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Lodge

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

No. 135

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2008 LINE OFFICERS

(from left to right)

Bradley P. Lankford, Junior Deacon; Stacy C. Hale, Senior Deacon; Clinton Adams, Senior Steward; Jerry R. Arnold, PM, Secretary; Keith J. Thompson, Sr., Senior Warden; Duane A. Duncan, PM, Worshipful Master; Charles D. Miller, PM, Marshal; Carl W. Lee, Junior Warden; James H. Ohle, Junior Steward; Herman González, Treasurer; Oscar R. Baldwin, PM, Chaplain; Omar F. Duncan, PM, Tyler; and William Dula, PM, GI, Grand Inspector.

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all,

I would like to thank everyone involved in voting me back into the East this year. It is such a great honor to be called the Worshipful Master of Stephenson Lodge. Our lodge goes back a long ways and has had



some great masters. I will to the best of my ability perform the duties of Worshipful Master. I'll do better than that, I'll give no less than 150 percent, most likely more. I enjoy working with such great men and brothers who, without them, none of this could happen. We have been working very hard on a lot of projects around our temple.

If you haven't been out to see us in awhile, you should. Because we now have driveway on the left front of the building. A brand new concrete ramp on the left side which has been built. Don't worry about the lighting outside, there is a motion light to help guide you in safely in without injury. Our new ramp is handicapped-accessible for all to enter. This is just a few things that has happen, with more on the way. We have great talent and with that, and the willingness to make our lodge shine for all to see. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me in the past and in the future.



I would to give Special Thanks to Brother Frank Fowler for all his help in keeping the Lodge looking in tip-top shape. You don't know how much he does, because he comes

DUANE ALLEN DUNCAN, PM

Worshipful Master 2007 & 2008

Duane petitioned Stephenson Lodge on March 10th, 2000 and was recommended by his father, Omar, and the late Past Master, George Wilson. He was elected to receive his Masonic degrees on April 19th, 2000. Duane was initiated on May 3rd, 2000, passed on October 18th, 2000, and raised on February 21st 2001. He was elected Junior Warden in 2003 & 2004, Senior Warden in 2005 and elected to the office of Worshipful Master for the year of 2006 and again in 2008 after filling in for his father in part of 2007.

up when the Lodge is empty, and has our Lodge ready to go for our next meeting.

I would also like to thank the mayor of Darlington, Brother Clinton Adams, for stepping in and teaching our four newest members the degree work they need. They meet every Thursday evening at 7:00pm in our new Worshipful Master's office and catechism room.



This is a small sample of how many great brothers we have around us. I could go on for days. This is what makes me proud to be a member of Stephenson Lodge

Thank You

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.

A REPORT FROM

Our Treasurer

Herman González 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 showing the Balance on hand as of December 31st, 2007.

STEPHENSON LODGE, No. 135

CURRENT BALANCE	\$5,965.15
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Also, from the Stephenson Holding Company our treasurer has these reports.

STEPHENSON HOLDING COMPANY

CURRENT BALANCE	\$1,827.46
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BUILDING FUND/MONEY MARKET

CURRENT BALANCE	\$19,089.09
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Total for all accounts above is: **\$26,880.70**



CIVIL WAR!

COMING TO STEPHENSON LODGE

MAY 21, 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:

February 18th	April 20th
June 20th	August 17th
October 19th	December 21st



A Special Thanks

goes to **Ruth González** for all of her help with our Installation Dinner. The food was enjoyed by all, see below.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, February 6th

GMW & BALLOTING ON PETITIONS

Starts at 7:30

We will take the Grand Masonic Word.

We will also ballot on Mr. Richard Turkin II Age 36, and is a telephone engineer and resides at 2008 Elm Street in Bel Air.

Second Meeting, February 20th

FIRST DEGREE/POSSIBLE CATECHISM

Starts at 7:30

The Lodge will open in the first degree and all Entered Apprentices are invited to attend. The degree will be done on all those found worthy to receive it. The Catechism of that degree may also be performed if any Entered Apprentices are ready.

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

Snowy evenings? Wondering if Lodge is Cancelled?

Last year Stephenson Lodge was canceled twice due to inclement weather, once in the Spring and once in the Winter. From now on, when the weather looks bad, tune your radio to station **WXCY, 103.7 in Havre de Grace** to listen for closing announcements.



103.7 on your dial

About Our Building

On Dec. 13, 1842, the first building of the new home for the Darlington Academy was ready occupancy. Darling Academy was founded with the help of a \$150 state appropriation and governed by a board of trustees that held its first meeting on May 21, 1836. In 1877, the academy became jointly run with the public school system.

By 1891 the original stone building was in significant disrepair. A new two-room frame structure was built on the site, using the original stone for the foundation.

The building closed as an academy in 1916, when Maryland ceased financial support of academies, but continued as a public school with additions and remodeling until 1936 when the current Darling Elementary School was built.

Today the 1891 building is our Temple.

(Source: Harford Historical Bulletin, #94, Fall 2002 HCPL)



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

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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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