

## **From the East**

Thanks to Hope Chapter #73 for the ham dinner at our January Stated Communication. And for the home made pecan pies.

The Junior Warden sat in the East at the Feb. 21 Called Communication and conducted two Entered Apprentice Degree's; this brings him another step closer to his Wardens Certificate.

Lights - You may have notice that some areas inside and outside of the Lodge are brighter. Many lamps were replaced by Cullen Electrical.

Donations were made by Henry Lodge to support the Rainbow and a 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.

Travels with the DDGM, took several Brethren of Henry Lodge on GRAND Master official visits to Districts #36 and #2. Join the DDGM to a GMOV at joint District #7 and #10 visit in Culpeper on March 16.

The Officers and Brethren of Henry Lodge are requested to join the Worshipful Master in attending the DDGM's Official Visit to Mt. Carmel #133 on March 28. If you need a ride contact the WM or Secretary. Henry Lodge #57 made an additional fraternal visit to Cochran Lodge #271 in The Plains and Worshipful Ralph Smith gave a brief talk on how squirrels have brought out the best in Masonic Brothers. In February, Henry Lodge #57 Brethren made fraternal visits with the DDGM, Right Worshipful Robert Brunner Williams Official Visits to District #4 Lodges, Acacia #16, Manasseh #182, Hay Market #313 and Herndon #264.

At our February Stated Communication a basket was passed around the Lodge for the Grand Masters Relief Fund. The Brethren were asked to place any coins of money from their pockets into the basket. When the basket returned to the Secretary for counting there was \$42. The Relief Fund basket will be passed to collect coins at each Stated Communication during the rest of this year. Thank you Brethren.

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.

At the March Stated Communication, nominations for recommendation for appointment to the office of District Deputy Grand Master and an Alternate will be considered.

For the 'education' session of the March Stated Communication the Assistant LEO will share a Masonic poem and a short reading. The reading uses a Masonic analogy to comment on the process by which the boundaries of knowledge are advanced. Additional education will be presented by Henry Lodge doing the Entered Apprentice Degree at the C. A. Sinclair Area School, March 31 and April 1; by attending the Division Leadership Conference, March 18; and by attending Henry Lodge Work and Instruction on March 7. All Master Masons are requested to attend the events.

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.

Tickets to the **Grand Masters visit** on April 6 to Henry and Acacia Lodges joint Stated Communication to be held at **Fairfax Town Hall** are now on sale. The Officers of the Lodge have tickets for sale. A Henry Lodge #57 Telephone Directory is available from the Secretary.

<b>March 2006</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
(fv) = Fraternal Visit by Brethren of Henry Lodge			1 7:30 P.M. Fauquier Chapter, RAM (HL)	2 7:30 P.M. Acacia #16, DIW OV 7:30 P.M. Fairfax Assembly No. 3, IORG (HL)	3 7:30 P.M. Manasseh #182 DIW OV 8:00 P.M. Hope Chapter No. 73, OES (HL)	4 8:00 P.M. Hope Chapter No. 73, OES Installation (HL)
5	6 7:30 P.M. Herndon #264 DIW OV	7:30 P.M. HL Work & Instruction FC Degree	8	9	10 6:30 P.M. SR Dinner 7:30 P.M. Scottish Rite (Alexandria)	11 8:30 A.M. HL Planning Meeting, all Officers, Star, Rainbow and interested Brethren
12	13 7:30 P.M. Haymarket #313 DIW OV	14 6:30 P.M. Supper (HL) 7:30 P.M. HL Stated DIW OV 7:30 P.M. Mt. Carmel #133 Blood Cord. OV	15 7:30 P.M.	16 7:30 P.M. Fairfax Assembly No. 3, IORG (HL)	17	18 9:00 A.M. Division Leadership Conference (Fauquier High Sch., 705 Waterloo Rd, Warrenton) (fv)
19	20 7:30 P.M. Herndon #264 MAHOVA OV	21 7:30 P.M. Scottish Rite Degrees Practice (HL) 7:30 P.M. Concord #307 (visit WM)	22 7:30 P.M. Practice GMOV for April 6 (HL)	23 7:30 P.M. Fairfax Assembly No. 3, IORG Board Meeting	24 District 7, 10 GMOV (Culpepper)	25
26 6:00 P.M. Hope Chapter No. 73, OES Instruction (HL)	27	28 7:30 P.M. Mt. Carmel #133 DDGM OV (fv)	29 7:30 P.M. Practice GMOV for April 6 (HL)	30 7:30 P.M. Turn in GMOV tickets to Wor. Scott Call	31 7:30 P.M. Manasseh #182 C. A. Sinclair, Jr. Area School (fv)	April 1 8:00 A.M. Manasseh #182 C. A. Sinclair, Jr. Area School (fv)

