

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF DARLINGTON, MARYLAND

# STEPHENSON LODGE No. 135

MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER FOR 144 YEARS



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## STEPHENSON LODGE'S *LADIES NIGHT*

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Level Fire Hall

Dinner at 6:15pm

Level Volunteer Fire Company

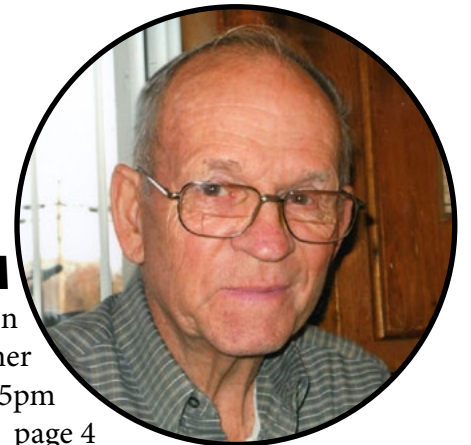


Entertainment by the  
NAZARENE BLUEGRASS BAND

### **KERMIT OLINGER, HPM**

50 Years as a Mason  
Covered Dish Dinner  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:15pm

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## STEPHENSON LODGE

Line Officers for 2012

Worshipful Master ..... William A. Bridges, Sr.  
 Senior Warden ..... Carl W. Lee, PM  
 Junior Warden ..... J. Courtney Hart  
 Secretary ..... Jerry R. Arnold, PM  
 Treasurer ..... Thomas J. Boyle, PM  
 Senior Deacon ..... Richard E. Dolly, Jr.  
 Junior Deacon ..... James V. Gamble  
 Senior Steward ..... Andrew Kucharek  
 Junior Steward ..... William Bridges, Jr.  
 Tyler ..... Frank W. Fowler, HPM  
 Chaplain ..... Oscar R. Baldwin, PM  
 Musician ..... Vernon K. Stearn, PM  
 Marshal ..... C. Dayton Miller, PM  
 Ritualist ..... Duane A. Duncan, PM  
 Grand Inspector ..... Kevin Emery PM, GI

### WORSHIPFUL MASTER

William A. Bridges, Sr.  
 3637 Anderson Lane  
 Jarrettsville, MD 21084  
 410-935-3278

### SECRETARY

Jerry R. Arnold, PM  
 3110 Tucker Road  
 Street, MD 21154  
 443-528-7895

A MESSAGE FROM

## Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one and all,

**T**he Apple Festival was a great success and our lodge was able to sell out of apple dumplings by early afternoon. The revenue raised from this event was substantial and the success of our efforts will help support the financial needs of our lodge. My thanks to all who worked so hard in the planning, and the implementation of this very important annual fundraiser. It is not a small notion to accomplish the many aspects and details that are involved in making this happen without the slightest glitch. But most importantly, we as brothers, worked side by side, united by the cement that bonds us together as one. We accomplished the day and enjoyed each others company!

Ladies Night is our next big event and I'm sure that fun will be had by all. Guys! We must realize and accept it by now—that if it were not for the ladies in our lives—giving us support, our Masonic journeys might be short lived. Our ladies are an integral part of our fraternity and our successes. This special night is for them and is to show our appreciation for all that they do for us. Please come and enjoy a great evening.

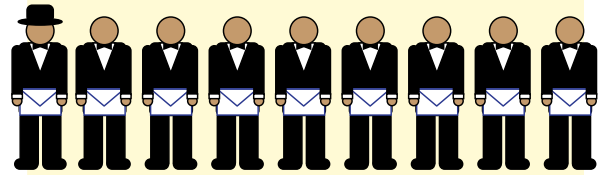
Lastly, this year is coming quickly to a close. The holiday season will soon be here. Let us be grateful for those many blessings we all enjoy. And, with humble hearts, remember those who have gone before us.

Fraternally Yours,

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



## TEN MASTER MASONS



**Ten Master Masons**, happy, doing fine;  
 One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.

**Nine Master Masons**, faithful, never late;  
 One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.

**Eight Master Masons**, on their way to heaven;  
 One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.

**Seven Master Masons**, life dealt some hard licks;  
 One grew discouraged, then there were six.

**Six Master Masons**, all very much alive;  
 One lost his interest, then there were five.

**Five Master Masons**, wishing there were more;  
 Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

**Four Master Masons**, busy as could be;  
 One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

**Three Master Masons**, was one of them you?  
 One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

**Two Master Masons** with so much to be done;  
 One said "What's the use?" then there was one.

**One Master Mason**, found a brother – true!  
 Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

**Two Master Masons** didn't find work a bore;  
 Each brought another, then there were four.

**Four Master Masons** saved their Lodge's fate;  
 By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

**Eight Master Masons**, loving their Lodges bright sheen;  
 Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

**Sixteen Master Masons**, to their obligations true;  
 Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door;  
 It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.

Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East;  
 Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

Author Unknown



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2012

Stephenson Lodge Events
  County Lodges Events
  Grand Lodges Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Stephenson Lodge Ladies Night Level Fure Hall 6:15pm
4	5 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 Aberdeen, MD	6 Mt. Ararat Lodge (starts at 7:00) No. 44 Bel Air, MD	7 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Darlington, MD Covered Dish Dinner 6:15pm	8 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Cardiff, MD	9	10 School of Instruction Mt. Ararat Lodge 8:00 am
11	12	13 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 Havre de Grace, MD	14	15	16	17 Grand Lodge Annual Communications 10:00 am
18	19 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 Aberdeen, MD	20 Mt. Ararat Lodge (starts at 7:00) No. 44 Bel Air, MD	21 CANCELED Stephenson Lodge No. 135 Darlington, MD	22 THANKSGIVING LODGE CANCELED Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 Cardiff, MD	23	24
25	26	27 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 Havre de Grace, MD	28	29	30	1

## 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

## November Communications

### FIRST COMMUNICATION

**NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> (WEDNESDAY)**

*50 Year Award for Kermit Olinger*

*Dinner at 6:15*

*Short Meeting followed by Presentation for 50 year award*

### SECOND COMMUNICATION

**CANCELED**

*Due to the Thanksgiving holiday*

# STEPHENSON LODGE'S LADIES NIGHT

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> • Level Fire Hall

Dinner at 6:15pm

Level Volunteer Fire Company

Donation of \$18.00 per person

See the secretary or treasure for tickets

Entertainment by the  
**NAZARENE  
BLUEGRASS BAND**

Master of Ceremonies:

*J. Courtney Hart*



## COMMITTEE REPORT

### Military Liaison Committee

Stephenson Lodge has a committee, managed by Past Master Dave Kraus, which reaches out to our military men and women oversea sending them little items that they request and miss. Dave has chaired this committee for a couple years and has sent many packages overseas. We originally started out when two member of Stephenson Lodge served time overseas in the military. They are now back, but the idea was such a big hit, that we now reach out to other service men and women. Names and address are provided by Brothers and friends. Dave will collect the items requested, or money donations, and purchase the items himself. He then packages the items and ships them.

If you are interested in more information, or if you would like to help, please contact Dave Kraus at [DLkjck@aol.com](mailto:DLkjck@aol.com). Brother Dave can give you a list of what he's looking for, or if you want, you can donate money to the cause to help purchase the items and with the cost of shipping. With the holidays coming up, Brother Dave usually send homemade cookies and other goodies, which is always a big hit overthere.

Below you can see the results of the efforts as three service-ment (who happen to be Masons) thanks the Lodge and committee for the contribution. Notice that the items are simple things that are not available where they are and helps remind them of home. 🐾



*Brother Dave,  
I want to thanks your Lodge for the package. We just received them and we appreciate your support. Attached is a photo of me (the first one on the left), MAJ Luis Rivera (in the middle) and SSG Jeremy Cernusak. All of us Brothers.*

*Thanks for your support!*

V/R

Torres, Felix

Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan

## 50 YEARS AND GOING STRONG

### HPM Kermit Olinger 50 Year Award Celebration

On November 7<sup>th</sup> we will be helping Honorary Past Master Kermit Olinger celebrate 50 years of being a Mason. What will be special about the evening is it was on November 7th, 1962 when brother Kermit was raised. The evening will begin with a covered dish dinner at 6:15 in the refreshment room . Friends and family are invited to join in the dinner. The Lodge is providing the meat, so we just need the side dishes and desserts. Come out and show your support to someone who is still very involved after 50 years of our Lodge.



