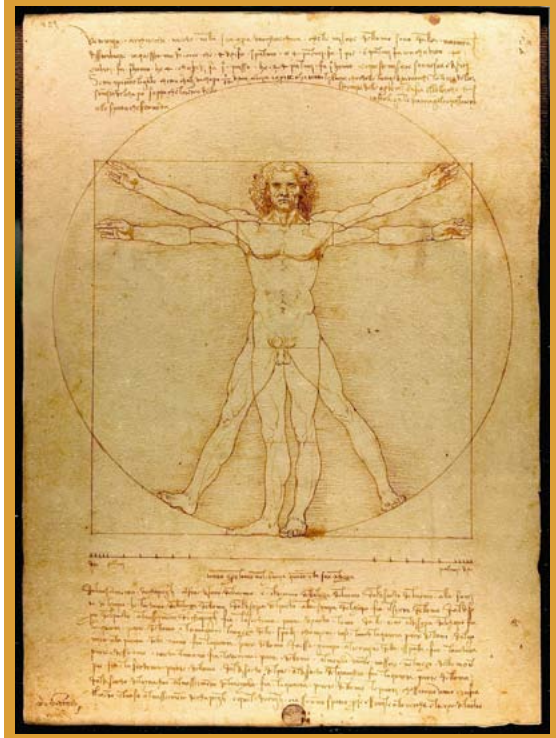
So, if you know of a man that might be interested in becoming a member of the largest fraternity in the world, bring him to lodge on May 5th. We have a beautiful lodge. We have great brothers to show off our lodge and answer questions regarding membership. Let us not only open the door, but let us open hearts and minds as well and hopefully welcome some new brothers in the process.

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



## The Vitruvian Man

is a world-renowned drawing created by Leonardo da Vinci circa 1487. It is accompanied by notes based on the work of the famed architect, Vitruvius. The drawing, which is in pen and ink on paper, depicts a male figure in two superimposed positions with his arms and legs apart and simultaneously inscribed in a circle and square. The drawing and text are sometimes called the Canon of Proportions or, less often, Proportions of Man. It is stored in the Gallerie dell'Accademia in Venice, Italy, and, like most works on paper, is displayed only occasionally. The drawing is based on the correlations of ideal human proportions with geometry described by the ancient Roman architect Vitruvius in Book III of his treatise *De Architectura*. Vitruvius described the human figure as being the principal source of proportion among the Classical orders of architecture. Leonardo's drawing is traditionally named in honor of the architect.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2012

Stephenson Lodge Events
  County Lodges Events
  Grand Lodges Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 Bel Air, MD	2 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Darlington, MD	3	4	5 Stephenson Lodge's Open House
6	7 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 Aberdeen, MD	8 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 Havre de Grace, MD	9	10 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Cardiff, MD	11	12 School of Instructions Mt. Ararat 8:00 am
13	14	15 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 Bel Air, MD	16 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Darlington, MD	17	18 Gala 225 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Grand Lodge 6:30 pm	19 Semi-Annual Communications Grand Lodge 10:00 am
20	21 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 Aberdeen, MD	22 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 Havre de Grace, MD	23	24 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Cardiff, MD	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

## HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES ADDRESSES & MEETING NIGHTS



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

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



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

Thomas Dunworth, WM  
Baxter Leppert, Sec



**Esdraelon** no.176  
304 Main St.  
Cardiff, MD 21024  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

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



**Aberdeen** no.187  
20 North Howard St.  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STEPHENSON LODGE

## May Communications for Stephenson Lodge

### FIRST COMMUNICATION

MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

*Fellowcraft Lodge*

*Introduction of our newly appointed Grand Inspector, Kevin Emery.  
Possible Fellowcraft catechism by Mark Alexander.*

### OPEN HOUSE

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> (SATURDAY)

*Open House at Stephenson Lodge*

8:00-4:00

### SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR OFFICERS

MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> (SATURDAY)

