

April 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 8:00 AM-4:30PM Sinclair School @ Manasseh Lodge # 182 (fv)	2 6-9 PM Hope Chapter # 73 Instruction (HL)
3 7:30 PM Herndon Lodge #264 DEO OV (v)	4 7:30 PM HL Called Communication for EA Catechism and FC Degree	5 7:30 PM Fauquier Chapter RAM (@ HL)	6 7:30 PM Fairfax Assembly # 3 IORG (HL) 6:30 PM Dinner & 8 PM HL & Acacia Stated, GMOV @ Old Town Hall Fairfax	7 7:30 PM Manasseh # 182 DEO OV 8 PM Hope Chapter # 73, OES (HL)	8 8:30 AM HL Planning. Officers, Stars, Rainbow, RAC, and interested brethren (HL)	9
10 7:30 PM Hay Market #313 DEO OV	11 7:30 PM Mt. Carmel #133 MAHOVA OV 7:30 PM Kemper-Macon Ware #64 (v)	12 7:00AM-6:00PM HL Charity Day "A Greater Gift" New Windsor, MD	13 6:30 PM Dist. 29 GMOV Petersburg (v)	14 6:30 PM Dist. 12, 13 GMOV Eastern Shore (v) 7:30PM Scottish Rite, Alexandria	15	16
17 7:30PM Herndon # 264	18 7:30 PM HL Called Communication EA Catechism and FC Degree	19 7:30PM District School @ HL (fv)	20 7:30PM Fairfax Assembly # 3, IORG (HL)	21	22 10AM-12PM A. Douglas Smith Jr. # 1949 GWNM 2 PM SLOT Manasseh 4-8PM Rainbow Grand Visitation (HL)	23
24	25 7:30 PM HL Bring A Friend Night Mt. Carmel # 133	26 7 PM Cobbdale Civic Association (HL)	27 7:30 PM Fairfax Assembly # 3, IORG Board Meeting (HL)	28 7:30 PM SR Degrees Practice (HL)	29 10 AM– 2 PM Spring Fling, Hope Chapter # 73, OES (HL) 8AM-7PM SR Degrees Scottish Rite Temple 11AM– 1 PM James Monroe Day	30

From the East

The **Grand Masters Official Visit** on April 6 to Henry and Acacia Lodges joint Stated Communication will be held at the **Fairfax Town Hall**. The Stated Communication will begin at 8:00 pm. There is a dinner at 6:25 pm for those who purchased a ticket. Come out and help us receive the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful Glover Hunter Jones, III.

Thanks to Hope Chapter #73 for the spaghetti dinner and Brother Joe Hyer's sauce at our March Stated Communication.

Worshipful Barry Eugene Constant, PM, District Instructor of Work for the Fourth Masonic District on his Official Visit to Henry Lodge #57, on March 14, was received in the East and saluted. The DIW gave a description of his duties and responsibilities to the Ritual Work. Wor. Constant also presented some important changes in the Ritual that have occurred since 1974.

At the March Stated Communication, nominations for recommendation for appointment to the office of District Deputy Grand Master and an Alternate were made and Worshipful David Morris, PM and Wor. Richard May, PM respectively were elected.

Donations were made by Henry Lodge to support the Rainbow and the Grand Junior Warden's initiative to support the purchase of the "Lodge Solvency and Viability Review Tool" for use by the lodges of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

At our Stated Communication a basket was passed around the Lodge for the Grand Masters Relief Fund. The Brethren in February contributed \$21.99 (not \$42.00 as previously reported) and in March contributed \$27.98. The Relief Fund basket will be passed to collect coins at each Stated Communication during the rest of this year. Thank you Brethren.

On March 28, Henry Lodge #57 Brethren made a fraternal visit at Mt. Carmel #133 with the DDGM, Right Worshipful Robert Brunner Williams on his last Official Visit to District #4 Lodges.

Travels with the DDGM, took several Brethren of Henry Lodge on a Grand Master Official Visit to joint Districts #7 and #10 visit in Gordonsville on March 24. **Join** the DDGM to a GMOV at District #29 in Petersburg on April 13 and a joint District #12 and #13 visit on the Eastern Shore on April 14.

Wor. Bob Campbell, PM delivered our riding lawn mower to Bro. Fay LeCompte in Luray, Virginia who overhauled the machine and donated his time. He did not want to take anything but finally gave a bill for the parts. Thank you Bro. LeCompte for repairing the Lodge lawn mower.

Brethren of Henry Lodge attended educational opportunities in March. Nine Brethren attended the Division Leadership Conference, on March 18. Brethren participated in Fellowcraft Degree practice, Entered Apprentice Degree practice and practiced receiving the Grand Master.

