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OF DARLINGTON, MARYLAND

STEPHENSON LODGE

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MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER FOR 144 YEARS



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*Dedicated to all the Brothers,
past and present, who made
this event such a success*



DARLINGTON
APPLE FESTIVAL
October 6th



STEPHENSON LODGE

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A MESSAGE FROM

Our Worshipful Master

Brethren one and all,

*Our Lodge will be very busy the next couple of months preparing for **The Darlington Apple Festival** as well as **Stephenson Lodge's Ladies Night**.*

I hope both events will be well attended so that the light of our lodge will shine bright and will bless us with both the means to continue on with financial confidence as well as bringing our families together in celebrating the support we receive from our ladies.

Please set aside October 6th (for the Darlington Apple Festival) and November 3rd (For Stephenson Lodge Ladies

Night) so that you can attend both of these traditional yearly events.

I Want You!!!! And need you Brothers to come out and help with the set up and closing duties for our Apple Dumplin fund raising efforts. The more the merrier! Your help is truly appreciated and will make the day so much easier and more fun!

Fraternally Yours,

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



COME OUT AND PLAY

Are you afraid
 Of things that go bump in the night?
 Behind closet doors
 Of things when you turn out the light
 Don't be afraid of the night
 There's a light in the dark burning bright
 Don't be afraid
 Don't be afraid
 Don't be afraid...
 ...of the light
 Come inside our world
 An oyster 'round a pearl
 You'll all be safe inside
 A perfect place to hide, you'll see
 Fun by decree
 Ride above the storm
 The average and the norm
 A new found ecstasy
 A wild fantasy come true
 This one's for you
 Oh, welcome to our show
 Oh, welcome to our life
 Just follow me and you'll set yourself free
 Now won't you come out and play
 Come out and play
 Join our cavalcade
 Enter the world you made
 We're only here for you
 To do what you won't do, you know
 On with the show
 A place where fallacy
 Becomes reality
 We'll spin you head around
 We're programmed to astound, stand by
 Prepare to fly
 Oh, welcome to our show
 Oh, welcome to our life
 Just follow me and you'll think that you're free
 Now won't you come out and play
 Come out and play
 Come on out and play

Lyrics by Twisted Sister

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2012

Stephenson Lodge Events
 County Lodges Events
 Grand Lodges Events

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

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES ADDRESSES & MEETING NIGHTS



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

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



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

Thomas Dunworth, WM
Baxter Leppert, Sec



Esdraelon no.176
304 Main St.
Cardiff, MD 21024
2nd & 4th Thursday

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



Aberdeen no.187
20 North Howard St.
Aberdeen, MD 21001
1st & 3rd Monday

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STEPHENSON LODGE

October Communications

FIRST COMMUNICATION

OCTOBER 3RD (WEDNESDAY)

Opening in Third Degree

Business meeting

Possible Master Mason Catechism

SECOND COMMUNICATION

SEPTEMBER 17TH (WEDNESDAY)

Opening in Third Degree

Business meeting.

Possible Master Mason Catechism



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

October Masonic Birthdays

Ernest Spey..... Oct 4, 1964..... 48 yrs
 Barry Hinkle, PM Oct 16, 1968..... 44 yrs
 Courtney Hart..... Oct 4, 1993..... 19 yrs
 William Gamble..... Oct 6, 1999..... 13 yrs
 Jonathan Wright Oct 28, 2006..... 6 yrs

A MESSAGE FROM

Our Secretary

Our 2013 dues cards are here and I have them ready for any Brother who is ready to pay his dues. I still have a few 2012 dues cards that need to be retrieved before the end of the year, or the Brothers will face suspension for non-payment of dues. Please look to see if you have your 2012 card, if not, you still need to pay your dues.

The current dues are \$48 for Brothers of Stephenson Lodge, and \$25.⁵⁰ for our affiliated Brothers. Over the next couple months we will be making an effort to contact these Brothers who are behind to get them caught up.

Remember to take advantage of our Masonic Homes, you must remain in good standing for ten consecutive years. Letting your dues elapse for even a year couple mean waiting another ten years before being able to go into the Homes.

The first Saturday in October is the Darlington Apple Festival, and the reason few Stephenson Lodge Brothers can attend the Annual Harvest Homes Celebration at Grand Lodge. As show on the cover, we have many Brothers, both past and present, to thank for keeping this event going, especially the Darlington Apple Festival committee. This committee is dedicated to making the event successful, with Keith Thompson, Sr. PM as the chairman and Jim Gamble and Rick Dolly. 🍷

STEPHENSON LODGE'S LADIES NIGHT

Saturday, November 3rd • Level Fire Hall

Dinner at 6:15pm

Level Volunteer Fire Company

Donation of \$18.00 per person

See the secretary or treasure for ticketsr

Entertainment by the
**NAZARENE
 BLUEGRASS BAND**

Master of Ceremonies:
Past Master Dean Alban



GRAND LODGE EVENTS



NOTICE FROM GRAND LODGE

Harvest Home Day, October 6th

Our Annual **Harvest Home Day** will begin at 6:00am and end at 9:30am. Food service will end at 9:00am. Parking is again available at 303 International Circle across from our upper entrance to the Grand Lodge property. It will be 84 years since **Harvest Home Day** first began. We are endeavoring to have Masonic Regalia and Supply vendors at this event and will advise the Craft should the vendors commit to being with us. Again, a \$5.⁰⁰ donation for the event will be collected at the entrance gate. Lodges may register teams of five men for the Second Annual Corn Husking Contest. The fee will again be \$100.⁰⁰

per team and includes where needed, a hat, corn husking peg, commemorative pin and bushel of corn. The deadline for team registration is October 1st. Please contact the Grand Secretary's office for registration. 🍷



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