



Our newest 50-year members were recognized on April 20th by both Stephenson Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The three members received a certificate, card and pin attesting to their belonging to this exclusive group of Masons. Our Worshipful Master also presented them with a 50 year cap, coffee mug and pen. All three brothers were raised in 1961. The photo above shows, our Worshipful Master, Carl Lee, Harry Pomraning, PM, Ed Campbell, and Bill Cadwell, Sr and Mike Randow, our Grand Inspector. Past Master Pomraning was Master in 1964. Brother Campbell came to us from Tuscan Lodge in Towson.

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Much has occurred in our Lodge during the past few weeks. We were honored to have the Grand Line raise Bro. Jim Gamble, Jr., did a thorough spring cleaning of the Lodge building and hosted an Open House as part of the Grand Lodge's campaign to increase membership statewide. A sincere thank you to all of the Brothers who volunteered



on the membership committee, the many Bros. who spent a Saturday cleaning the Lodge and those who participated in our Open House on April 2nd. We could not have accomplished nearly as much without the help of so many hardworking members.

As we prepare to "go dark" for the summer I would like to thank everyone at Stephenson who have worked so hard and volunteered their time to make our Lodge the wonderful place that it is. We have so many members who teach Catechism, attend practice, visit other lodges and spread the word of Freemasonry.

Please have a safe and relaxing summer.

Carl Lee, PM, *Worshipful Master, 2011*

THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP

You should have your **2011 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
 Grand Inspector Mike Randow, PM, GI

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A GOOD BYE

The Passing of Carl Stearn, PM

Long time member Carl Stearn passed away recently and one of the largest Masonic Service in recent times was performed on his behalf. Past Master Dave Kraus did the honors as members from all of the local Lodges were in attendance. Word spread quickly of Brother Stearn's passing and Stephenson Lodge's regular meeting was cancelled by special dispensation to allow the members to attend. Past Master Stearn was also the Lodge's treasurer and secretary at various times.



Carl Stearn's Obituary

For our out-of-town brothers, here's Carl's obituary:

Carl Allen Stearn, age 80, of Bel Air, MD, died on Monday, April 4, 2011 at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air, MD. Born in Level, MD, he was the son of the late Leonard Winfield Stearn Sr. and Annie May Hughes Stearn. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force and participated in the Berlin Air Lift from 1948 to 1951. He retired after 35 years at Edgewood Arsenal where he was a Clinical Facility Administrator. He was a member, and past master, of the Masonic Lodge, Stephenson Lodge 135, Darlington, a Masonic Veteran of Maryland, and was a member for 30 years at Bel Air United Methodist Church where he was an usher. He served on various committees and enjoyed making bird houses, sports, yard work and gardening. He was also employed at McComas Funeral Home, where he gave ten years of service. Mr. Stearn is survived by his wife, who he married in 1951, Annie Mae Roope Stearn; a son, Ronald Allen Stearn, of Belcamp, MD; daughter, Linda Jean Blakely and husband, Jack, of Elkridge, MD; brothers, Kenneth M. Stearn of Aberdeen, MD, and Harold S., Vernon K., and Eldon L. Stearn, all of Level, MD; and sisters, Hazel E. Coen, of Level, MD, and Esther Carr, of Boiling Spring, PA; grandchildren, Christopher A. Stearn, of Belcamp, MD, Matthew C. Stearn and wife, Kristin Stearn, of North East, MD, and Heather M. and Heidi M. Blakely, both of Elkridge, MD; and two great-granddaughters, Madelyn Paige Stearn and Caroline Grace Stearn, of North East, MD. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Leonard Winfield Stearn Jr., three sisters, Myrtle Mahan, Mildred Ruth Laye, and Nettie E. Insley, and daughter-in-law, Linda Kay Stearn. Pallbearers were Chris Stearn, Matt Stearn, Melvin Mahan, Dave Kraus, Doug Schulte, and Jack Blakely. Honorary pallbearers were C. Dayton Miller, Dean Alban, Robert Farrington, Bud Henry (Ernest), Bob Barker, John Swam, Donald Horton, Donald Knode, and the McComas Funeral Home Staff. Contributions may be sent to Bel Air United Methodist Church, 21 Linwood Ave., Bel Air, MD 21014.

