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OF DARLINGTON, MARYLAND

STEPHENSON LODGE

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Line Officers for 2014

Worshipful Master Duane Duncan, PM
 Senior Warden Richard E. Dolly, Jr.
 Junior Warden William A. Bridges, Sr., PM
 Secretary Jerry R. Arnold, PM
 Treasurer Thomas J. Boyle, PM
 Senior Deacon Carl W. Lee, PM
 Junior Deacon Mark Alexander
 Senior Steward Brandon M. Caldwell
 Junior Steward Keith Thompson, Sr., PM
 Tyler Kermit Olinger, HPM
 Chaplain Richard E. Hoffman
 Musician Vernon K. Stearn, PM
 Marshal Emeritus Charles D. Miller, PM
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WORSHIPFUL MASTER

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From the Worshipful Master

Well brothers, the lodge is up and running after a nice summer off. I would like to thank Brother Bruce Flaugher, PM and the line officers for doing a fantastic courtesy degree on Brother Ali Tabrizchi, MD. Stephenson Lodge has already received thank you letters from the Grand Lodge of Iran, Exile and the Grand Lodge of Boston for helping Dr. Tabrizchi with his Masonic journey.

Mark your calendars for this years Annual Darlington Apple Festival which is October 4, 2014. There will be a breakfast made for the workers by Past Master David Kraus who has offered to cook his famous meal known to all.

Every member is needed to make this a success..Remember this Lodge belongs to every brother. So come out and have some good old fun. This event is also considered our Open House as well. Hopefully we will get a new petition for membership to help us grow.

Please support our Lodge in helping us sell our gun raffle tickets. We have a lot to sell if you are interested in buying or in helping us sell the tickets please, contact Brother Mark Alexander or Brother Rick Dolly.

Officers who have the book for learning the degree work in their chair, or for learning the next chair a head, please stay on course. Carrying that book where ever you go. This seems to be the best way to learn and to keep yourself on track and from being stuck. If for any reason your having trouble please contact me or any past master for help.Because before you know it, you'll be looking toward the East...it's better to walk than trying to run.

I would like to thank everyone for all their help thus far, for no one person can run a Lodge alone. It takes teamwork. We are blessed to have a wonderful bunch of brothers each have a huge amount of wisdom to offer. I enjoy talking to each and everyone.

Thank you

Duane A. Duncan, P.M.,

Worshipful Master



Darlington Apple Festival

On Saturday, October 4th, Stephenson Lodge will be hosting an Open House along with the Darlington Apple Festival. This is our one change during the year to raise capital for the Holding Company and show off the Lodge. We will need many volunteers to help with both activities which occur consecutively. Will will once again be selling apple dumpling to the crowd of visitor to the festival. This is a great opportunity to help the Lodge out in its search for funds to keep the Lodge and Holding Company solvent for the next year. Please plan on coming out and helping, even just a few hours will help.

We really need help in the late afternoon when it's time to tear down, around 3:00pm. All of the morning workers are really dragging by then will need fresh blood to help carry the tables and chairs in and take down the tents. Please let the Worshipful Master if you can make it and what hours you would like to work. This is one time the Lodge needs you to help.

THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP

You should get your **2015 Dues Card**

Current Stephenson Lodges Annual Dues .. \$63.⁰⁰

Current Affiliated Member Annual Dues \$37.⁵⁰

Current Petition \$220.⁰⁰

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2014

- 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
28	29	30	1 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 (starts at 7:30PM) Darlington, MD	2	3	4 Darlington Apple Festival Stephenson Lodge No. 135 (we starts at 6:00AM)
5	6 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 (starts at 7:30PM) Aberdeen, MD	7 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 (starts at 7:00PM) Bel Air, MD	8	9 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 (starts at 7:30PM) Cardiff, MD	10	11
12	13	14 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 (starts at 7:30PM) Havre de Grace, MD	15 Stephenson Lodge No. 135 (starts at 7:30PM) Darlington, MD	16 Susquehanna Valley Lodge of Perfection (starts at 7:00 PM) Mt. Ararat Lodge Bel Air, MD	17	18
19	20 Aberdeen Lodge No. 187 (starts at 7:30PM) Aberdeen, MD	21 Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44 (starts at 7:00) Bel Air, MD	22	23 Esdraelon Lodge No. 176 (starts at 7:30PM) Cardiff, MD	24	25 York Rite Phoenix Chapter Lodge of Low Vale 7:30PM Have de Grace Pistol Range
26	27	28 Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 (starts at 7:30PM) Havre de Grace, MD	29	30	31	1

HARFORD COUNTY MASONIC LODGES ADDRESSES & MEETING NIGHTS



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

Mark Smith, WM
James W. Davidson, Sec



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

Phil Powell, WM
Baxter Leppert, 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

September Communications

ONLY COMMUNICATION

OCTOBER 1ST (WEDNESDAY)

Opening in the 2nd degree for catechism on all those found worthy as Fellowcraft. Then dropping down to the 1st degree to confer on Mr. Patrick Haggerty

OCTOBER 15TH (WEDNESDAY)

Opening in the 3rd degree.
We will confer the 3rd on all those found worthy

Stephenson Lodge Gun Raffle

Stephenson Lodge is holding a gun raffle this year and Brother Mark Alexander has 1,000 tickets he needs to sell by the end of October. If you are interested in purchasing some or selling some please contact him at (410) 459-4836. More details in the October issue.



Courtesy 3rd Degree

On September 17, Stephenson Lodge did a courtesy 3rd degree on Brother Ali Tabrizchi, MD. It was a super special night for all to see. Brother Past Master Bruce Flaughter performed his fantastic work.

Above, Ali Tabrizchi, MD, shakes hands with Bruce Flaughter, PM, who performed the degree work for the evening.

Below, from left to right, Mark Alexander, T. Scott Cushing, G.I., Bill Bridges, PM, Carl Lee, PM, Brother Ali Tabrizchi, MD, Mickey Hoffman, Bruce Flaughter, PM, Keith Thompson, PM, Clinton Adams, HPM, Bill Dula, PM, Tom Boyle, PM.



Entered Apprentice

We will be doing the Entered Apprentice Degree on Mr. Patrick John Haggerty on October 1. Mr Haggerty is 20 years old and resides in Bel Air. Come out and see the degree. The officers have been busy working on the degree and it would be great if we could get brothers for the sidelines to impress our new brother and give support to our officers for the work they have done getting this degree together so soon after being dark.

From Our Treasurer

I have given this a tremendous amount of thought this year. It was my intention to remain as treasurer as long as the lodge placed me in the position. I am weaning myself of the insurance business and should be out completely in May 2015. Nevertheless, I thought that I would continue as Lodge treasurer. However, I find myself physically and mentally drained.

Since elections will be coming up shortly, I wanted to give the Lodge an opportunity of finding another Brother to step up. It really does not entail much time "out of Lodge"; perhaps a little over an hour per meeting(not counting time to make bank deposits). Of course, the Apple Dumping sales and Ladies Night(when applicable) tickets does consume an extra amount of time to keep up with tracking, collecting and disbursing funds.