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Lodge*

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND

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# TRESTLEBOARD

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
BRING A BROTHER OR A FRIEND

ON MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
STEPHENSON LODGE A.F.&A.M.  
is proud to present

A Fresh Overview of the

# CIVIL WAR



## Our Worshipful Master

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**B**rethren one & all,  
from the East:

The first half of our year in Stephenson Lodge, No. 135 is almost over and it has been absolutely wonderful. Without a doubt, we have the best group of brethren anywhere to be found, between north, south,



east, or west. I am very proud to be a part of this outstanding organization. The brothers are now working together like a well-oiled machine. I, as the Master of this Lodge, would like to personally thank each and everyone of you who have helped make this Masonic venture possible.

Our first meeting in April was a special night. We had one hundred and ten years of Masonic knowledge between two worthy brothers. It was a wonderful celebration to see these two brothers receive their 50- and 60-year award pins and certificates. But the icing on the cake was having the honor of Our Grand Master, John R Biggs, and our Grand Inspector, Bill Dula P.M. G.I., deliver these well deserved pins and awards. I know I'll never forget this special night and sure these fine brethren won't either. *(see pg.4)*

I would like to thank brother Clint Adams (the Mayor) for all the time he has taken to teach the Entered Apprentice degree catechism to our newest members, the Brothers Bridges. Brother Adams we are all so very proud of what you do for Stephenson Lodge. You are a true Mason, my friend.

I would like all the Brethren to take due notice that our Lodge's name is now known by all looking to find us. The Stephenson Lodge #135 A.F. & A.M. sign is now complete on the front of the Lodge building. I wanted a sign out front and Brother Jerry Arnold, P.M. design it and Brother Keith Thompson build it. Another beautiful job well done!



We are now in our final stages of remodeling our temple. The brothers met on a Saturday in March and gutted the old doctor's office to make room for enlarging the refreshment room and moving the kitchen to increase our space.

So if anyone would like to **donate** to a worthy cause, please don't hesitate! No matter how big or small, it all helps. Our labor is free and we are reusing any material possible to help offset any cost. If you having been the to lodge lately you should. All are welcome, if you can help us with a donation or with some labor, The sky is the limit.

I would like to wish all a safe and pleasant summer. Our next meeting will on September 17, 2008. If anyone needs anything don't hesitate I'm here for you, anyway I can. GOD BLESS!

Fraternally,  
Duane Duncan, PM, WM



## 50- & 60-year Awards Presented

Two Brothers that were presented their awards and certificate were at the April 2nd meeting. Past Master Willard Anderson received his 50-year award and certificate and Brother Walter Moody received his 60-year award and certificate. *(above, from left to right)* Our Grand Inspector, William Dula, brother Willard Anderson, PM, Grand Master John Biggs, Brother Walter Moody, and our Worshipful Master, Duane Duncan.

Had Past Master Samuel Snyder, who passed away earlier this year, had survived he too would have received his 50-year award and certificate. A table was set up in Lodge at the meeting to commemorate his time in Stephenson Lodge. *(see below)*



## Summer is the Time to Learn and Work with the Line Officers



*(Above, Brothers in the line willing to learn floor work and lectures)* Any officer or anyone in the line who like to learn some floor work or learn a lecture, please contact our Worshipful Master or Dayton Miller P.M. *(see back for phone numbers)*

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:**

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

## May's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

### First Meeting, May 7<sup>th</sup>

#### CIVIL WAR TALK

Starts at 7:30 pm, Opening in the 1st Degree

Talk begins at 8:00 pm

Short meeting to allow for the Civil War Talk by author Edward Bonekemper, III to begin at 8:00pm. The talk is open to the public. We would like to fill the Lodge, so bring a brother, a friend, or even your wife or girlfriend. **DRESS IS CASUAL.**

### Second Meeting, May 21<sup>st</sup>

#### POSSIBLE FIRST DEGREE CATECHISM & HISTORIC TALK

Starts at 7:30 Opening in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS & 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Conferral of the Fellowcraft 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.

## June's Communication for Stephenson Lodge

### Only Meeting, June 4<sup>th</sup>

#### STRAWBERRY NIGHT & POSSIBLE FIRST DEGREE CATECHISM

Starts at 7:30 pm, Opening in the 1st Degree

Short meeting with possible first degree catechism. After the meeting we'll have fresh strawberries for all. The refreshments is open to all. Once again, we would like to fill the Lodge, so bring a brother, a friend, or even your wife or girlfriend. **DRESS IS CASUAL.**

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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