MAY, JUNE, & JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Masonic Birthday

Dodson Brown, HPM.....	June 1, 1949.....	65 yrs
Willard Anderson.....	June 18, 1958.....	53 yrs
Edward Campbell.....	June 5, 1961.....	50 yrs
Harry Pomraning, PM.....	May 17, 1961.....	50 yrs
Donald Horton, PM.....	June 5, 1963.....	48 yrs
Jesse Moxley.....	June 21, 1967.....	44 yrs
Larry Hurley, PM.....	June 17, 1970.....	41 yrs
Vernon Stearn, PM.....	June 2, 1971.....	40 yrs
Oscar Baldwin, PM.....	May 3, 1972.....	39 yrs
John Cole.....	June 6, 1973.....	38 yrs
Samuel Pearthree.....	June 6, 1974.....	37 yrs
Ronald Petty.....	June 19, 1974.....	37 yrs
Jerome Heathcott.....	May 21, 1975.....	36 yrs
Tedd Roten.....	June 4, 1975.....	36 yrs
Harold Kirk.....	June 18, 1975.....	36 yrs
Eddie Ray Mullins.....	June 16, 1976.....	35 yrs
Woodrow Chall, III.....	May 30, 1978.....	33 yrs
Ronnie Stearn, PM.....	June 3, 1978.....	33 yrs
Frank Fowler, HPM.....	June 3, 1978.....	33 yrs
Charlie Ray Hunt.....	June 3, 1978.....	33 yrs
Alan Scott Walter.....	May 7, 1980.....	31 yrs
Glenn Swayne, PM.....	May 29, 1981.....	30 yrs
Bruce Lyons.....	May 5, 1982.....	29 yrs
Bruce Flaughter, PM.....	May 5, 1982.....	29 yrs
William Wilson.....	June 20, 1984.....	27 yrs
Charles Chandler.....	June 5, 1985.....	26 yrs
Loren Waddell.....	May 7, 1986.....	25 yrs
Eric Dallas.....	June 3, 1987.....	24 yrs
Tony Vitak.....	May 15, 2002.....	9 yrs
William Smith, Jr.....	May 7, 2003.....	8 yrs
Raymond Steele.....	May 19, 2004.....	7 yrs
William Bafford.....	June 17, 2006.....	5 yrs
James Chason.....	July 21, 2007.....	4 yrs
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ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS AND INTERESTED MASTER MASONS

Harford County School of Instruction

This month's School will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Mt. Ararat will be hosting this month's School. All officers should attend to learn their respective duties and floor-work from Bill Richard, PM, DGL.

Walter Moody's Obituary

For our out-of-town brothers, here's Walt's obituary:

WALTER L. MOODY, SR., age 87 years, of Dublin, Maryland died on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at the Forest Hill Health & Rehabilitation Center in Forest Hill, Maryland. He was the husband of the late Edith (Helms) Moody Dalton and his second wife, the late Annie L. (Hucks) Moody. Born on November 6, 1923 in Darlington, South Carolina, he was a son of the late Bright Lee and Letha (Jackson) Moody. Mr. Moody had worked for the former Bond Bread Company and the former E.H.Koester Bakery Company. He was the owner/operator of the former U Eat Restaurant in Bel Air, Maryland until 1968. Purchasing the location known as the McCann Store in Dublin, Maryland, he reopened it as Moody's Hardware Store. He later upgraded the store and renamed it Moody's General Store, a well known friendly shopping location for everyone. Retiring in 1993, he sold the store and dedicated most of his retirement years to working with the Shepherds of the Boumi Temple and Masonic activities. Mr. Moody was a 62 year Master Mason and member of Stephenson Lodge # 135 A.F. & A.M., in Darlington, Maryland, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Tall Cedars, Scottish Rite and the Boumi Temple Shepherds of Baltimore. He also was a member of Franklin Baptist Church in Darlington, Maryland. Mr. Moody was a former member of the Darlington Volunteer Fire Company and former member and past president of the Darlington Lions Club. He is survived by: Four children- Walter Lee Moody, Jr., and his wife, Lynn of Charlotte North Carolina N. Dolores Wright and her husband,

