



*Stephenson
Lodge*

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

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TRESTLEBOARD

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO OUR

SPECIAL BROTHER

Clifford Trott,

WHO CELEBRATES

His 99th

THIS YEAR.



Our Worshipful Master Elect

Brethren one & all,

Hello Brethren, Sure doesn't look like it but Spring is just around the corner, "Thank goodness!" I am looking to it in a big way. God and Mother Nature sure do work well together.



We are at the doorstep of the birthday of our Oldest Brother, he is one of the finest men that any person will ever know, no other than **Clifford M. Trott**, who will be turning ninety-nine on March 8, 2007. We should all make sure to remember him with a card,

a phone call or a visit. A call or visit should be short because he tires easily. The man is remarkable for his age and his memory is second to none. He loves to be remembered,

so let's do our part to make his day one to remember and believe me, he will remember. He has been an inspiration to every one he has ever been with. I worked with him in the Shipyard long before I ever knew anything about him or masonry. What an honor to have him as our Brother and friend.

I would like to also express my thanks to the dedicated brothers for their faithfulness in taking the time to make sure our disable veterans go to church on our designated Sunday. Every week

they look forward to the Masons coming to take them to church. A lot times they talk about a Mason they served with in the service. A fine example is no other than our Brother Vernon Stearn and his beautiful grandchildren who are always there to provide music for the ears of our veterans. They talk about Vernon all the way back to their room. God Bless you Vernon and your family for the dedicated work you do for our Veterans.

Please notify me if you know of any ill or distressed brothers. I am hoping to see everyone at the Lodge for our upcoming meetings.

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 north west 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.

ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!

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

MARCH 2007 MASONIC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 Aberdeen 187	6 Mt. Ararat 44	7 Special Meeting Time 7:00pm Dr. S. Brent Morris talk	8 Esdraelon 176	9 Harford County School of Instruction	10 Breakfast at Harmony Lodge
11	12	13 Susquehanna 130	14	15	16	17
18	19 Aberdeen 187	20 Mt. Ararat 44	21 Regular Meeting	22 Esdraelon 176	23	24
25	26	27 Susquehanna 130	28	29	30	31

When are we doing degreework?

Look for these symbols.



Entered Apprentice Degree



Fellowcraft Degree



Master Mason Degree



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



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

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES



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



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

UPCOMING STEPHENSON LODGE EVENTS:

March Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, March 7th

REGULAR BUSINESS

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC LECTURE BY BRENT MORRIS

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.



Second Meeting, February 21st

REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30

Lodge will open in the Entered Apprentice degree. We will do catechism in the first degree for all those proficient.

A REPORT FROM

Our Treasurer—*Herman M. Gonzalez*

Balances on as of February 21, 2007

Stephenson Lodge	\$2,612.82
Holding Company	\$6,471.89
Building Fund	<u>\$21,530.14</u>
Total Assets	\$30,614.85

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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