



*Stephenson
Lodge*

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

No. 135

TRESTLEBOARD

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**Harry Ohle will become
a Fellowcraft Mason
on April 4th**

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all,

Seems bad luck has been hanging over our head for the past few weeks. Things have got to be better in April.

The weather did not cooperate with everything we have tried to do and we are now in the process of attempting to get things off the ground in the coming month or so. It was very disappointing to miss out on having Dr. Brent Morris up to the lodge. On our next try (May 2nd) we hope to have better weather and have a large turnout.

A special thank you goes out to all who remembered to call and/or visit Brother Clifford Trott, who recently turned 99 years old. When I spoke to him on the phone he was truly overwhelmed. He still remembers when we worked together in the shipyard. **WHAT A MEMORY** for a man of his age. Thank you again to all, Brothers, **YOU MADE HIS DAY!**

I would also like to thank all the Brothers for the cards, phone calls, e-mails, and get well wishes I have received after my surgery, it sure meant a lot to me.

Thank you to each and every one of you, I am looking forward to better days ahead.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Omar Duncan, Worshipful Master



COMMUNITY HELP CHEST

On your next visit to the Lodge, bring a can good or non-perishable item or even a couple dollars, to help a local family with meals or bills. Your donations will make our Lodge visible in the Darlington community.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Stephenson Holding Company Meeting Notice

The Stephenson Holding Company meetings will begin in the northwest corner of the lodge promptly before 7:00pm. If interested, please have a seat in that section. During this time we will:

- 1) Pay Utilities and
- 2) Create minutes for this meeting.
- 3) Any topics of discussion that may arise during the course of a month other than regular business

ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!

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

Darlington's Parade in June

The town of Darlington would like us to participate in the upcoming parade on June 23rd. All Masonic fraternities are urged to participate. Stephenson Lodge has the blessings of the Grand Master who would like to see all the Lodges out in the public's eye. It's a way to let the neighborhood know who we are and maybe increase our membership, Any questions please call Gene Burchett 410-836-3796 Chairman of the Parade Committee. More information in May & June Trestleboards.

Mark Your Calendar for Our First Meeting in May

May 2th

Lodge Starts at 7:00 pm—Lecture starts at 8:00 pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. S. Brent Morris has written several books on Freemasonry, including *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry* (2006), and scores of articles. He has lectured on the fraternity around the world and has been interviewed for many television programs, including Good Morning America. If you've ever wondered about the mysteries and myths surrounding the fraternity (including the "33" on bottles of Rolling Rock beer), Dr. Morris can give you the straight story.



HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES

Note that we have decided to eliminate the Masonic Calendar. We were not getting enough timely information from our sister lodges to make it practical or useful.



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



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



Esdraleon #176
304 Main St.
Cardiff, MD 21024
2nd & 4th Thursdays



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

Our Treasurer

Herman Gonzalez presents his treasurer's report each meeting about the financial condition of the Lodge and also of the Holding Company and the Building Fund. Here's his current report.

STEPHENSON LODGE, No. 135

Balance forward	\$2,612.82
Plus adjust. by bank	48.00
Plus deposits	315.50
Total funds avail.	2,976.32
Less expenses	(65.60)
CURRENT BALANCE	\$2,910.72

Also, from the Stephenson Holding Company our treasurer has these reports.

STEPHENSON HOLDING COMPANY

Balance forward	\$6,471.89
Plus adjust. by bank	36.06
Plus deposits	00.00
Total funds avail.	6,507.95
Less expenses	(1,084.70)
CURRENT BALANCE	\$5,423.25

BUILDING FUND/MONEY MARKET

Balance forward	\$21,530.14
Plus adjust. by bank	00.00
Plus deposits	00.00
Total funds avail.	21,530.14
Less expenses	00.00
CURRENT BALANCE	\$21,530.14

Total for all accounts above is: **\$29,864.11**

UPCOMING STEPHENSON LODGE EVENTS:

April Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, April 4th

SECOND DEGREE

Starts at 7:30

The Fellowcraft degree will be conferred on all those found proficient.

Second Meeting, April 18th

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

We will be taking up the Grand Masonic Word with our grand inspector, Bill Dula, PM, GI.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 2, practice at 7:00pm—we need as many members possible because it's not easy to practice any degree work when you can't fill the chairs. We want our degree work to be a special time for our candidates to enjoy and learn.

April 9 As for now **NO** practice unless our officers or members want to learn something of interest.

April 16 practice at 7:00pm—the taking up of the Grand Masonic Word for our grand inspector.

April 23 As for now **NO** practice unless our officers or members want to learn something of interest.



This month's cover image is brother Ohle after getting his proficiency in the Entered Apprentice degree. Beside him is his instructor, CD Miller, PM and behind is Duane Duncan, PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Pusher Service

Perry Point VA Hospital is in need of volunteers to escort the disabled veterans to church. If you are interested please contact Brother Stacy Hale at 410-499-7828 so he can coordinate this humanitarian effort with the VA hospital. **Our dates for 2007 are:** April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, and December 18



Please contact Bro. Keith Thompson, Sr. if you are interested in signing up to help with the refreshments for future meetings. Bro. Thompson can be reached at 410-836-1691.

UPCOMING GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

2007 Grand Lodge Events

Entertainment at Bonnie Blink

Friday April 27 at 7:00—Bingo

Annual Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 8, Bonnie Blink

Semi-Annual Communications

Saturday, May 19, Grand Lodge Building

Annual Family Day Picnic

Saturday, June 9, Maryland Masonic Homes

Harvest Home Day

Saturday, October 6, Maryland Masonic Homes



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2007

Worshipful Master	Omar F. Duncan
Senior Warden.....	Duane A. Duncan, PM
Junior Warden	Keith J. Thompson, Sr.
Secretary	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer	Herman M. Gonzalez
Senior Deacon.....	Carl W. Lee
Junior Deacon	Stacy C. Hale
Senior Steward.....	<i>to be appointed</i>
Junior Steward	<i>to be appointed</i>
Tyler	Frank W. Fowler
Chaplain	James K. Johnson
Musician.....	Vernon K. Stearn, PM
Marshal	Charles D. Miller, PM
Ritualist.....	Duane A. Duncan, PM
Grand Inspector	William Dula, PM, GI

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