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Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all,
from the East:

I hope everyone had a wonderful time this summer, There is nothing better than spending time with your family and friends. They are the people who make us who we are. Remember, they can never be replaced, so spend as much as you can with the ones you love. Don't take your time on earth for granted.

Now we are now going from darkness to light and our summer break is coming to a close. We have a lot of Masonic work ahead of us this fall, so I will need a lot of help to make everything come together. It takes teamwork.

NO ONE PERSON CAN WORK ALONE!

I am proud to say, we have great fellowship among the brothers of our Lodge. If anyone would like to help in anyway, please contact any brother officer.

If any brother or family member you know of is sick or under the weather, please call me or the Secretary and let us know. We will contact them or send out a get well card. In fact, don't wait until a brother is sick, if you haven't seen a brother in awhile please give them a call. It's nice to be remembered.

Fraternally,

Duane Duncan, PM, WM



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**



Proposed GL Amendment

The single amendment for the Annual Communication being held his November 15 is the following: After receiving their first degree, Entered Apprentices will become dues-paying members of their Lodge with certain limitations, such as no right to vote, cannot be elected or appointed to an office, and can only sit in the Lodge in the EA degree.

Entered Apprentices who do not progress beyond the first degree can continue to be members as long as they continue to pay their dues.

Similar right and limitation will apply to Fellowcrafts who do not progress beyond the second degree.

The acceptance or rejection of this amendment will be determined by secret ballot. We will discuss this proposal in open Lodge and instruct our representatives how to ballot for the Lodge.





Civil War Talk Brings Large Audience to Lodge

A large audience of brothers, family, friends, and members of the community showed up to hear guest speaker, Edward Bonekemper, III discuss the Civil War on May 7th in the evening. We had visitors from surrounding states with us as everyone enjoyed the talk and the following discussions. As you can see from the photos, the Lodge was full. Above, is our Grand Inspector, along with Past Master Arthur Crouse as they listen to Mr. Bonekemper's discription of life in the War years. Below, Mr. Bonekemper discusses the major battles of the conflict and the effect locally while the audience listens.



50-Year Awards given to Members

Top photo, our GI Bill Dula, presents PM Authur Crouse his 50-year service award as his daughter looks on.



Behind is our Worshipful Master, PM Duane Duncan.

Bottom right photo, PM Emory Rasnake, receives his 50-year service award



from the Grand Inspector assisted by the Wor-



shipful Master on June 4th which was Strawberry Night at the Lodge.

Left, just a sampling of the good food available for our Strawberry Night which was open to family and friends.

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:

October 19th

December 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September's Communications for Stephenson Lodge

Only Meeting, September 17th

Regular order of business, opening in Fellowcraft degree. Possible catechism in the Fellowcraft Degree on all those found worthy.

October's Communication for Stephenson Lodge

First Meeting, October 1st

Regular order of business.

We will be discussing our last minute ideas on topic of the Darlington Apple Festival making sure all our ducks are in order.

Second Meeting, October 15th

Regular order of business.

Our Famous Research Historian Brother Carl Stearn PM. will give a talk on our history of our Lodge. Carl always does a wonderful job giving talks to the brethren. So if you like to hear some outstanding information, please come out and bring along a brother. The topic is *Then And Now*.

Darlington Apple Festival

Will be October 4th and we need all the help we can get. also we are working with the Grand Lodge and Stephenson lodge to help support the CHIPs Program of our Grand Master John R. Biggs. Come out and support the lodge, it's our only fund raiser which helps the lodge survive.

Our Ladies Night Event

Tickets should maybe be on sell at our 1st meeting Sept 17, 2008. So mark your calendar for November 1st as this is a special evening.

Upcoming November Activities

Past Master's Night will be this November 19. Our past masters will confer the master mason degree on all those found worthy.

Sometime in November we plan on having a pit beef sale to the public. This will be another way to raise funds to help our lodge grow and prosper. I would to thank Brother. Keith Thompson for this great idea. Anyone who would like to, please come forth and help. We sure can use all the support we can get to help our Lodge and Brethren.

We're Sponsoring CHIPs Program

We will be running the Grand Lodge's CHIPs Program at the Darling Apple Festival this year. Look for our ad in the Aegis in a couple weeks.

No parent wants to believe that the unimaginable could happen to them, yet nearly 2,000 children are reported missing or abducted in the United States each day.

Each year, nearly one million children disappear from our sight. The Association of Maryland Lodges is proud to help protect our children with the CHIPs program. Request your identification card today. Identification cards are available for \$10.00. Request your identification card today. Identification cards are available for \$10.00. Request your identification card today. Identification cards are available for \$10.00.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
AT THE DARLINGTON APPLE FESTIVAL



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