

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

October 1st was the *Darlington Apple Festival* and it was very successful with all of the apple dumplings being sold, along with lots of coffee and sodas. It was a dark, cloudy day until after lunch when the clouds let loose with rain. That drove a lot of the festival-goers home, but we managed through it all. A special thanks to Buzz for preparing breakfast for all of the Brothers that morning.

We will be holding a Fellowcraft degree at our second meeting this month, October 19th. Also, **all Gun Raffle tickets need to be turned in this night**. If you have any, please get them to Mark or Rick.

Esdraelon Lodge will be holding a Lodge of Low Vale again this October. It will be at the Lodge's secretary, G. Wilson Tharpe's Barn at Maples Farm on the 22nd at 2:00 pm. They will raise three Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Needless to say Master Masons only, and if you've never witnessed a Lodge of Low Vale, this will be a great time to see one. Look for a future flyer with more information.

Then looking to November, we will be doing our 3rd Annual Gun Raffle. Now is the time to get tickets and help sell them, one for \$20 or two for \$35. We need Brothers to help sell these tickets. Also November 5th is our Annual Ladies Night, which promises to be as good as last year. We will be joined again this year by other local Lodges, so tickets may go fast. Be sure to get yours before they are all gone.

Keith Thompson, Sr.

Worshipful Master, 2016