



STEPHENSON LODGE No. 135
A.F. & A.M.

Subject: March Trestleboard

Brothers, One and All,

If you're like me, you just can't wait for spring. Because this weather has got to GO!!! This year already we have lost two meetings, due to bad weather through our area. The thought of any Brother coming out for Lodge and falling down in the parking lot, or having a car accident getting to Lodge is not good, so I decided to cancel those meetings. My motto is "*Safety First.*"

Remember the Lodge adopted the policy to cancel a meeting due to weather if the Harford County public school system cancels their day or after-school activities. But if in doubt, give our secretary, Jerry Arnold a call, (443-528-7895) or myself (443-243-6318).

At our February 4th meeting we had two guest speakers from **Habitat for Humanity**, Mrs. Chason and Mrs. Blandford. It was a very interesting talk, we really learned a lot about what's going on in our community. Stephenson Lodge has showed some interest in helping our fellow neighbors in our local area. The **Habitat for Humanity** saying is "*A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out*" and believe me, everyone some way or another, needs a hand up to get started. Volunteers are needed from our Lodge or any others who would like to jump in with us. I heard that Susquehanna Lodge No. 130 said they are on board as well. Anyone who would like to volunteer must take a safety test online before going to a project. Go to www.habitatsusq.org to take the safety test.

I saved the best for last. On February 12th, five Past Masters traveled with the Master's gravel, top hat, jewel, and a square of marble to a place I call "*A Touch of Gold*" to see Stephenson Lodge's strongest corner stone, David Kraus, PM. He is definitely one of three corner stones of Freemasonry. Brother Dave wore his Worshipful Master's hat, jewel of the office and opened his Lodge and conducted the business for that special evening. Lodge lasted about an hour; afterwards Past Master Kraus closed his Lodge at 7:45pm. Brother Dave to me will be known as the "*Pillar of Strength*".

1st Meeting

March 4th at 7:30pm

Regular Order Of Business - Open in the 1st Degree • Catechism on all those prepared.

2nd Meeting

March 18th at 7:30pm - Open in the 1st Degree • Catechism on all those prepared.

Dean Alban, PM - guest speaker on the *Early History of Freemasonry*

Thank you,

Duane Duncan - Worshipful Master