Additional education will be presented at the **C. A. Sinclair Area School**, March 31 and April 1, where the three Masonic Degree will be presented. Henry Lodge is doing the Entered Apprentice Degree at the school. On April 4 and 18 a Called Communication for EA Catechism and FC Degree will be held. **District School** will be at Henry Lodge #57 on April 19. **Subordinate Lodge Officer Training** (SLOT) will be at 2:00 pm at Manasseh Lodge #182 on April 22. All Master Masons are requested to attend these events.

On April 11, the Worshipful Master of Henry Lodge #57 will be making a visit to Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge #64 in Falls Church, VA. Because of the change in Henry Lodge Stated Communication night we can make a visit, contact the WM if you would like to join him on this visit.

Henry Lodge Charity Day, will be held on April 12 at the New Windsor Service Center, 500 Main Street, New Windsor, see www.brethren.org/genbd/BSC. We will be working at SERRV International, see www.serrv.org, a nonprofit alternative trade and development organization promoting the social and economic progress of people in the developing regions of the world. We will be unpacking and repacking small items. They provide a free lunch in the cafeteria for the workers (us). We will car pool and depart Henry Lodge at 7:00 am to arrive in New Windsor at 9:00 am. This is a family and friends event. Call Wor. Paul Kulp at 703-978-0394 or the Worshipful Master if you can go. We will depart New Windsor around 4:00 pm.

Bring a Friend Night, will be held on April 25.

Observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first day of each month. Wear Masonic apparel, and study the Methodical Digest, Presentation Volume and a Volume of Sacred Law.

There is a standing invitation for Master Masons to attend the Rainbow's meetings. You are invited to the Grand Worthy Advisor Mary Hutt's Homecoming on Saturday, April 22 at 4:00 pm at Henry Lodge #57. This is an open event.

Brethren, provide the type of work that you do or if retired the type of work you did to the Secretary of Henry Lodge #57. The Grand Lodge Secretary requests this information.

Future Events:

May 21 fishing trip or **Catching Trip**, there is space for 15 people, so get your reservation in early to Wor. Paul Kulp, PM at 703-978-0394. The nonrefundable deposit is \$30 a person.

Tickets for the Little Theatre of Alexandria, for Tuesday, June 6, are available from Brother Luis Pages, Master of Kadosh at 703-723-6485, cost \$15.00 each. The play is Blithe Spirit a comedy. This event is a Scottish Rite Family Night Out event. Call and order your tickets.

From the Secretary

1. Sec. 2.146 of the Methodical Digest : Penalty for Non-Payment of Dues:- "Lodge dues are payable by January of one year to be current for that same year, e.g. 1985. Any member who does not pay the current dues by December 31 shall be liable to the penalty of suspension on the following January 1, e.g. 1986. If he be suspended he shall not be liable for dues during the period of suspension. Unless assessments are covered by Lodge by-laws as collectible as dues, no Brother shall be suspended for failure to pay such assessment if his dues be paid. (1985)"

We'll let you in here at Henry during this period but it could be embarrassing if you wanted to visit a Lodge where you are not known. Of course operations of the Lodge demand payments for fuel, electricity, water etc. and are ongoing. Grand Lodge Assessments are due each year by March 1. Dues not paid in a timely manner often cause the Lodge to dip into savings and lose interest. Don't you think being carried for a year is a bit excessive? I wonder what fee VISA or Master Charge would levy for such a privilege?

2. How to help prevent problems related to the paragraph above:

Section 5 of the Methodical Digest provides for enrollment in a "Life Membership in Perpetuity Plan of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, A.F.& A.M."

Sec. 5.02 Eligibility: A Life Membership may be purchased for or by any member in good standing of a Lodge holden under the Grand Lodge of Virginia, subject to the rules. A Memorial Life Membership may be purchased for a deceased Master Mason (who was in good standing at the time of his death) in any Lodge in Virginia upon acceptance of the Memorial Life Membership by vote of the Lodge. (2002)

Sec. 5.03 The Life Membership Fee shall be equal to sixteen (16) times the amount of the Annual Dues and assessments of his Lodge at the time of the purchase, or \$300.00 whichever is greater. Dues for the year in which he purchases the Life Membership must have been paid before the purchase, and are not included in the 16-year calculation, except when the purchase in memory of a deceased member. (1996)

For all intents and purposes, your dues are frozen at the LMIP level for eternity. Although the Lodge might vote to increase dues the following year that you enroll as an LMIP, your dues remain the same. Note that Henry Lodge is presently receiving dues from 24 LMIP members, two of whom are deceased members but wanted to continue to lend a hand to their Lodge although they had joined the Supreme Architect.

Inflation has taken its toll on Henry Lodge Income and will shortly require that a substantial dues increase be considered. More on this with hard facts to follow later in the year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Ralph W. Smith, Jr., P.M.

Secretary