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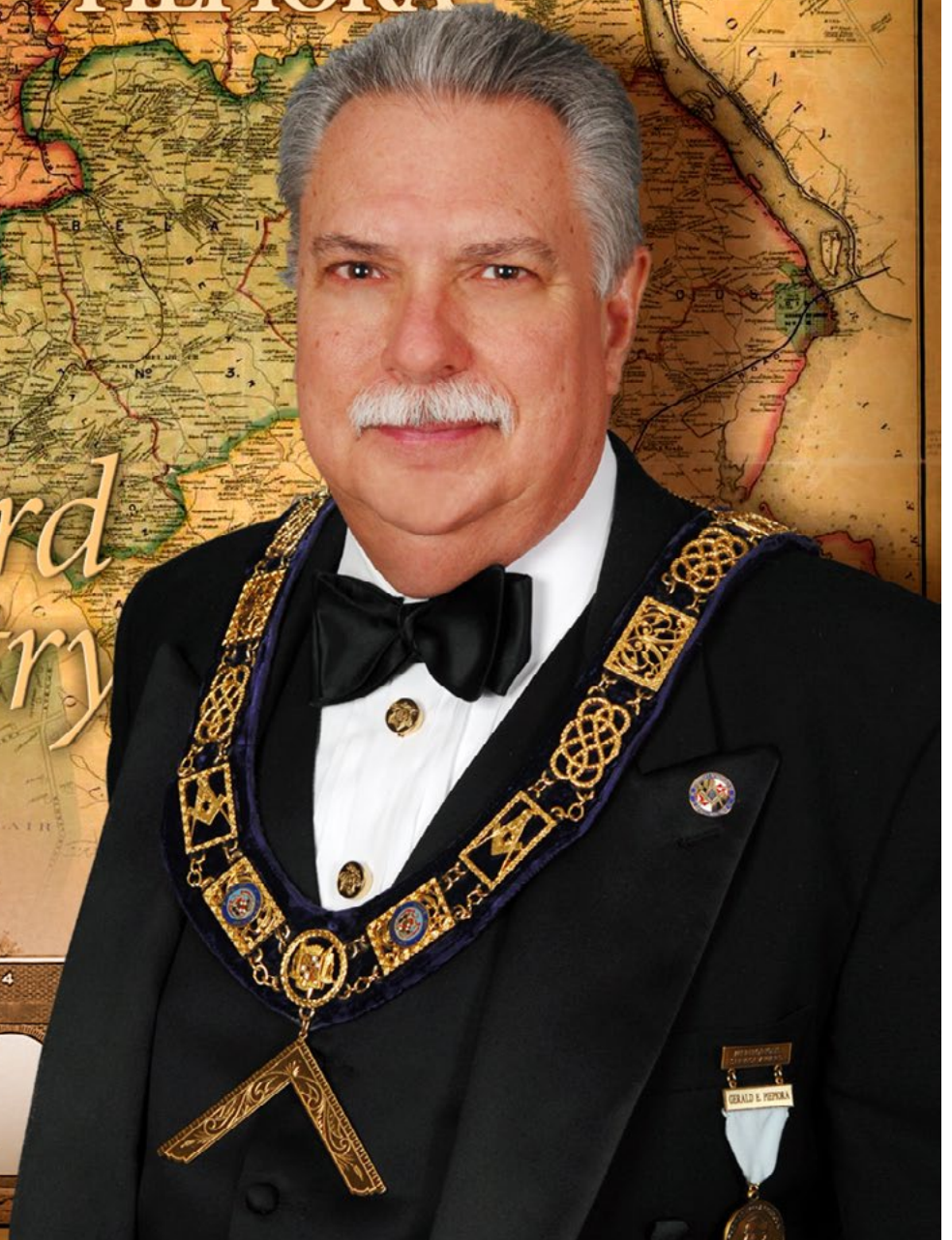


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A MESSAGE FROM

## Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one and all,

**A**s the year 2012 comes quickly to a close, are you inspired to continue your masonic journey? Do you feel enlightened? Can you explain why we exist? Are you happy? Do you have knowledge and wisdom? Do you feel alive and are you at peace? Is there light where there used to be darkness?



I believe masonry can help us answer these questions in a positive way. Please let's share some steps in this journey and uncover the answers to those questions stated above. May we be empowered to support our families, communities, each other, and our lodge. And—may we be inspired to do the work that is necessary to secure the masonic road for generations to come.

