



Meet our newest Entered Apprentices who received their first degree this past June 4<sup>th</sup>. In the front center are our newest members and they are brothers Mike Deckard, Andrew Kucharek, and Robert Kielber. The photograph shows the brothers who assisted in the degreework.

A MESSAGE FROM

### Our Worshipful Master

Brethern one and all,  
Now that summer is drawing to a close it is time to resume our masonic activities. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer and you are anxious to attend our first meeting of the fall.

You will no doubt be surprised to see how much work was done over the summer, renovating the refreshment area of the Lodge. Under Brother Keith Thompson's guidance we have been working hard on the building to restore it to its former glory and we have made quite an impact on the Lodge.

Please make every effort to come out to Lodge this month and see what has been done to beautify Stephenson Lodge.

I look forward to seeing one and all.

Carl Lee, PM, *Worshipful Master, 2011*



The 2012 Dues cards are in. You should have your 2011 card by now. Those behind will be contacted as instructed by Grand Lodge.

#### THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP

You should have your **2012 Dues Card**

Stephenson Lodges Annual Dues .....	\$48. <sup>00</sup>
Affiliated Member Annual Dues .....	\$25. <sup>50</sup>
Petition .....	\$205. <sup>00</sup>



## 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  
 Grand Inspector ..... Mike Randow, PM, GI

### WORSHIPFUL MASTER

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### THE GOOD APPLE

## Darlington Apple Festival is here!

The Darlington Apple Festival is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come out and volunteer for all or part of the day. It is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we need as many Brothers as possible to participate. Please contact Brother Duane Duncan at 443-243-6318, if you can help out. We especially need a few Brothers to spend the afternoon with us assisting in clean up.



## Pit Beef is Coming in October

Due to the overwhelming success of our Pit Beef sale last April, we are again holding a Pit Beef Sale on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sale will be located on Route 1 at the property owned by Brother C. D. Miller between Dublin and Darlington. Please spread the word to family and friends to come by between 10:00am and 2:00pm to purchase some mouth-watering pit beef, turkey or ham sandwiches. All proceeds will help us raise money for the Holding Company.



### SPECIAL THANKS

## Donated Chairlift

Stephenson Lodge new's addition which was recently donated by one of our brothers, finishes off the access for our more handicapped members to reach the Lodge. A special thanks to Brother **Jerome Heathcott** for the donation of the additional section to continue the chairlift to the second floor. This donation makes it possible for all our Brothers and visitors to gain access to our Lodge.

### SPECIAL THANKS

## Officer Practice has started back up

Our ritualist, Brother **Duane Duncan**, Past Master, has asked that practice for the officers will start on September 12, Monday night at 7:00. He needs all officers of Stephenson Lodge to be there, and any other interested brothers who want to help.

### SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Masonic Birthday

Ernest G. Spey ..... Oct. 4, 1964 ..... 47 yrs.  
 Clinton Adams, HPM ..... Oct. 16, 1968 ..... 43 yrs.  
 Barry L. Hinkle, PM ..... Oct. 16, 1968 ..... 43 yrs.  
 Eldon L. Stearn, PM ..... Oct. 17, 1979 ..... 32 yrs.  
 William Ensor, III ..... Sep. 24, 1986 ..... 25 yrs.  
 Donald R. Peak ..... Sep. 24, 1986 ..... 25 yrs.  
 J. Courtney Hart ..... Oct. 4, 1993 ..... 18 yrs.  
 Robert W. Gamble ..... Oct. 6, 1999 ..... 12 yrs.  
 Jonathan S. Wright ..... Oct. 28, 2006 ..... 5 yrs.

### ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS AND INTERESTED MASTER MASONS

## Harford County School of Instruction

The month's School will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Mt. Ararat will be hosting this month School. All officers should attend to learn their respective duties and floor-work from Bill Richard, PM, DGL.

## "Strawberry Night" on John Cole

The Worshipful Master got a recently letter from Brother **John Cole** who celebrates his 39th Masonic birthday this year.

*It was great to speak with you by phone, let's get together soon. I would like to write a note to the Officers and Brothers of Lodge 145 to be read in Lodge.*

*To The Officers and Brothers of Lodge 135, the 39th Anniversary and back to 1973, oh how time flies. Sorry I cannot attend but I am staying close to home. With Melanoma and Chemo it has a tendency to slow you down. I am enjoying my 39th Anniversary and I hope there will be many more to come.*

*By the way brothers, enjoy the strawberries and cream, they are on me. Sincerely,*

*Brother John Cole.*

Brother Cole enclosed a check for one hundred dollars to help the Lodge purchase the strawberries and ice cream. All of the Brothers, families, and friends of the Lodge who attended Strawberries Night would like to say "Thank you and get well as fast as you can Brother John. We hope to see you in Lodge soon.



## Welcome to our new Master Masons



Welcome to our newly raised Master Masons. The offices of the Stephenson Lodge performed two Master Mason degrees since last time. In the far left photo is Brother Rich Dolly and the officers and his father and brother, both Mason who came to help. Brother Dolly is now assisting in teaching the catechism for the Entered Apprentices. He hopes to be appointed to the Senior Deacon chair for 2012. The near left photo is newly raised Doug Wilson, who subsequently has traveled overseas for his job and hopes to return later this year.

