



*Stephenson  
Lodge*


ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

No. 135

# TRESTLEBOARD

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Who is that sitting in the East?  
Find out this May.



**STRAWBERRY  
NIGHT**

*June 6th*

## Our Worshipful Master

**B**rethren one & all,

Just as I was thinking Spring was all most upon us with the 80 degree days, everything took a turn in the other direction and put us into a cold Dogwood winter,

Being the middle April, this time things have got to be better. This is going to be the last Trestleboard before we go dark. So I will remind everybody not to forget our Strawberry Night which will be June 7th. It will be good to get together and enjoy some fellowship before the hot days arrive.

Don't forget on May 2nd, Dr. Brent Morris will be with us to answer questions about Masons and will autograph his book for anyone who wishes to buy one. This will start at 7:00 pm and will be open to the public. On our second meeting in May, the 16th, will see all those who qualified standing the Fellowcraft examination.

At this time I would like wish all the Brothers and their families a safe and fun-filled Summer. Reminding all to remember if they any problems that I may be able to help them with to call me anytime, day or night, But I surely hope all my calls will be "hello's" and good news.

Until then, good health and good vacations wherever you go. I hope to see all return safely. Remember we need each other.

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.



*Fifty-year Award recognition at Cecilton Lodge No. 125 when Carl Lee's uncle's received their 50 year pins last month. From left to right Duane Duncan PM, SW; Keith Thompson, Sr. JW; Omar Duncan WM; Carl Lee SD; bro. Charles H. Sheldon, and bro. Frank P. Sheldon .*

## Petition for Masonry

Stephenson Lodge has received a petition from **Mr. William Arthur Bridges, Sr.** from Jarrettsville, Maryland. Mr. Bridges, 55 works for the Baltimore County Government as an Environmental Sanitarian. He was recommended by Past Master Dean Alban who has known Mr. Bridges for 39 years and by Dean's son, brother Ryan Alban who has been acquainted with Mr. Bridges for 27 years. The investigation committee is CD Miller, PM and brothers Lee and Hale.

# Mark Your Calendar for Our First Meeting in May

## May 2<sup>th</sup>

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 of the Holding Co. Here is his report at the end of April..

### STEPHENSON LODGE, No. 135

Balance forward	\$3,108.53
Plus adjust. by bank	0.00
Plus deposits	308.00
Total funds avail.	3,416.53
Less expenses	(0.00)
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,416.53</b>

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

### STEPHENSON HOLDING COMPANY

Balance forward	\$4,506.27
Plus adjust. by bank	00.00
Plus deposits	00.00
Total funds avail.	4,506.27
Less expenses	(135.13)
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,371.14</b>

### 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
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$21,530.14</b>

Total for all accounts above is: **\$29,317.81**

UPCOMING STEPHENSON LODGE EVENTS:

# May & June Communications for Stephenson Lodge

## First Meeting, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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## Second Meeting, May 17<sup>th</sup>

### REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30 - **CASUAL DRESS ONLY**

All those who qualified will stand the Fellowcraft examination.

## Only Meeting in June 6<sup>th</sup>

### REGULAR BUSINESS

Starts at 7:30 -

### CASUAL DRESS ONLY

Strawberry Night! Very short meeting and then Strawberries for our guests and visitors. Bring your family and friends.



**No Second Meeting in June!! Happy Summer**

UPCOMING GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

# 2007 Grand Lodge Events

## 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

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: 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 Summer Schools 7:00 pm

*Business casual, no tank tops, shorts or sandals*

- July 10            3 Catechisms
- July 17            MM degree
- July 24            EA degree
- July 31            FC degree
- August 7          MM degree
- August 14        EA degree
- August 21        MM degree
- August 28        MM degree & Certifications



## 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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