I would like to share 25 inspirational quotes with you that may give us some food for thought and give some direction in where we may go. These can be found in the next column.

Next year 2013 will be a good year!

Fraternally Yours,

Sincerely, William A. Bridges, Sr., Worshipful Master, 2012

1. Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

-Marriane Williamson

2. Human reason exhausts itself ceaselessly to explain the inexplicable. Explanation itself is high comedy, as preposterous as trying to see the back of one's own head, but the vanity of the ego is boundless, and it becomes even more overblown by this very attempt to make sense of nonsense. The mind, in its identity with the ego, cannot by definition, comprehend reality; if it could, it would instantly dissolve itself upon recognizing its own illusory nature. It's only beyond the paradox of mind transcending ego that what It stands forth, self-evident and dazzling in its infinite Absoluteness. And then all of these words are useless.

-Richard Hawkins

3. The thoughts of great men are our own rejected thoughts. they come marching back to us with a certain alienated majesty.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

4. Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his all strength and soul can be a true Master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person.

-Albert Einstein

5. Even after all this time...The sun never says to the earth, "You owe Me." Look what happens.....with a love like that, It lights the Whole Sky.

-Hafiz

6. Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.

- Mark Twain

7. When you make peace with yourself, you make peace with the world.

- Maha Ghosananda

8. There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer, no disease that enough love will not heal, no door that enough love will not open, no gulf that enough love will not bridge, no wall that enough love will not throw down, no sin that enough love will not redeem. It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble, how great the mistake, sufficient realization of love will resolve it all. If only you could love enough, you would be the happiest and most powerful being in the world.

-Maharishi

9. "Be a light unto yourself."

-Gautam Buddha

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10. "The old concept of a religious man is that he is anti-life. He condemns this life, this ordinary life – he calls it mundane, profane, illusion. He denounces it. I am so deeply in love with life that I cannot denounce it. I am here to enhance the feeling for it."

*-Osho*

11. The journey of a thousand leagues begins from beneath your feet.

*-Lao Tzu*

12. "A human being is a part of the whole called by us universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feeling as something separated from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty."

*-Albert Einstein*

13. "Life is now in session. Are you Present?"

*- B. Copeland*

14. What you see in the world is not the reality, but only an appearance. Deep behind the appearance, the mask, is the reality. To know the reality you have to be free from appearances. And all your attachments prevent you; you become attached to the mask. We rarely grow and become mature. We just go on changing our toys. We remain children; we go on changing our teddy bears.

*- Osho*

15. "Man seeks joy in far off places and peace in quiet spots; but the spring of joy is in his heart. the haven of peace is in himself. Even when he walks on the moon, man has to take with him, his fears, his anxieties, his prejudices and his pet aversions."

*- Sri Sathya Sai Baba*

16. "Knowledge of the soul is the only universal truth and the only wisdom – all other knowledge is transient."

*- Plato*

17. When the shoe fits, the foot is forgotten.  
When the belt fits, the belly is forgotten.  
When the heart is right, "for" and "against"  
are forgotten.

No drives, no compulsions, no needs, no attractions:  
Then your affairs are under control.  
You are a free man.

*- Chuang Tzu*

18. Perception can make whatever picture the mind desires to see. Remember this.....In this lies either Heaven or Hell, as you elect.

*-A Course in Miracles*

19. People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

*— Mother Teresa*

20. I was angry with my friend:

I told my wrath, my wrath did end.

I was angry with my foe:

I told it not, my wrath did grow.

*- William Blake*

21. Life is one big road with lots of signs. So when you riding through the ruts, don't complicate your mind. Flee from hate, mischief and jealousy. Don't bury your thoughts, put your vision to reality . Wake Up and Live!

*– Bob Marley*

22. Nobody is here to fulfill your dream. Everybody is here to fulfill his own destiny, his own reality.

*- Osho*

23. I am aware that my reality & my conclusions are a result of my unique genetic structure, my life experience & my subjective feelings; and you are a different person, whose same experience (of whatever may or may not be out there) will be translated in your nervous system into something different. And I can learn from that.

*- Alison Harlow*

24. Minds are like parachutes; they only function when open.

*- Lord Dewar*

25. Keep your desire turning back within and be patient. Allow the fulfillment to come to you. Gently resist the temptation to chase your dreams into the world. Pursue them in your heart until they disappear into the Self, then leave them there. It may take a little self-discipline– be simple, be kind, stay rested. Attend to your own inner health and happiness. Happiness radiates like a fragrance from a flower and draws all good things towards you. Allow your love to nourish yourself as well as others. Do not strain after your needs of life–it is sufficient to be quietly alert and aware of them. In this way life proceeds more naturally, effortlessly. Life is here to enjoy.

