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Lodge*

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STEPHENSON LODGE HAS A NEW LOOK!

Within a few days after voting on getting a sign with the Lodge's name on it, the brothers worked diligently to create an eye-pleasing sign. It's amazing to see what can be done when we all pull together to make it happen.

See pg.6.



Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all,
from the East:

This year is off and running at an even faster pace than last month. Before you know it, the robins will out and we'll cutting the grass again. Please take the time to smell the roses, which



means enjoy everything that is around you, but mostly your family and friends. They can never be replaced. Enjoy your surroundings as much as you can, for they are all a special blessing from GOD.

Speaking of special blessings, Brother Keith Thompson, Sr. and I had a wonderful opportunity to visit with Brother Ray Graybeal's at his home last week. I had only talked with Brother Graybeal a little in the lodge, but never really knew him well before our visit. After we talked together for some time, I discovered that this man is truly one of a kind. Keith and myself wanted to thank him for his wonderful knowledge he shared with us. The next time you see Brother Graybeal in Lodge, stop and discover what a fascinating Brother he is. This is what Masonry is all about.

Our last meeting was absolutely a great one. I had the pleasure to present three brothers with their 25-year award pins. They were Jerry R. Arnold, PM, and our secretary; Bruce Flaughter, PM; and Robert Thomas. Combined, we are looking at 75-years of Masonic knowledge. See pg.4.

I would also like to thank Past Master Bruce Flaughter for his 15 years of dedicated service as chairman of our Blood Committee. Brother Bruce really knew how to get the brothers out to give to such a worthy cause. For each pint of blood given 3 people can be saved. I speak for the lodge
THANK YOU BRUCE !!!!!!!!!!!!!



Above, left to right, Worshipful Master Duane Duncan, PM, Bruce J. Flaughter, and Senior Warden, Keith Thompson, as they present an award for 15-years of service as the Stephenson Lodge Blood Chairman to Past Master Flaughter. The award is created from one of the original slate tiles from the Lodge's roof and was made by Brother Thompson.

If anyone one would like to give me a call, I'm always ready to help whenever I can. My goal is to make our lodge the **best** it can be. We're all in this together, let's keep moving forward.

Fraternally, Duane Duncan, PM, WM

Please contact Bro. Carl Lee if you are interested in signing up to help with the refreshments for future meetings. Bro. Lee can be reached at 410-734-9483.



25-year Awards presented in Lodge

The three Brothers that were able to attend the meeting were (from left to right) Jerry R. Arnold, PM, and secretary; Robert Thomas; and Bruce Flaughter, PM. Combined, we are looking at 75-years of Masonic knowledge. After Lodge, the three Brothers were surprised with a special cake which was served for refreshments. Below, the three brothers display the cake made in their honor. Past Master Flaughter was actually celebrating his 26th year of Masonry and was raised in 1982, while brothers Arnold, PM and Thomas were raised in 1983.



CIVIL WAR!

COMING TO STEPHENSON LODGE

MAY 7, 2008

look for more details coming soon

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 2008 are:

April 20th June 20th
 August 17th October 19th
 December 21st



UPCOMING EVENTS:

April's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, April 2nd

PRESENTATION OF 50 & 60 YEAR AWARDS

Dinner: 6:15 (Covered Dish)

Starts at 7:30 Opening in the 1st Degree

ALL BROTHERS are welcome (AE, FC, & MM) 50 and 60-year pins to given out by the **Grand Master** and some of the Grand Lodge Officers. Please bring some Brothers to support this special event and watch Brother *Walter Moody* receive his 60yr Award and Brothers, *Arthur Crouse* and *Ducky Anderson*, PM get their 50-year Awards.

Second Meeting, April 16th

POSSIBLE FIRST DEGREE CATECHISM & HISTORIC TALK

Starts at 7:30 Opening in the 1st Degree

ALL BROTHERS are welcome (AE, FC, & MM) REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS Conferral of Catechism in the E.A. Degree on all those found worthy. Please come out and SUPPORT our newest members as they travel building their Masonic knowledge. They are our future.

Stephenson Lodge's New Sign

Our new Lodge sign announcing the name to the public was the combined efforts of Brothers Jerry R. Arnold and Keith J. Thompson to design



and create it. Brother Arnold printed the letters template and Brother Thompson did the rest.

UPCOMING GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

Grand Lodge News

SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am

Corinthian Room, Grand Lodge Building

Religious Services (Informal Dark Suits- No Jewels)

Sunday May 18, 10:00 am

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY PICNIC

Saturday, June 7, 11:00am to 4:00pm

MD Masonic Homes

\$5.00 donation/person

HARVEST HOME DAY

Saturday, October 4, 7:00am -10:00am

Open to all Masons, sons, grandsons, nephews, and all male friends

\$5.00 donation/person

SCOTTISH RIGHT RING CEREMONY

Sunday, April 13, 2:00pm

3800 N/ Charles Street, Baltimore

Call 410-243-32 for reservation (free event)

Howie Damron as Entertainment

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES

These are the other local Harford County Masonic Lodges. We invite you visit any one of them on their respective Lodge night, listed to the right. Also listed is their address.



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



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2008

Worshipful Master	Duane A. Duncan, PM
Senior Warden.....	Keith J. Thompson, Sr
Junior Warden	Carl W. Lee
Secretary	Jerry R. Arnold, PM
Treasurer	Herman M. Gonzalez
Senior Deacon.....	Stacy C. Hale
Junior Deacon	Bradley P. Lankford
Senior Steward.....	Clinton Adams
Junior Steward	James H. Ohle
Tyler	Omar F. Duncan, PM
Chaplain	Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
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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