



*Stephenson
Lodge*

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

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MASONIC CREED

I, AS A FREEMASON, BELIEVE
IN THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD
AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF
MAN. I WILL DO UNTO OTHERS
AS I WOULD HAVE THEM
DO UNTO ME.

I PLEDGE MY LOYALTY TO THE
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STATES OF AMERICA,
A GOVERNMENT OF THE
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FOR THE PEOPLE, AND WILL
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Aaron (Bud) Roland, PM receives his 50 year pin from the Grand Inspector, William Dula and Worshipful Master, Duane Duncan.

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren all,

I hope everyone is doing well. I'm sure you are enjoying the warmer weather and longer days. Since the days are longer and warmer, we had hoped to see an increase in traveling between



lodges to help unify the brotherhood. It is very disheartening that we have not seen the increase in attendance that we had hoped. Given that we have such a large fraternity it would greatly strengthen the bond between county lodges and one another.

I anticipate creating a new committee for the **exposure of Free Masonry within the county.** I am asking for volunteers to help with this committee. I have a few ideas such as, parades, billboards, signs, etc. and if you are interested in helping this cause please get in touch with me at dog68@zoominternet.net or feel free to call me at the number listed in the Line Officers section of this Trestleboard. Without new members the Free Masonry will become extinct!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Duane Duncan, WM

One-Day Class

Brother Bill Bafford will be participating in a 1 day class to be conferred on the Degrees in Masonry at Mt. Ararat on June 17, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

All Members Are Encouraged To Attend!!!

All Officers and Line are encouraged to attend our Monday night practice. We will practice Degree Work and learn the Chair Ahead for next year's advancement. The practice will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend, contact Bro. C.D. Miller, PM or Worshipful Master Duane Duncan.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR MAY

Monday night practice for June 5, 2006 will be cancelled for the purpose of visiting the Aberdeen Lodge. Mark your calendar—it looks



good for one lodge to support another lodge!

SPECIAL NOTICE

Stephenson Holding Company Meeting Notice

The Stephenson Holding Company meetings will be held at 6:45 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month prior to our regular meeting. During this time we will:

- 1) Pay Utilities and
- 2) Create minutes for this meeting.

ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!

If you are a Lodge member, then you are also a Holding Company member.

MAY 2006 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

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:

May's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, May 3rd

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30.

Catechism in the 3rd Degree for Brother Hale and Brother Lankford and Catechism in the 1st Degree for those found to be proficient.

Second Meeting, May 17th

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

For all those found proficient as an Enter Apprentice will receive the Fellow Craft Degree.

PERRY POINT:

Pusher Service

Perry Point VA Hospital is in need of volunteers to escort the disabled veterans to church. These veterans have fought to protect our country and it is now time to give a little back to them! If you are interested please contact Brother Stacy Hale at 410-499-7828 so he can coordinate this humanitarian effort with the VA hospital. I encourage all who are able, PLEASE GET INVOLVED!



Our Dates: April 16th
June 18th August 20th
October 15th December 17th

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Grand Lodge

Semi-Annual Communications

Grand Lodge building, Corinthian Room

Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 10:00am

Semi-Annual Communications

Religious Services

Bonnie Blink

Sunday May 14, 2006 at 3:00pm

Informal dark clothes, no jewels or aprons.

Annual Family Day Picnic

Maryland Masonic Homes

Saturday, June 3, 2006

11:00am to 4:00pm

This event is designed so that it is not necessary to bring food. You may bring family, children, friends, and neighbors. A donation of \$5.00 per adult is requested.

Please bring lawn chairs.

Harvest Home Day

Maryland Masonic Homes

Saturday, October 21, 2006

7:00am to 10:00am

Open to all Masons, sons, gransons, nephews, all male friends and neighbors.

A \$5.00 donation is requested. Parking will available and shuttle busses will operate between parking lot and activities.

RIITUAL KNOWLEDGE:

School of Masonic Instructions

Date	Lodge	Degree	Catechism
May 12	Susquehanna	F.C.	Mt. Ararat
June 9	Mt. Ararat	M.M	Aberdeen
Sept 8	Aberdeen	E.A.	Esdraleon
October 13	Esdraleon	F.C.	Stephenson
Nov 10	Esdraleon	M.M	Susquehanna
Dec 1	Mt. Ararat		Installation



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
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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