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OF DARLINGTON, MARYLAND

STEPHENSON LODGE

No. 135

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER FOR 144 YEARS



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Stephenson Lodge Open House

Stephenson Lodge will have its third Annual open house this year on Saturday, April 6th, along with every other Masonic Lodge in Maryland and Delaware. As in effort to increase public awareness, this activity has help turn the declining membership of our Fraternity around as we head towards to the future in Maryland.

During the day we will have Brothers manning the building and show the Lodge to visitors and perspective future members.

Hopefully we'll have a better turnout than last year. Stephenson Lodge's community is the smallest in the County and like Esdraelon, we don't have an incorporated town to draw from. Esdraelon does have two smaller communities nearby, Cardiff and Whiteford, whereas Stephenson, only has the small village of Darlington for their source of members.

INSIDE: Current Events for Stephenson Lodge. The New Susquehanna Valley. Phoenix Royal Arch. & more



STEPHENSON LODGE

Line Officers for 2013

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A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one and all,

Spring is here! And we anticipate that wonderful things will blossom in nature and the cold silence of winter will turn into a burst of life and beauty. As always, the doors of our lodge and the hearts of our brothers are open for fellowship and friendship. We hope and pray that April's Open House will bring us some new men that are interested in the mysteries of masonry and are aware of the relevance of our fraternity.

Freemasonry creates the feeling of being part of something or belonging. This is vital in every man's being. We don't live all alone on islands so it is important that in order to be happy, that we belong to a family or community.

Freemasonry at Stephenson Lodge offers a warm environment for social contact, and opportunities to develop friendships and our brothers patiently spread the light of peace, love and harmony to all.

Freemasonry has a history of a glorious past, many great men have been Masons and the lessons masonry teaches us and the opportunities it affords are limitless.

Come and see on April 6th!

Fraternally Yours,

Sincerely, William A. Bridges, Sr.,

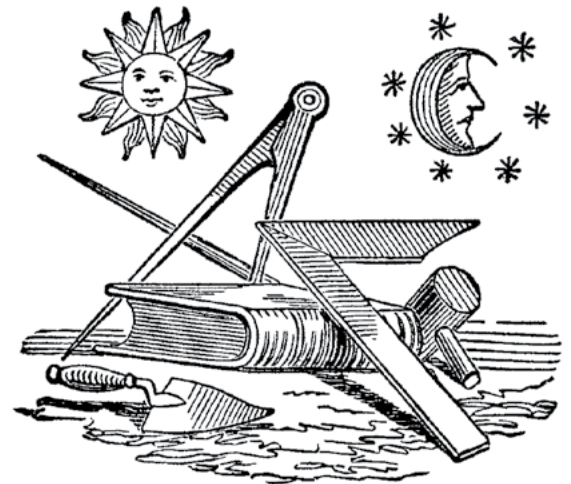
Worshipful Master, 2013



APPLICATION FOR THE DEGREES OF MASONRY

Degreework for Mr. Caldwell

We have a petition for the degrees of Masonry from Mr. Brandon Michael Caldwell, of Belcamp, Maryland. Mr. Caldwell is Brother Bill Sr.'s grandson and Brother Bill Jr.'s son. He is 31 and is employed as an electrician at Exelon. He has recommended by Brother Clinton Adams, HPM and Past Master Bruce Flaughter. The ballot was spread on Mr. Caldwell on March 20 and he was duly elected to receive the degrees of Freemasonry. He will have the Entered Apprentice degree on our second meeting in April, Wednesday April 17th. The offices will have practice and will be ready to perform this degree and they will need your support. Let show Mr. Caldwell true friendship at Stephenson Lodge.



A MESSAGE FROM

Our Deputy Grand Lecturer

County school will be on April 20th from 8AM to 10AM at Aberdeen Lodge #176 in Aberdeen. Officers are requested to attend. All Master Masons are welcome. Please spread the word. I look forward to another nice attendance.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Bill Richard, DGL

THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP

You should have your **2012 Dues Card**

Stephenson Lodges Annual Dues \$48.⁰⁰

Affiliated Member Annual Dues \$25.⁵⁰

Petition \$205.⁰⁰

You should have your 2013 card by now. Those behind with only 2012 cards need to submit their dues as soon as possible..



