

“Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices.”

From the East

The **October 10, Stated Communication** will focus on the Past Masters signing the Holy Bible and covering the following items:

We will ballot on petitions for the Degrees in Freemasonry. We will ballot on a request for affiliated membership. Worshipful Donald McAndrews, PM and member of Acacia Lodge No. 16 will provide an informative talk about Royal Arch Masonry. A Founder's Day program will be presented. The Senior Warden will read the Resolutions to be considered by the Grand Lodge. Wor. Harry Sanders, PM and LEO of Henry Lodge #57 will lead the program of the Past Masters signing of the Lodge Holy Bible. Come out and meet some of the Past Masters that were not present at our Past Masters Night.

Wardens Night Stated Communication was on Sept. 12 and our Senior Warden, Brother Arleigh Rice, presided in the East. All other officer of the lodge moved up to the next place or station. The Junior Warden pro tem Brother Tommy Munday did the Ritual beautifully in the South.

On Sept. 12, Right Worshipful Edmund Cohen, Grand Junior Warden after being received in the East presented a 50 Year Masonic Veterans Pin to Brother Matthew J. Largen; and a 25 year Masonic Veterans pin to Brother Bennie F. Wilson and to Brother Donald A. Younker on behalf of the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Virginia, all of them Brethren of Henry Lodge No. 57.

On September 23, Rt. Wor. Robert Brunner Williams, DDGM for the 4th Masonic District, led a visitation committee that included Wor. Clesson C. McDonald, Jr., Henry Lodge No. 57 and Wor. Ralph W. Smith, Jr., P.M. and Secretary to the home of Brother Grover Cleveland Hinds, Jr. As a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, we presented Bro. Hinds with his sixty year (60) Veterans Emblem and Certificate. It is interesting and educational to visit with these veterans of Masonry.

Travels with the DDGM, took Brethren of Henry Lodge to the Grand Master's Official Visit to his home District No. 25 in Lynchburg on September 16. This was the last Official District Visit for Most Worshipful Glover Hunter Jones, III, over three hundred people were present to welcome the Grand Master.

On Sept. 7, Henry Lodge No. 57 made a Fraternal Visit to the Low Vale Lodge. There was a gathering of 130 Brethren from across Northern Virginia. We enjoyed Lodge and the food prepared for supper.

The Henry Lodge Picnic with the Cobbdale Community was held on Sept. 9. There was plenty of food and everyone had a good time visiting and enjoying the sun and clear weather. In the morning before the Picnic there was a big work party that prepare the Lodge grounds for the picnic.

Henry Lodge's application for The James Noah Hillman Memorial Award was submitted to Right Worshipful Robert B. Williams, DDGM on September 24 and he has confirmed that it was forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Several Brethren from Henry Lodge attended the first RW Ed Ray Ritual School held at Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133 on September 29 and 30. The school was well attended and it answered many questions.

The **Contract** with Tibbs Paving, Inc. to repair and seal our parking lot is progressing.

On October 7 at 8:30 am **Breakfast** will be served at Henry Lodge No. 57 and we will have a conversation about the “email Advance” provide during September by the Assistant LEO, Brother Kerry Kirk. If you plan to attend let the Steward or Secretary know.

On Oct. 11 the Cobbdale Community will be at Henry Lodge No. 57 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Their speaker that evening is Mr. Ken Rudnicki from the city of Fairfax emergency preparedness office. The Brethren of Henry Lodge are invited to attend the presentation by Mr. Rudnicki at 7:00 pm. After the presentation they will hold their business meeting.

The Grand Annual Communication, Delegate's Banquet is open to all Brethren and Ladies on Friday, November 10, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel. Cost is \$30.00 per ticket prepaid in advance through the Grand Lodge Office NLT October 15, 2006.

Brethren, you are encouraged to visit the Henry Lodge Library and examine some of the new and old books. When you find something of interest, borrow the book, take it home and read it. The Proceedings are sent to each Lodge by Grand Lodge and are there for the reference of the brethren and the officers of the Lodge. Take the Proceedings for a particular year, review it and see how the Grand Lodge does its business. This is a lending library with many new Masonic books and you are encouraged to borrow and read them, returning them the next month.

