



The **Veterans Day National Ceremony** is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces. Stephenson Lodge is proud to honor this holiday with special activities planned for this month.

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethern one and all,
As 2011 is beginning to draw to a close I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of the members of Stephenson Lodge to come to Lodge and see how beautiful the Lodge is now that the renovations are complete.



A special thank you to all of the Brother's who worked so hard in the renovation process and especially Brother Keith Thompson, PM who saw the project through from the beginning last June until he installed the new floor during the past month. The Lodge is a much nicer place thanks to his efforts.

Thank you also to everyone who donated the funds to pay for much of the material used in the renovation.

Carl Lee, PM, *Worshipful Master, 2011*

The 2012 Dues cards are in. You should have your 2011 card by now. Those behind will be contacted as instructed by Grand Lodge.

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



STEPHENSON LODGE'S

Line Officers for 2011

Worshipful Master Carl W. Lee, PM
 Senior Warden William A. Bridges, Sr.
 Junior Warden Richard Turkin, II
 Secretary Jerry R. Arnold, PM
 Treasurer Thomas J. Boyle, PM
 Senior Deacon Daniel Gonzalez
 Junior Deacon Keith J. Thompson, Sr., PM
 Senior Steward Clinton Adams, HPM
 Junior Steward Joe Wilkowski
 Tyler Frank W. Fowler, HPM
 Chaplain Oscar R. Baldwin, PM
 Musician Vernon K. Stearn, PM
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THE GOOD APPLE

Darlington Apple Festival is a Success

The Darlington Apple Festival was October 1st. We had our brothers out early in the morning setting up and enjoying Past Master's Dave Kraus special Apple Fest. breakfast in the new kitchen. We had lots of dumplings to sell and since it was a cooler day, the hot coffee went well. Although it looked like it would rain all morning, it never did, and finally the sun tried to peek through the clouds. We made a good profit of approximately \$3,000



Above: The Senior Warden, Bill Bridges, Sr. discusses the apple dumplings with the Worshipful Master, Carl Lee over an early morning cup of coffee before the day's events. Probably the year 2012 was discussed also.

Left: The tent where the apple dumpling were sold. The weather cause the crowds to not be as large as in previous years.

ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS AND INTERESTED MASTER MASONS

Harford County School of Instruction

The month's School will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Mt. Ararat will be hosting this School. All Stephenson Lodge officers should plan attend to learn their respective duties and floor-work from Bill Richard, PM, DGL.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Masonic Birthday

John Robinson Nov. 16, 1960 51 yrs.
 Kermit Olinger Nov. 7, 1962 49 yrs.
 Neil Adkins Nov. 27, 1963 48 yrs.
 Raymon Gaybeal Nov 25, 1964 47 yrs.
 Austin Amos, PM Nov.22, 1966 45 yrs.
 Call Lee, PM Nov. 20, 2002 9 yrs.
 William Bridges, Sr. Nov 19, 2008 3 yrs.
 William Bridges, Jr. Nov 19, 2008 3 yrs.
 Daniel Gonzalez Nov. 17, 2010 1 yr.

ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS

Packages for our Servicemen

I didn't know if you were aware that we are collecting individual snacks and other items to send to our Senior Deacon, **Brother Daniel Gonzalez**, who is serving in Afghanistan. In the past we also sent packages to **Brother Doug Wilson**, who will be heading home soon.

I have placed a postal box in the anti-room at the lodge for those that wish to add items.

He likes things like crystal lite and other drink mixes that can be mixed in a 16 oz water bottle. Other individual snacks also are welcome. If you would rather donate to help with the purchase of items and/or shipping please either contact me or one of the officers.

We are trying to send a package after each our regular meetings. Any questions, I can be reached at 4439948424 or email at dlkjck@aol.com

Those that have already helped, I thank you and hope you will continue to support Daniel and all of our troops.

Thanks, Past Master Dave Kraus



Stephenson Holding Company finalizes work on the Lodge building

In our last trestleboard we show the members of the Stephenson Holding Company working on the downstairs part of the Lodge after it was expanded and opened. The decision was made to raise the ceiling to the original height and retain the two original windows which had been hidden years ago.

After many months of work, headed and organized by Past Master Keith Thompson, Sr. the room came together and is now just about finished. Every member has the right to be proud of this great accomplishment of restoring the room to somewhat of it's original look.

The final steps were the installation of the flooring which is a very rich wood. Instead of a laminate, the decision was to invest with a real wood floor which was installed by Past Master Thompson. For our members out of state, here's how the refreshment room now looks.



Top left: Artwork is placed in restored windows at the back of the room, Bottom Left: The new floor now in place really defines the room and gives it warmth, Top Middle, large storage closets are installed to hold miscellaneous items, Bottom middle, new tablecloths which covers the seven large round tables were recently purchased, Top right & middle right shows the top of the column and beamwork with the Lodge's information. Bottom right: Past Master's Oscar Baldwin's mural can now be seen and appreciated from a distance from within the new room.

November Communications

NOVEMBER 3TH (WEDNESDAY)

COVERED DISH DINNER at 6:15

FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

after dinner and before Lodge opens

Lodge will open at 7:30 the in the Entered Apprentice degree

NOVEMBER 16TH (WEDNESDAY)

Lodge will open at 7:30 the in the Entered Apprentice degree

We will ballot on the following petition:

Mark Alan Alexander

Age 44

who is a self employed plumber and resides at 53

Crocus Court in Conowingo

and performing Entered Apprentice Degree on all those eligible.

MY JOB SEARCH from the Fish Wapper Lancaster County/South Edition

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. I then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it... couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. I managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
15. So, I tried retirement and I found I'm perfect for the job!

COVERED DISH DINNER AND

Veterans Flag Folding Ceremony

Please make plans to attend the 1st Communication on November 2nd. We will be having covered dish dinner at 6:15pm followed by a Flag Folding Ceremony to honor our Veterans. Meat will be provided but please bring a covered dish and share with our brothers and veterans. Please bring friends



and guests for this ceremony. Afterwards, we will hold a short business meeting and friends and guests are invited to wait in the new refreshment hall.

FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND

Ladies Night—November 5th

This years Ladies Night Banquet is Saturday, November 5th at Level Fire Hall. The affair begins at 6:15pm and Brother Past Master Vernon Stearn will again be providing the entertainment for the evening. Although the details are "top secret" the entertainment will have a WWII theme. It will be great fun so please get your tickets from Past Master Tom Boyle, or at the door. Cost of the tickets is \$18.00 each and the fun is guaranteed to please.



JUST SO YOU KNOW

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following

words: “*To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...*”

President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