*Mt. Ararat in Bel Air*

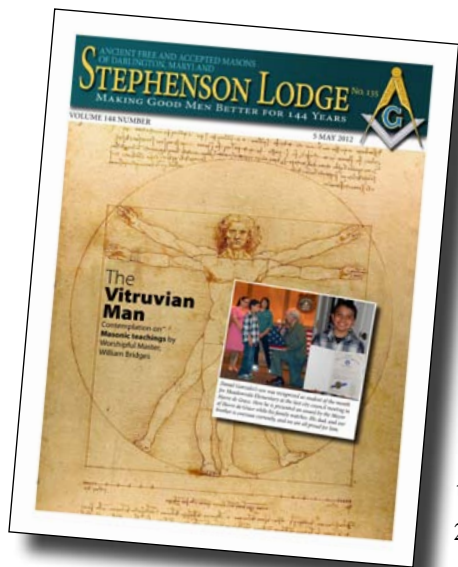
*Bill Richard, Deputy Grand Lecturer  
8:00-10:00*

### SECOND COMMUNICATIONS

MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

*Master Mason Lodge with Holding Co. meeting at 7:10pm*

*Possible Fellowcraft catechism, with a Master Mason Degree for  
Mark Alexander.*



A NEW LOOK

## Format change for our trestleboard

Stephenson Lodge's trestleboard has a new look. Our secretary has decided it is time for a new, cleaner look with more information and a requested calendar of events. The new look will provide the upcoming events for the Lodge, but also any Grand Lodge events and activities.

Our trestleboard has gone through a few revisions over the last decade. When our secretary was re-elected to the post in 2005, the trestleboards were a thin eight page document. In 2011, the format changed once the secretary no longer could supply




the printing capabilities. The format change to a horizontal letter size document

which was printed by Past Master Carl Lee. Brother Lee continues to offer his

services for printing the documents, for which the Lodge is grateful for. Recently, the Worshipful Master has requested a calendar of events be inserted. This new

format allows for those who get the printed format, to pull the calendar page out and use it as a monthly reminder of Lodge activities within Harford County. ~



### Catechism Degree Instructors

<b>Entered Apprentice Degree</b>		
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<b>Fellowcraft Degree</b>		
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<i>Rich Dolly, SD</i>	301.268.6713	blackjackplus1@yahoo.com
<b>Master Mason Degree</b>		
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<i>Carl Lee, PM</i>	410.591.2518	carl041950@yahoo.com

COMING IN JUNE

## Stephenson Lodge's Annual Strawberry Night

Stephenson Lodge's annual Strawberry Night will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 at 7:30, pm and begin the festivities close to 8:00pm. ~



COMING IN JUNE

## Stephenson Lodge's Open House

Stephenson Lodge will be joining all of the Masonic Lodges in Maryland on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for a state-wide Open House event. This is a repeat of last year's activity that help increase awareness of our Masonic tradition to the public. We will open the Lodge to the public at 9:00 am until 4:00pm. Guided tours of the building will be given along with various literature. For refreshments, hot dogs, sodas, and potato chips will be available. ~

## First Grand Lodge Table Lodge

Stephenson Lodge made a presence at the Grand Lodge Table Lodge commemorating the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland which started in April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1787. The event took place in the Grand Lodge Ballroom at 7:00, with Lodge opening in the First Degree in the Corinthian Room. Every Lodge present was assembled by Lodge number and proceeded to the Ballroom in order. The procession was video recorded as each brother descended the stairs.

The first ten oldest Lodges participated in the table Lodge with each Master of the Lodge proposing a toast in succession. Both Mt. Ararat no. 44 and Harmony No. 53 were both one of the honored Lodges proposing a toast. There were ten toasts made in total.

Stephenson Lodge had nine members in attendance, Mike Cook, Bill Bridges, Jr., Jim Gamble, Jerry R. Arnold, PM, Duane Duncan, PM, Courtney Hart, Bill Bridges, Sr. along with Thomas Dunworth and Steven Fayer, who sat with their home Lodge, Susquehanna, No. 130. The event was over around 10:00pm. Everyone who attended received a souvenir charging glass with the Grand Lodge information and date on it. The wine provided was from brother Mike Fiore. 🍷



*The scene at the first Grand Lodge Table Lodge held on Tuesday evening, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Over four hundred guests were in attendance. In the center of the image is Esdraelon Lodge, No. 176.*



*This shows the members of Stephenson Lodge who attended the Grand Lodge Table Lodge.*

### DEGREE WORK

## New Entered Apprentice & Master Mason

Stephenson Lodge has a new Entered Apprentice, Kris Kauserud. Brother Kauserud received his first degree on April 18<sup>th</sup> in the presence of a large group of brothers and visitors. We had brothers from Quarryville and Christiana, Pennsylvania come down to see the degree. Worshipful Master Bill Bridges did excellent degree work and a great lecture, even with Bill Richard, the Deputy Grand Lecturer present.

