



Stephenson  
Lodge

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

No. 135

# TRESTLEBOARD

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## PRESIDENT WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

*February 22*



This rare 1867 lithograph, titled "*Washington As A Freemason*" was done by Strobridge & Co. Lithographers, Cincinnati, Ohio. See inside page 6 for more information.

A MESSAGE FROM

## Our Worshipful Master

Brethren all,

February looks to be a very busy month. We have Degree work being held and a Petition for Affiliation into the Lodge. We also have the Building Committee and By-Laws Committee holding meetings over the next month to discuss the future direction of the lodge.



I look forward to your coming out to support our lodge and any of the other surrounding lodges for any upcoming events.

Please note, if there are other lodges that have any upcoming events in the near future, please notify me so that it may be added to the Trestleboard. This will insure the highest turnout possible for your event. I envision all lodges interacting closely with each other to encourage the future of the Fellowship.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Duane Duncan, WM

A MESSAGE FROM

## Our Senior Warden

My Brethren,

I would like to thank the Officers and Members of Stephenson Lodge, No. 135 for giving me the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Senior Warden. Thank you for having the confidence and faith in me and I look forward to serving the Brethren.

Fraternally, Omar Duncan, SW

## New Line Installed

The officers of Stephenson Lodge, No. 135 were duly installed on January 4th, 2006. The Installation of Officers was attended by Master Masons from Lodges in both Harford and Cecil Counties. The turnout very was auspicious which made the occasion a very memorable and cherished one for me. Prior to the Installation, the Stephenson Lodge again held up to the occasion with a wonderful meal for all to enjoy.



*Top left to right: Oscar Baldwin, Carl Lee, Frank Fowler, Jerry Arnold, Keith Thompson, C. D. Miller, Vernon Stern, Richard Hoffman, Jerry Fields, James Gambill, Duane Duncan, Omar Duncan (not pictured: James Johnson, Stacy Hale).*

I would like to thank Brother Bruce Flaughter, PM for the hand-made Gavel presented to me during the Installation Ceremony. The outstanding craftsmanship put forth in the making of such a beautiful piece of woodwork is truly something I will cherish forever and treat with the utmost respect.



*More on pg 7.*

# FEBRUARY 2006 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	1 Regular Meeting	2	3	4 Breakfast at Harmony Lodge
5	6 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	7 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	8	9 Esdraelon 176 Regular Meeting FC Degree(s)	10 School of Instruction FC Degree Aberdeen Lodge	11
12	13	14 Mt. Ararat 44 Regular Meeting	15 Regular Meeting EA degree	16	17	18
19	20 Aberdeen 187 Regular Meeting	21	22	23 Esdraelon 176 Regular Meeting	24	25
26	27	28 Susquehanna 130 Regular Meeting	1	2	3	4

Who's doing degreework? Entered Apprentice Degree  
Look for these symbols.

Fellowcraft Degree

Master Mason Degree



**Mt. Ararat #44**  
136 East Gordon St.  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
1st & 3rd Tuesday

Ronald A. Hill, Sr., WM  
Don Knode, Sec



**Susquehanna #130**  
215 North Washington St.  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
2nd & 4th Tuesday

James Ringsaker, WM  
Phillip L. Powell, Sec

## HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES



**Esdraelon #176**  
304 Main St.  
Cardiff, MD 21024  
2nd & 4th Thursday

George Welford, WM  
G. Wilson Tharpe, Sec



**Aberdeen #187**  
20 North Howard St.  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
1st & 3rd Monday

Charles White, WM  
Ralph L. Perry, Sec

UPCOMING EVENTS:

## February's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

### First Meeting, February 1<sup>st</sup>

#### REGULAR BUSINESS & PETITION

Starts at 7:30

Petition for Herman Gonzalez for membership

### Second Meeting, February 15<sup>th</sup>

#### REGULAR BUSINESS & FIRST DEGREE

#### *From the Cover—A description of the Litho:*

In the upper left hand corner is a picture of Lafayette with the words above: "An Order Whose Leading Star is a Philanthropy" and the upper right has a picture of Andrew Jackson with the words above reading: "Past Grand Master of the Lodge of Tennessee". The paper in George's hand reads "The Grand Object of Masonry is to Promote the Happiness to the Human Race—Washington". Underneath George it reads: "Commander of the American Army, 1775. President of the United States 1789". Under that it reads: "Intituted November 4th 1752, in Fredericksburg Lodge No 4 Virginia, Passed March 3d 1753 Raised August 4th 1753".

The left column "**Boaz**" has words: Charity, Hope and Faith with Born Feb 22 A.D. 1732 at bottom. Right column "**Jachin**" has Beauty, Strength and Wisdom with Died Dec 14 A.D. 1799 at bottom.

Lower left box has the quotation: "Awake not his Slumbers tread lightly around, Tis the Grave of Freeman, tis Liberty's mound. The Name is immortal, our freedom you won. Brave Sire of Columbia, our own Washington. Oh! wake not the Hero his Battles are over, Let him rest, calmly rest, on his dear native Shore, While the Stars & the Stripes of our Country shall wave O'er the Land that can boast of a Washington Grave." The statement on the right reads:

"Disturb not his Slumbers let Washington sleep Neath the Boughs of the Willow that over him weep, His Arm is unnerved, but his Deeds remain bright, As the Stars in the dark vaulted Heaven at Night. Oh! wake not the Hero, his Battles are over, Let him rest undisturbed on the Potomac's fair Shore, On the Rivers green Borders, so flowery drest, With the Hearts he loved fondly, let Washington rest." The seven scenes depicted starting from the left top are a man sleeping next to a bag with a stairway to heaven behind him. Next is an Angel next to a woman. Bottom left is a scene of a Masonic altar with three burning tapers around it. Bottom center is a shovel, mallet and a casket. Bottom right has the two columns of Boaz and Jachin with their celestial globes on top. The "All-seeing Eye" is in the top center. There are four figures next to the base of the columns and the two on the left are Fortitude & Prudence and the two on right are Temperance & Justice.

## 2006 Dues are Due

Please remember to pay your dues for 2006. The dues for this year is \$48.

## Perry Point Escort Service Is On February 19th

From page 3  
It was with great honor  
that I accepted the  
Gavel from Brother  
Dean Alban, Worshipful  
Master 2005.





## **STEPHENSON LODGE'S**

### *Line Officers for 2006*

Worshipful Master .....	Duane A. Duncan
Senior Warden.....	Omar F. Duncan
Junior Warden .....	James Gamble, PM
Secretary .....	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer .....	Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
Senior Deacon.....	Keith J. Thompson, Sr.
Junior Deacon .....	Carl W. Lee
Senior Steward.....	Richard E. Hoffman
Junior Steward .....	Stacy C. Hale
Tyler .....	Frank W. Fowler
Chaplain .....	James K. Johnson
Musician.....	Vernon K. Stearn, PM
Marshal .....	Charles D. Miller, PM
Ritualist.....	Charles D. Miller, PM
Grand Inspector .....	William Dula, PM, GI

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