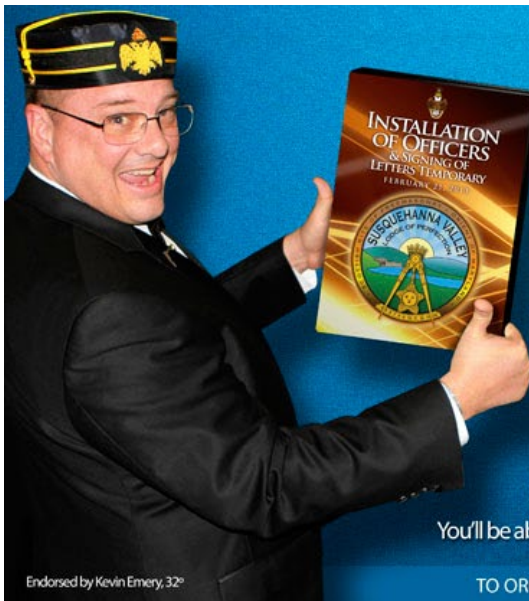
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

March Masonic Birthdays

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Charlie Powell | April 17, 1985 | 28 yrs |
| Gene Burchette, PM | April 19, 1989 | 24 yrs |
| Dave Kraus, PM | April 15, 1992 | 21 yrs |
| Ray Sparks | April 15, 1992 | 21 yrs |
| Steven Fayer | April 7, 2001 | 12 yrs |
| Joe Wilkowski | April 7, 2010 | 3 yrs |



ABERDEEN LODGE
REGULAR CONVOCATION
 Wednesday, April 24th, 7:30 pm
 Royal Arch Degree



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SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & SIGNING OF LETTERS TEMPORARY DVD

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GOOD FOOD AND GOOD BROTHERHOOD

Stephenson Lodge Covered Dish Dinner—April 2nd



Stephenson Lodge will be having a covered dish dinner before our first meeting in April. Now is a good chance to show off that new recipe or the old family favorite. Dinner will begin at 6:15 downstairs in the *Keith J. Thompson & Robert R. Miller Halls*.

We always have a good selection of food at our covered dish meals, the Lodge will supply the meat, which will be ham for this one. So come out and join us and bring a dish. If you haven't been to Stephenson Lodge for a few years, you're in for a big surprise. We now have lots of space and a great looking Hall for dinning in. We welcome all of the local Lodges to come out and join us for this festive event. Lodge begins at 7:30, so there's lots of time to eat and try all of the various dishes. We promise, you won't go upstairs to Lodge hungry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2013

- Stephenson Lodge Events
- County Lodges Events
- Grand Lodges Events
- Susquehanna Valley Lodge of Perfection (Mt. Ararat Lodge)
- Phoenix Royal Arch (Aberdeen Lodge)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|---|---|--------|--|
| 31 | 1 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 (starts at 7:30PM) Aberdeen, MD | 2 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 (starts at 7:00PM) Bel Air, MD | 3 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 (starts at 7:30PM) Darlington, MD | 4 | 5 | 6 OPEN HOUSE All Lodges in Maryland & Delaware |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 (starts at 7:30PM) Have de Grace, MD | 10 | 11 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 (starts at 7:30PM) Cardiff, MD | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 (starts at 7:30PM) Aberdeen, MD | 16 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 (starts at 7:00) Bel Air, MD | 17 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 (starts at 7:30PM) Darlington, MD | 18 Susquehanna Valley Lodge of Perfection Mt. Ararat Lodge Bel Air, MD | 19 | 20 School of Instruction Mt. Ararat Lodge 8:00 AM Bel Air, MD |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 (starts at 7:30PM) Havre de Grace, MD | 24 Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter 7 (starts at 7:30PM) Aberdeen, MD | 25 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 (starts at 7:30PM) Cardiff, MD | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES ADDRESSES & MEETING NIGHTS



Mt. Ararat no.44
136 James W. Davidon, Sec
Susquehanna no.130
215 North Washington St.
Havre de Grace, MD 21078
2nd & 4th Tuesday



Mark Fayer, WM
John Ford, Sec
Esdraelon no.176
304 Main St.
Cardiff, MD 21024
2nd & 4th Thursday



Josh Mattlin, WM
G. Wilson Tharpe, Sec
Aberdeen no.187
20 North Howard St.
Aberdeen, MD 21001
1st & 3rd Monday



Dustin C. Casteel, WM
Ralph L. Perry, Sec

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STEPHENSON LODGE

March Communications

FIRST COMMUNICATION

APRIL 2ND (WEDNESDAY)

Covered Dish Dinner 6:15pm
Lodge 7:30

SECOND COMMUNICATION

APRIL 17TH (WEDNESDAY)

First Degree for Mr. Brandon Caldwell
Short meeting of Holding Company prior to Communication