On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, our Worshipful Master, Bill Bridges, Sr. mentored brother Mike Cook as he received his second and third degrees at Grand Lodge. Brother Cook will work with the Fellowcraft Portals and stand examination in the Master Mason Proficiency. 🍷

*Top right, officers of Stephenson Lodge who assisted with the Entered Apprentice Degree for Brother Kris Kauserud. Rich Dolly, Sr. Deacon; Kris Kauserud, Courtney Hart, Jr. Warden; Bill Bridges, Sr., Worshipful Master; Dave Kraus, PM, Sr. Warden; and Jim Gamble, Jr. Deacon. Bottom right, Bill Bridges and Kris Kauserud.*



# GRAND LODGE EVENTS

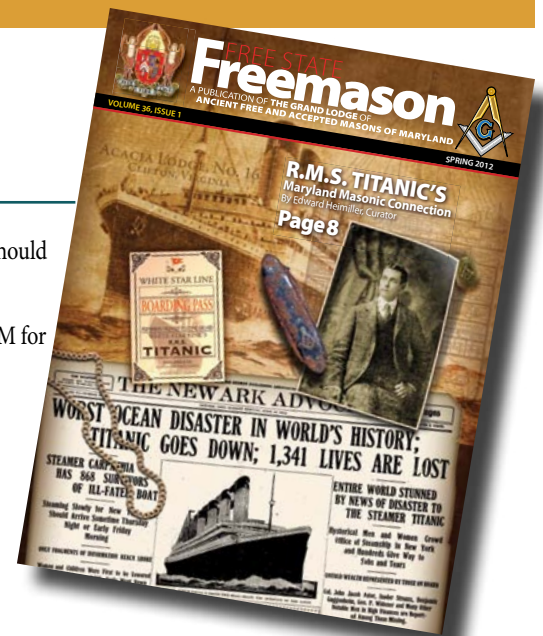


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MARYLAND FREE STATE FREEMASON

## Spring Issue

The latest issue of the *Maryland Free State FreeMason* is out and should have been delivered to your doorstep by now. This sixteen page magazine is designed and created by our secretary, Jerry R. Arnold, PM for the Grand Lodge of Maryland. ☺



GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND

## May Events

Besides the 225th Anniversary Banquet which is featured to the left, the Grand Lodge of Maryland will hold its Semi-Annual Communication on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am in the Corinthian Room, there will be a noon lunch break with Grand Lodge resuming at 1:30 and the election of officers at 2:00pm and closing at 5:00pm. Stephenson Lodge will have representatives in attendance for this historical occasion.



OBVERSE SIDE



REVERSE SIDE

For the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a special commemorative medal will be presented for those attending the Banquet. This medal was designed based on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary medal. The Obverse side shows the square and compasses with the dates 1787 and 2012, while the reverse side has the Grand Lodge seal with the words 1787, Talbot Court House, John Coats Grand Master / Cockeysville Stephen Ponzillo, III, Grand Master 2012. The current design was done by our secretary, Jerry R. Arnold, PM. and is shown above. ☺

## GRAND LODGE 225<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

GALA 225<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm

Our 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration continues with this special night, which includes an impressive banquet dinner in the Grand Lodge Ballroom followed by an amazing aerial and ground fireworks display from the lawns of the Grand Lodge.

All Brothers in attendance will receive a special 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Medal.

Cost: \$140 per couple/\$80 per individual Brother—Formal Attire.

Open to Brethren, their Ladies and Guests.

For tickets please contact the Grand Lodge Office at 410.527.0600 . Reservation deadline – May 4, 2012.

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