*- Maharishi Mahesh Yogi*



A MESSAGE FROM

## Our Deputy Grand Lecturer

County school will be on December 8th from 8am to 10am at Susquehanna Lodge #130 at 215 N Washington Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078. I plan to review installation procedures, receiving our Grand Master and other topics. All Master Masons are welcome. Please spread the word. I look forward to a nice attendance.

Sincerely and Fraternally. Bill Richard, DGL

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2012

Stephenson Lodge Events
  County Lodges Events
  Grand Lodges Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 Aberdeen, MD	4 Mt. Ararat Lodge (starts at 7:00) No. 44 Bel Air, MD	5 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Darlington, MD	6	7	8 School of Instruction Susquehanna Lodge 8:00 am
9	10	11 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 Havre de Grace, MD	12	13 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Cardiff, MD	14	15
16	17 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 Aberdeen, MD	18 Mt. Ararat Lodge (starts at 7:00) No. 44 Bel Air, MD	19 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Darlington, MD	20 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Cardiff, MD SPECIAL 3 <sup>rd</sup> DEGREE	21	22
23	24	25 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 Havre de Grace, CANCELLED	26	27 Esdraelon Lodge Meeting CANCELLED	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

## HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES ADDRESSES & MEETING NIGHTS



**Mt. Ararat** no.44  
136 East Gordon St.  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

T. Scott Cushing Sr., WM  
James W. Davidson, Sec



**Susquehanna** no.130  
215 North Washington St.  
Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Thomas Dunworth, WM  
Baxter Leppert, Sec



**Esdraelon** no.176  
304 Main St.  
Cardiff, MD 21024  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

G. Richard Wilmouth, WM  
G. Wilson Tharpe, Sec



**Aberdeen** no.187  
20 North Howard St.  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

Richard L. McClain, WM  
Ralph L. Perry, Sec

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STEPHENSON LODGE

## December Communications

### FIRST COMMUNICATION

#### DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

Opening in Master Mason Degree  
Election of Officers for 2013  
Catechism of the 3rd Degree

### SECOND COMMUNICATION

#### DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)

Opening in Master Mason Degree  
Short meeting followed by Christmas Party opened to family and friends. Cookies and other Christmas treats for all





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

## December Masonic Birthdays

John Robinson ..... Dec 21, 1960 ..... 52 yrs  
 James Head, PM..... Dec 19, 1973 ..... 39 yrs  
 Richard Pomraning, PM... Dec 15, 1976 ..... 36 yrs  
 Robert Thomas, Jr..... Dec 21, 1983 ..... 29 yrs  
 Michael Finn ..... Dec 17, 1986 ..... 26 yrs  
 Herman Gonzalez..... Dec 9, 1993 ..... 19 yrs

Richard Hoffman..... Dec 16, 1998 ..... 14 yrs  
 Stacy Hale..... Dec 14, 2005 ..... 7 yrs  
 Chad Blevins ..... Dec 14, 2005 ..... 7 yrs  
 Michael Deckard..... Dec 17, 2011 ..... 1 yr  
 Robert Kiebler..... Dec 17, 2011 ..... 1 yr  
 Andrew Kucharek..... Dec 17, 2011 ..... 1 yr

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## Stephenson Lodge Ladies Night

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stephenson Lodge held its annual Ladies Night at the Level Volunteer Fire Company with entertainment provided by Nazarene Bluegrass Band. We had over one hundred dinners enjoying turkey, ham and other goodies. 🍷



*Above, top left, our Grand Inspector, Kevin Emery and his wife, Mary Ann. Top middle, the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Courtney Hart welcomes everyone. Top right, Worshipful Master Bill Bridges addresses the audience after the meal.*



*Above, the Nazarene Bluegrass Band performs as the evening's entertainment. Left, many of the assembled enjoyed turkey and ham as part of the Ladies Night banquet.*



## Kermit Olinger's 50-year Award Dinner and Presentation

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Stephenson Lodge held a dinner for Kermit Olinger and his family to help celebrate his fifty years in Masonry. A covered dish dinner was provided at 6:15 followed by a short Lodge meeting. Then everyone was invited up stairs to watch the presentation of a short video of Brother Kermit's images over the years followed by the presentation of the award and pin by our Grand Inspector Kevin Emery.

