



STEPHENSON LODGE No. 135 A.F. & A.M.

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that Stephenson Lodge lost a kind and gentle brother, Omar Floyd Duncan, PM 1928-2016. Omar was raised in Stephenson Lodge on January 19, 2000 and has been with our Lodge for over sixteen years. He is also a member of Washington Lodge, and honorary members of many Lodges. He became Worshipful Master of Stephenson Lodge in 2007. He was known for his travels to many other Lodges and said for some years he spent almost every night visiting Masonic Lodges. He was loved by each and every brother that he met with his humble demeanor. Although he was in his eighty's, he learned the Canadian Charge and was proud to recite it for various Lodges. He was a true Mason, always ready to aid and assist. As health issues became more prevalent in his life, he was unable to attend the Lodges that he loved so much. Today, November 25th, 2016, he laid down his working tools and said good bye to the Brothers he loved so much. All who knew him will miss him.

Our first meeting in December (December 7th) will be election of officers for 2017 and Lodge will open at 7:30 for this important task. Come out and support your officers.

Our Second meeting will be our annual Christmas Celebration. We will start the evening with a covered dish dinner with the Lodge supplying the ham. This is open to family and friends, so come out and bring your family and a dish. Dinner will start at 6:15pm on Wednesday, December 21st. We will have a very short business meeting and following that, we will enjoy all sorts of holiday desserts and Christmas music. This is a special time of year and we would like to enjoy it with you and your family. A special invite goes out to all of our fellow Masons in the County and State, come join us.

We are also collecting new toys for the thrift shop who rent from us. This allows them to help families in need to provide a little Christmas cheer to their children. Bring your toys to the Lodge anytime in December and we'll place them under our Christmas Tree.

I would like to thank everyone for all of their help and assistance through my term as Worshipful Master of 2016. It's been a special time for me and I look forward to helping the incoming Worshipful Master in any way I can. So, to all of my brothers, and their families I wish for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2017.

Keith Thompson, Sr.

Worshipful Master, 2016