Rabbit of Dublin, Maryland Samuel Helms Moody of Pineville, North Carolina Kay Hooks of Omaha, Nebraska A stepson, James Stewart of Hollywood, Florida Eight grandsons- Richard Lee Moody and his wife, Sue Michael Bowitz and his wife, Dana Brian Moody and his wife, Tina Christopher Moody and his wife, Leslie Jonathan Wright and his wife, Tesha Bill Hooks and his wife, Stacie Jeffery Parks and his wife, Jen Phil Parks Fifteen great grandchildren A sister, Lucille Livingston of Hartsville, South Carolina. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Nick Hooks and seven siblings. Visitations will be held on Monday, March 21, 2011 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Emory United Methodist Church, 911 Cherry Hill Road, Street, Maryland where the funeral service will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Brian Shockey will officiate. Masonic Services will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday at the church. Interment will be in Dublin Southern Cemetery, Darlington, Maryland.



FAREWELL PARTY

Daniel & Doug



On Monday April 12th the officers and brethren of Stephenson Lodge gathered together to say so long to two of our newer brothers. Daniel Gonzalez, our Senior Deacon and Doug Wilson, one of our Fellowcraft are both traveling overseas, leaving in May. The original party was planned for April 6th, but that meeting was cancelled by special dispensation by the Grand Master so that the brethren could attend the Masonic service for Carl Stearn, PM, which was held that evening.

The party was held in the Lodge and was open to the public. They were presented with a Stephenson Lodge cap, a mug and a pen, along with a cake.

Top photo shows Doug on the left and Daniel on the right.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Communications

MAY 4TH (WEDNESDAY)

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

MAY 18TH (WEDNESDAY)

Lodge will open at 7:30 the in the Master Mason degree for balloting on the following petitions:

Andrew Neal Kucharek

Age 29

who is a student at Harford Community College and resides at 652 Lochean Terrace in Bel Air

Michael Deckard, Jr

Age 39

who is a paramedic and works for Cecil County and resides at 3625 Old Level Road in Havre de Grace

Robert Andrew Kiebler Age 27

who is a vineyard technician and works for Fiore Winery and resides at 1401 Old Pylesville Road in Whiteford

UPCOMING EVENTS

June Communication

JUNE 1ST (WEDNESDAY)

Lodge will open at 7:30 for a very short communication before we start the Annual Strawberry Night. The festivities are open to the public so bring your family and friends.

FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND

225th Semi-annual Communications

The Grand Lodge of Maryland will meet in Semi-annual Communications on Saturday, May 14th in the Corinthian Room. Worshipful Masters and Wardens are expected to attend. They are also to wear their respective Lodge officer's aprons and jewels to the event. Past Masters planning on attending can wear their Past Master aprons. The dress code will be either a dark suit or tuxedo. There will be no Grand Lodge Religious Service for the Semi-annual Communications.

QUARTER OF A CENTURY

The Waddells celebrate 25 years

Jerry and Loren Waddell celebrated 25 years of Masonry at Stephenson Lodge. Our Grand Inspector presented the brothers their 25 year pen and the Worshipful Master presented a Stephenson Lodge mug and a pen.



Above, from left to right, Worshipful Master Carl Lee, Jerry Waddell, Loren Waddell, and our Grand Inspector, Mike Randow.

PASSING AN EXAMINATION

The Fellowcraft

Our recent Fellowcrafts has passed their examination of that degree. Past Master Dean Alban presented the three brothers and they performed a great job. Next will be the Master Mason degree for Brother Dolly and Wilson. Brother Gamble has already received his 3rd degree by Special Dispensation.



Left, from left to right, Rich Dolly, Jim Gamble, Doug Wilson, and our Grand Inspector, Mike Randow.

PIT BEEF AND NEW PETITIONS

Open House at Stephenson

Our April 2nd, Open House was a tremendous success. We hosted a Pit Beef lunch which drew a large crowd and had many visitors to the Lodge that day. We received two Petitions for membership in the Lodge and handed out several other petitions during our event.

Although we had over a dozen Brothers who helped plan, organize and attend the open House, Past Master Keith Thompson had a great deal to do with the entire day. Brother Keith had a new sign for the event and organized the Pit Beef which helped draw so many people to our event. Hat's off to Brother Keith who always gives 110% to the Lodge.



Past Master Dean Alban takes in the aroma of the pit beef as it's cooking.

The Lodge looking better than it ever has.



The brothers and customers waiting for a good pit beef sandwich.

A proud Past Master Duane Duncan standing by the pit beef sign in front of the Lodge.

