

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January Communication for Stephenson Lodge

FIRST MEETING, JANUARY 6TH

INSTALLATION DINNER

6:00 pm

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

7:30 pm

Opening in Master Mason Degree-Master Masons Only

SECOND MEETING, JANUARY 20TH

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:30 PM

Opening in Master Mason Degree-Master Masons Only

BROTHERS CROSS STATE LINES TO SAY FAREWELL

On December 12th, 2009 thirteen members of Stephenson Lodge No 135 in Darlington, MD gather together at the Lodge and carpooled to Newark, Delaware to perform a Masonic Service for brother Edmond (Eddie) Edwards. The Lodge had recently made a motion, which passed, to remit Brother Edwards dues for poor health. But, before the action could take place, the Lodge was notified of Brother's Edwards death on Sunday, December 5, 2009. Brother Edwards was Raised in June of 1985 and at that time was a resident of Warwick City in Cecil County.

The Masonic Service was at the R.T. Foard and Jones Funeral Home in Newark, Delaware with Carl W. Lee presiding as Master and Jerry R. Arnold, PM as Chaplain. Following the Memorial Service the Brothers walked to the Deer Park Restaurant for lunch before carpooling back to the Lodge.



Above, left side, front to back: Jerry R. Arnold, PM; Frank Fowler, HPM; Jim Gamble, PM; C. Dayton Miller, PM; Bill Dula, GI; Kermit Olinger; right side, front to back Duane Duncan, PM, Carl W. Lee, Bill Bridges, Sr.; Clinton Adams, HPM; Oscar R. Baldwin, PM; Keith Thompson, Sr, PM. Not shown, Dave Kraus, PM.



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2010

- Worshipful Master Carl W. Lee
- Senior Warden Stacy C. Hale
- Junior Warden William A. Bridges, Sr.
- Secretary Jerry R. Arnold, PM
- Treasurer Thomas J. Boyle, PM
- Senior Deacon Keith J. Thompson, Sr.
- Junior Deacon Richard Turkin, II
- Senior Steward Clinton Adams, HPM
- Junior Steward Dave Kraus, PM
- Tyler Frank W. Fowler
- Chaplain Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
- Musician Vernon K. Stearn, PM
- Marshal C. Dayton Miller, PM
- Ritualist Duane A. Duncan, PM
- Grand Inspector William Dula, PM, GI

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THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP

- Stephenson Lodges Annual Dues \$48.⁰⁰
- Affiliated Member Annual Dues \$25.⁵⁰
- Petition \$210.⁰⁰



Stephenson Lodge

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MARYLAND
No. 135

TRESTLEBOARD

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NEW WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

Worshipful Master-Elects for 2010 at the Past Masters Association of Harford County stand proud after receiving their Past Master Degree on December 12th, 2009. They are, from left to right, **Robert C. Cantler** from Pythagoras No. 123; Our own **Carl W. Lee** from Stephenson, No. 135 and **Stephen G. Hall** from Mt. Ararat, No. 44 in Bel Air. These brothers will be going into the East for the first time in their respective Lodges.

Worshipful Master-elect Lee will be installed at our first meeting in January. There will be a covered-dish dinner preceding the installation. It's free and the Lodge will provide the meat dishes. Please come, bring a dish, and support our officers.

TRAVELING SCHEDULE

Part of this year's Officer's activity will be traveling to visit other Masonic Lodges in the area. For January we will visit **Esdraleon Lodge** located at 304 main Street in Cardiff, Maryland. We will visit on January 21st. Their Lodge starts at 7:30pm, so plan on arriving between 7:00-7:15pm with your fellow brothers.



A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one & all,
Thank you for your overwhelming vote of confidence in electing me Worshipful Master for the 2010 term. This is an honor which I will cherish for the rest of my life. Stephenson Lodge is a wonderful place to enjoy Freemasonry and I will do my best to live up to those who have preceded me as Worshipful Master.

As I settle into my new position, I look forward to hearing from and working with all of our Brothers to carry on the good works that go on at Stephenson Lodge and all the other Lodges in Harford and Cecil counties.