After dinner, the members will retire upstairs for a very short meeting and then we'll close and invite everyone up for a short program on brother Kermit. He will receive his 50 year award and lapel pin. We expect a good turnout by his family that evening and we're hoping for a lot of friends and guests to attend also. 🐾



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

## November Masonic Birthdays

*Kermit Olinger, HPM ..... Nov 7, 1962 ..... 50 yrs*  
 Raymon Graybeal ..... Nov 25, 1964 ..... 48 yrs  
 Neil Adkins ..... Nov 27, 1968 ..... 44 yrs  
 Jerry Arnold, PM ..... Nov 16, 1983 ..... 29 yrs  
 Carl Lee, PM ..... Nov 20, 2002 ..... 10 yrs

Thomas Dunsworth, PM... Nov 13, 2007 ..... 5 yrs  
 Richard Turkin, II ..... Nov 5, 2008 ..... 4 yrs  
 William Bridges, Sr, PM.... Nov 19, 2008 ..... 4 yrs  
 William Bridges, Jr. .... Nov 19, 2008 ..... 4 yrs  
 Daniel Gonzalez ..... Nov 17, 2010 ..... 2 yrs

DARLINGTON MARYLAND BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR

## Darlington Apple Festival a BIG Success

October 6<sup>th</sup>, members of Stephenson Lodge were up bright and early setting up the tables and heating up the grill for the Annual Darlington Apple Festival. Past Master Dave Kraus was busy cooking breakfast for all of the members serving eggs cooked to order, bacon, toast, coffee, and juice. It was a busy day and we had a larger group of visitors than previous years. We sold all of the apple dumpling and made a profit for the Holding Company of over \$3,000. 🍏



# GRAND LODGE EVENTS



Grand Lodge of  
A.F. & A.M. of Maryland  
304 International Circle,  
Cockeysville, MD 21030  
(410) 527-0600  
office@glmd.org

## 2012 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AGENDA

The agenda for the Grand Lodge of Maryland's Annual Communication has been established. The weekend will start with the Grand Master's Banquet on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the Grand Lodge Ballroom. The event begins with a reception starting at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Appropriate dress for the

evening is formal. Tickets are \$50 per person.

On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Communication will commence at 10:00am. The Grand Lodge will be called off at noon for refreshment. The Men's Luncheon will then take place in the Grand Lodge Ballroom. Tickets are required to attend the luncheon at a cost of \$17 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. The Annual Communication will then reconvene at 1:00pm. All lodge officers and past masters are requested to be attired in tuxedos, aprons and jewels of office. Other Master Masons in attendance are asked to wear dark business suits.

There are three Proposed Amendments to the Constitution to be voted on at the Annual Communication.

**THE FIRST PROPOSED AMENDMENT** will establish Entered Apprentices as dues-paying members of their Lodge with certain limitations, such as: 1) they will have the right to vote only when the Lodge is open in the first degree; 2) they cannot be elected or appointed to a Lodge office; 3) they can only sit in Lodge when it is open in the first degree. Entered Apprentices who do not progress beyond the first degree can

continue to be members of the Lodge as Entered Apprentices as long as they continue to pay their dues. Similar rights and limitations will apply to Fellowcrafts.

**THE SECOND PROPOSED AMENDMENT** proposes to enact a three dollar annual assessment for each member to support the Maryland Child Identification Program (MDCHIP). This would begin on January 1, 2014 and last ten years or until the Grand Lodge of Maryland decides to discontinue the program, whichever comes first. The funds from this assessment would be dedicated exclusively to the use, maintenance and support of MDCHIP.

**THE THIRD PROPOSED AMENDMENT** would delete the sentence from the Constitution which currently reads as follows, "A *Grand Secretary who has served ten (10) consecutive elective terms as Grand Secretary, and a Grand Treasurer who has served ten (10) consecutive elective terms as Grand Treasurer shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment to his respective office for one year after his last term in that office.*"

Following the Annual Communication, a Dinner will be held in the Grand Lodge Ballroom at 5:30pm. Dinner is open to all. Again, tickets are required. The cost is \$25 per person.

The weekend will culminate with the Open Installation of RWDGM Jerry Piepiora and his Grand Line. The installation is open to all, and will begin at 7:00pm.

Tickets for the Banquet, Luncheon and Dinner are available at the Grand Lodge Office. The last day to make reservations is November 2, 2012. Cash checks and all major credit cards are accepted. ♣



A Chance to Win

## REAL MASONIC TREASURE

THE STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM is holding a unique fundraiser by raffling off a very rare complete set of *Harvest Home Day Cornhusking Coins*. Dating to the very first cornhusking which took place in 1928, the set includes one of every version of the coins minted to commemorate the day. **Raffle tickets are available from the Grand Lodge Office for a donation of \$20.<sup>00</sup> each. Only 500 tickets are available. The drawing will take place when all tickets are sold.**