## Stephenson Holding Company has been busy this Summer working on the Lodge building

Once again, over the Summer months, our Holding Company members have been busy working on remodeling the building. Many, many thanks goes out to the Holding Company's President Keith Thompson for his leadership and guidance with the work downstairs in the Lodge building.

After the start of work it was revealed that much of the original structure remained from the Darlington Academy included a large ceiling beam supported by a column, the original windows hidden behind the walls and other decorative features which had been uncovered. After a quick meeting on site, it was decided to save as much of the structures as possible and not to

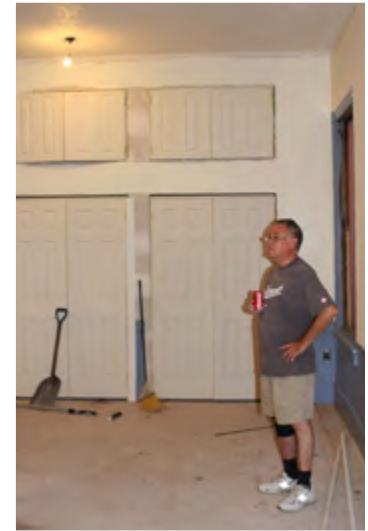
cover it. So the drop ceiling was removed and the walls were repaired and repainted. After another Holding Company meeting it was decided to replace the floor to finish the high quality job started. Here's photos of the work in progress, later trestleboards will cover the finished room.



Left: WM Carl Lee attacks the old walls. Above: The old drop ceiling comes down. Left: The ceiling beam and column is uncovered.



Left: The ceiling beam and walls are patched. Above: With lots of supervision, Tony Vitak and Carl Lee paint the trim. Right: Bill Bridges looks over the new room and the closet space created for storage.



Next Month we'll see the finished room in the Trestleboard!

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED THIS SUMMER!**

## September Communication

SEPTEMBER 21<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

*Lodge will open at 7:30 the in the Master Mason degree for performing Master Mason Catechism on all those eligible.*

## October Communications

OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

*Lodge will open at 7:30 the in the Master Mason degree We will also balloting on the following petition:  
Michael Wayne Cook*

Age 60

*who is a Program Manager at DHMH/OHCQ and resides at 202 Hitching Post Drive in Bel Air*

OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

*Lodge will open at 7:30 the in the Entered Apprentice degree for performing Entered Apprentice Catechism on all those eligible.*

## Meet Harry S. Truman



The Grand Lodge of Maryland is planning to host the fourth in its series of our American Heritage. We are pleased to have President Harry S. Truman for this program.

This program will be FREE to Masons, their guests and the public. Reservations must be made by October 14, 2011 and a ticket secured.

Preceding the 7:30 performance, a reception will be available for \$25.00 per person at 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Lodge Ballroom including fruit, cheese, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks.

Reservations for the reception and/or commemorative program may be made by contacting the office of the Grand Lodge at 410-527-0600 or by email at office@glmd.org.

## Strawberry Night at Lodge

On June 1st, Stephenson Lodge held it's annual Strawberry Night with lots of refreshments of strawberries, ice cream, pies, and other goodies. It was held right after a short Lodge meeting and friends and families were invited.



*Top Left: Past Master Dave Kraus discusses the planned renovations for the Lodge while Courtney Hart listens as he enjoys his strawberries and ice cream.*



*Bottom Left: Past Master Dean Alban explains a little more about Masonry and what it means to our new entered apprentice, brother Rob Kielber and his friend while at Strawberry Night.*

## Degreework at Grand Lodge

On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge officers will confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degree on eligible members. This conferral will take place in the Corinthian Hall on the second floor of the Grand Lodge building.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:30 a.m. with lunch to be served at noon.

Secretaries of Lodges desiring to have candidates participate in this event should contact the Grand Secretary's office to register these candidates. As in previous conferrals of this nature Bibles may be purchased for the candidates.

Individual candidates are to complete "The Portals Program" in lieu of the first and/or second degree catechism and all are to fulfill the standard third degree proficiency in order to petition a Collateral Body.

## Harvest Home Day

A new parking venue has been acquired for this year's Harvest Home Day festivities. We will no longer be using the Executive Plaza Complex parking lot. We will now be using the parking lots across from the main & upper entrances to the Grand Lodge. These lots are located at 303 International Circle and will be marked. Maryland Masonic Homes shuttles will be used in place of the bus company we used previously to bring brothers to the event. All other parking will remain the same for Harvest Home day.



A new event will also debut and all Lodges are encouraged to participate. We will be reviving the real reason Masons once descended upon Bonnie Blink after a call was sent out by PGM Seipp, CORN HUSKING! A Corn Husking Competition will take place at 7:30 AM with teams made up of Lodge members. Teams will consist of 5 members and Lodges may field more than 1 team. Participants are encouraged to wear farming attire for this event. Participants will be given 1 bushel of corn to husk, clean up husks and bring husked corn to a designated area. This event will be a shot gun start and timed, with awards given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Each participant will also receive a "Historic" Corn Husking Peg approved and supplied by the Grand Lodge. These pegs are replicas of those found in the Grand Lodge Museum. Included with this memorandum is a registration form and corn husking rules. The registration fee for this event is \$100.00 per team with a deadline of September 15, 2011. Teams will take home their bushel of husked corn.

We trust these new additions will make for an even more enjoyable day for our brethren and look forward