**2006 C.A. Sinclair, Jr. Area Ritual School**  
**at Manasseh Lodge #182**

Brethren:

Here are the assignments for the 2006 C.A. Sinclair, Jr. Area Ritual School, as we discussed them Wednesday, February 15 before District School at Acacia. Please remind the brethren to attend and have your casts ready to exemplify your part of the ritual. If there are any problems, please get in touch with our School President Tom Wickman.

We begin at 7:30 P.M. on Friday evening 31 March 2006- so arrive early enough to register and get ready.

We begin at 8:15 A.M. on Saturday 1 April 2006 with our business meeting again arrive in plenty of time for registration, coffee, and getting settled in the Lodge room by 8:15. We will begin the ritual part of the school at 9:15 A.M.

The assignments are:

Fri. Night:	Acacia #16 Mt. Carmel Lodge #133	Fellow Craft Degree Masonic Funeral Service
Sat. Morning	Hay Market Lodge #313 Henry Lodge #57 Herndon Lodge #264	Open MM, Introductions, Balloting, GM/ reception Entered Apprentice Degree First Section MM Degree
Sat. Afternoon	Manasseh Lodge #182	Second Section MM Degree

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**2006 Division Leadership Conference**

Date: 18 March 2006

Time: 0900 - 1200

Location: Fauquier High School  
705 Waterloo Road  
Warrenton, VA

Agenda:

0900 - Registration, coffee, publication sales, etc.

0930 - Assembly and general program (RWBro. Sam Atkinson,  
RWBro. Wm. T. Ellison, MWBro. G. H. Jones III)

1030 - Counterpart sessions

MWGM with WMs and DDGMs  
RWDGM with SWs  
RWGSW with JWs  
RWGJW with SDs  
RWGT and RWGS with Treasurers and Secretaries  
RWGSD and RWGJD with all others

1200 - conclusion (or whenever counterpart session ends)

This conference is open to all Master Masons; Lodge Officers are expected to attend (including LIW, LEO, blood coordinator and MaHoVa representative). Attendance will be taken, and certificates awarded for 100% attendance by Lodge Officers.

## From Your Secretary

One of the “Rights and Benefits” of a Master Mason in good standing is that of a Masonic Funeral or Evening Memorial Service. Many decisions regarding the same are found in the Methodical Digest, however, the following will serve as a guide should a Brother desire that he receive either at his death.

The Master’s first duty on being informed of the death of one of his members, is to call on the family. In making this call, he should do so merely for the purpose of conveying to them the sympathy of his Brethren and to offer to them any assistance his Lodge may provide. As a matter of courtesy and information, the Master should inform the family of the availability of the Masonic Funeral Service should it be their desire. *This is, in no sense, a solicitation on his part to be allowed to conduct the Funeral Rites or Evening Memorial Service.* **If either is wanted by the family, they will make their wishes known.**

It would be nice if the deceased Brother’s apron is available to be used in the Service as appropriate. Instructions regarding the use of the apron are delivered following raising and most of us promptly put the Lambskin away, fail to communicate its location or our desires / instructions to our next of kin and at the moment, usually many years later, when needed that white leather apron is nowhere to be found nor is the family sure how to proceed.

**Remember, you should make your wishes known to your family and not assume that you will (or will not) receive a Masonic Service.**

From:- Instructions Governing Masonic Funerals and Evening Memorial Services as Prescribed by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M of Virginia.

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

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### Future dates to put on your calendar:

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| April 4  | Called Communication for EA catechism and Degree Work  |
| April 6  | Grand Masters Official Visit to joint Stated Communication of Acacia and Henry Lodges at the Old Fairfax Town Hall |
| April 12 | Henry Lodge Charity Day in New Windsor, MD, ask Wor. Paul Kulp for details, this is a weekday family event.        |
| April 25 | Henry Lodge Bring-A-Friend Night at Henry Lodge.   |
| May 20   | Henry Lodge Rusty Nail Degree with lunch.  |
| May 21   | Catching trip on the Chesapeake Bay this is a family event.  |