Two worthy goals for 2010 will be to improve attendance at our regular communications as well as traveling to other lodges in our area to meet and fraternize with our Masonic Brothers.

I am fortunate to inherit a beautifully remodeled Lodge and hope to be able to complete the renovations begun by Past Masters Duane Duncan and Keith Thompson.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Lodge.
Fraternally, Carl Lee, WM

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Junior Warden

Ireally enjoyed our election meeting in December and want to thank all of you that gave me your vote of confidence as Junior Warden. It is an honor to be elected to this position, and my pleasure to serve in the South. I look forward to a great year in 2010 and with your support and help, I know that we will continue to enjoy our lodge work and each other.

Thank You All! – Bill Bridges, JW

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Perry Point VA Pusher Service

Perry Point VA Hospital is in need of volunteers to escort the disabled veterans to church. If you are interested please contact our Worshipful Master so he can coordinate this humanitarian effort with the VA hospital.

Our dates for 2010 are:

February 21st April 18th June 20th
August 22nd October 24th December 19th

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Secretary

THE OUTSTRETCHED HAND

How many of us remember our Second Degree Charge? Most of us were so relieved that the degree was over and thinking, “*That wasn’t so bad*”, that we really didn’t listen to what was being said in the charge. Then later, as Master Masons, as other brothers were getting their degree, we sort of sit there, tuning out what was being said, thinking that the degree is over.

There is a lot that is communicated in that charge that I think we need to observe in Stephenson Lodge. Particularly this section: “*You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of your brethren, but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, you are to judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice.*”

We have all heard about how during times of war, Masons from both sides would lay down their arms and help and assist each other. These were brothers from opposing sides of a war, and yet Masonry meant enough to them that they put it above the Nation’s conflicts.

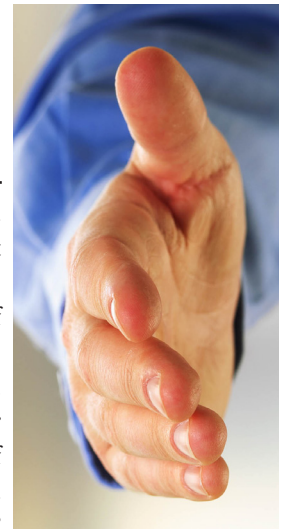
Times certainly have changed and how quickly we have forgotten what was communicated to us. To these men, the teaching of Masonry was the highest values they had. What

are our values today? Can you hold your head high like our past Masons?

I have heard rumors of multiple instances where brothers of Stephenson Lodge **refused to shake the hand of another brother**. What happened to all of the efforts that Masonry provided to promote our brotherhood?

And yet here, in our Lodge, one brother will not take the offered hand of another brother. Our forefathers put aside the issues of war and could shake hands of their enemies, because they were brothers. We have a few personal conflicts and we hear of one brother Mason refusing to shake the hand of another Lodge Brother?

If you have acted this way, please remember the oaths and obligations you took to be a Mason and it’s time we started acting like true Masons. The next time you are offered a hand in friendship and brotherly love, take it.



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BROTHER J. NEIL ROWAN



JANUARY

Masonic Birthdays

Robert Goad, Jr. January 9, 1982
Jerry Waddell January 25, 1986
William Caldwell, Jr. January 17, 1990
Michele Fiore January 26, 1999
Omar Duncan, PM January 19, 2000

GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT OF THINGS

Christmas Tree Committee Meets Prior to Putting Up Tree

This year an impromptu Christmas Tree Committee formed to beginning decorating the Lodge for the Christmas Season. To fortify themselves, Brothers Jim Ohle; Duane Duncan, PM; Carl Lee, SW; Keith Thomphson, WM; Jerry Arnold, PM, Bill Bridges, SD, along with Mr. Richard Herring had dinner at Lafayette’s in Cecil Co. for fellowship. After

dinner, they traveled to the Lodge and began the decoration process. This is a good way to show Darlington that Stephenson Lodge cares about the town by decorating the building and setting up the nine foot tree, which is visible each night from Shuresville Road throughout the Holiday Season.