

From the East (continued)

July Trestleboard

We will discuss the replacement of the present Lodge Room lighting fixtures with recessed fluorescent lighting fixtures and the funding of the work.

We will discuss the painting of the Lodge Sign on the front of the Lodge.

We will receive the official visit of the District Masonic Home of Virginia Ambassador.

At our Stated Communication a basket is passed around the Lodge for the Grand Masters Relief Fund. The Brethren have contributed a total of \$130.00. The Relief Fund basket will be passed to collect coins at each Stated Communication during the rest of this year. Thank you Brethren.

Past Masters Night was held on June 13. The Past Masters of Henry Lodge #57 and Brethren celebrated with a steak dinner. The Past Masters filled the Stations and Places of the assigned officers. The District Blood Coordinator, Worshipful Jay E. Patterson, PM, gave a presentation on his official visit and Worshipful George Richard May, PM, of Acacia Lodge #16 gave a program on the history of Flag Day.

Brother Donald H. Harter of Henry Lodge #57 was presented at his home, his **50 Year Veterans Pin** from the Grand Lodge, A.F & A.M. of Virginia, by the Right Worshipful Robert B. Williams, DDGM, and assisted by Worshipful Ralph W. Smith, Jr., PM, and Worshipful Master Clesson C. McDonald, Jr. on June 9. Brother Harter asked that the Brethren of Henry Lodge #57 remember him.

On June 12, Henry Lodge #57 Brethren made a fraternal visit to Hay Market Lodge #313. Hay Market Lodge #313 was celebrating their Past Masters with a steak dinner that night.

Travels with the DDGM took Brethren of Henry Lodge to the Grand Master's Official Visit to District #19 in Staunton on June 2, District #18 in Charlottesville on June 16, Districts #20 & #23 in Buena Vista on June 17, District #9 in Topping on June 22, and Districts #15A, #15B & 15C in Richmond on June 23. Also, several Henry Lodge Brethren attended the Grand Masters visit to Strawberry Night at Manassah Lodge #182 on June 10. Join the DDGM to a GMOV in July; see the calendar for the schedule.

Brethren of Henry Lodge participated in **educational opportunities** in June. A Brother was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 20 at Henry Lodge #57. Brethren of Henry Lodge attended two MM Degree practices in June at Henry Lodge. Five Brethren were at District School at Manassah Lodge No. 182 on June 21. District School on July 19, open to all Master Masons, is at Herndon Lodge #264 and Henry Lodge will fill the Senior Deacon's place.

Thanks to Brother Kerry Kirk who for the first time mentored and taught a Brother the Fellowcraft Catechism. Also, thanks to our Senior Warden for putting together the cast for the June 20, Master Masons Degree.

June 6, several couples from Henry Lodge #57 went to the Little Theatre of Alexandria and saw the play Blithe Spirit, a comedy. The event was a Scottish Rite Family Night Out and supported by Henry Lodge #57. The intermission offered an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and visit with Brethren of the area.

The Chairman of the **Grand Lodge Committee on the Internet**, Worshipful Oral McNeil "Neil" Marple visited our planning meeting on June 10. Wor. Neil gave a short presentation on what the Grand Lodge is planning and discussed some of the issues we had identified. Brethren of District #4 with concerns and question about the use of the Internet were invited to come and participate. Wor. Neil provided Henry Lodge with suggestions for some improvements that are being implemented.



On June 25, Henry Lodge observed **St. John Day at St. George United Methodist Church**. At the beginning of the Worship Service, Ms. Shirley Walker was presented a **Community Builders Award** for her work with the Lamb Center in Fairfax City. The award was presented by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of Henry Lodge before the congregation and visiting Brethren of Henry Lodge. After the services a member of the congregation identified herself as an Eastern Star member at Glebe Lodge and said that the Masons should do more things like this outside of the Lodge.

Next time you come to Henry Lodge #57 go by the north entrance and notice the **new gate**. The gate was built and installed with thanks to Worshipful Bobby Campbell, PM.

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.

A copy of the Grand Lodge of Virginia 205 Membership Survey Results is in the Henry Lodge No. 57 Library for your information.

July Events:

July 4, 8:30 am, **Child ID Program** at Fairfax City Fire Station on University Drive.

July 6, 6:30 pm, GMOV to District #17 in Dillwyn.

July 8, 8:30 am, Henry Lodge Planning meeting, all Officers, Star, Rainbow, RAC and Brethren are invited.

July 8, 6:30 pm, GMOV to District 3 at 116 North Loudoun Street, Winchester.

July 11, 6:30 pm, Supper

July 11, 7:30 pm, **Stated Communication**.

July 12, 7:30 pm, Ritual Practice.

July 18, 7:30 pm, Ritual Practice.

July 19, 7:30 pm, District School, Herndon Lodge #264

July 25, 7:30 pm, **Called Communication** for MM Degree.

July 29, 10:00 am, A. Douglas Smith, Jr. Lodge of Research No. 1949 at GWMNM.

July 30 – August 2, **Reid J. Simmons Academy** at Fork Union, VA, sign up now.

Future Events

August 18, **Grand Master Official Visit to District #4** at 6:30 pm, Manasseh Lodge #182, this is an open meeting. An open meeting is one that EA, FC, a friend, spouse and children may attend. There is a charge of \$25.00 for each person for the dinner. Get your ticket from the Worshipful Master.

August 8, 6:30 pm, Supper and then 7:30 pm, Stated Communication

August 12, 8:30 am, Henry Lodge Planning meeting, all Officers, StaRainbow, RAC and Brethren are invited.

August 16, 7:30 pm, District School, Hay Market Lodge #313

See the Calendar for additional events.

Secretary's note.

Did you know that the presence of the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses are indispensable? Without them, no communication of any Lodge, Supreme or subordinate, can be held, and every communication shall be opened and closed with prayer. Also in conferring the degrees, the Holy Bible must stand open at the respective references designated for each degree. See Section 1.04 of the Methodical Digest.