The Fairfax Assembly #3, International Order of the **Rainbow for Girls** is supported by and meets at Henry Lodge on the first and third Thursdays of the month. They have recently increased their membership. They would like to have Master Masons of Henry Lodge No. 57 come and visit their meetings. Their Ritual is beautiful and instructive.

At our Stated Communication a basket is passed around the Lodge for the Grand Masters Relief Fund. The Brethren have contributed a total of \$228.39. The **Relief Fund basket** will be passed to collect coins at each Stated Communication during for the rest of this year. Thank you Brethren.

On October 30 at 7:30 pm Henry Lodge we have invited 15 or more people to attend the **“Welcome to Masonry Night”**. The people invited to attend have indicated that they want to know more about Masonry, and some have indicated that they would like to join. Brethren of Henry Lodge come out and greet our guest. The guest speaker is Right Worshipful Edmund Cohen, Grand Junior Warden. We will have some refreshments.

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.

October events:

October 3, 7:30 pm, Degree Practice (Cancelled)
October 7, 8:30 am, “Light Morning” with breakfast and conversation on Email Advance items.
October 7, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, Rainbow Grand Visitation at Henry Lodge
October 10, 6:30 pm, Supper and then 7:30 pm Stated Communication
October 11, 7:00 pm, Cobbdale Community meeting, with presentation on emergency readiness, open to Henry Lodge Brethren
October 12, 7:30 pm, SR – 20th Degree practice at Henry Lodge
October 14, 9:00 am, MAHOVA Visit in Richmond
October 17, 7:30 pm, SR – 20th Degree practice at Henry Lodge
October 18, 7:30 pm, District School at Henry Lodge, Come out and learn more.
October 21, Scottish Rite Reunion at SR Temple in Alexandria
October 27, 6:00 pm, Bethel No. 22, Alexandria Job's Daughters will be setting up for Oct. 28.
October 27, 7:30 pm, SR – 20th Degree practice at SR Temple
October 28, Scottish Rite Reunion at SR Temple in Alexandria
October 28, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Bethel No. 22 will be having a Haunted House and Dance at Henry Lodge No. 57. (They will setup, tear down and clean up.)
October 30, 7:30 pm, “Welcome to Masonry Night”

Future Events:

November 4, 8:30 am, HL planning, all Officers, Star, Rainbow, RAC, and interested Brethen
November 4, 11:00 am, Fall Fest, Hope Chapter No. 73, all Brethren are invite to participate.
November 7, HL Practice (Cancelled)
November 8 thru 12, Grand Lodge activities.

November 14, 6:30 pm,
November 15, 7:30 pm,

Supper and then 7:30 pm Stated Communication
District School at Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133

In compliance with the Grand Master's letter of August 30, 2006, the following list of core values and standards selected via written ballot by members of Henry Lodge at their September 12th Stated meeting was submitted:-

A Mason-----		Votes
1. believes in a Supreme Being		22
2. exemplifies Honor and Integrity		17
3. fulfils Masonic obligations	Tied	16
4. has moral values	Tied	16
5. believes in the Brotherhood of Man		15
6. exercises Brotherly Love	Tied	14
7. is committed to family	Tied	14
8. practices charity	Tied	13
9. lives by the golden rule	Tied	13
10. has a quest for knowledge		11

FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION

Basic Principles. Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. It requires of its members belief in a Supreme Being as part of the obligation of every responsible adult, but advocates no sectarian faith or practice. Masonic ceremonies include prayers, both traditional and extempore, to reaffirm each individual's dependence on a Supreme Being and to seek divine guidance. Freemasonry is open to men of any faith, but religion may not be discussed at Masonic meetings.

The Supreme Being. Masons believe that there is one Supreme Being and that people employ many different ways to seek, and to express what they know of, their Supreme Being. Masonry primarily uses the appellation, "Grand Architect of the Universe," and other non-sectarian titles, to address Deity. In this way, persons of different faiths may join together in prayer, concentrating on a Supreme Being, rather than differences among themselves. Masonry believes in religious freedom and that the relationship between the individual and their Supreme Being is personal, private, and sacred.

Volume of the Sacred Law. An open volume of the Sacred Law, "the rule and guide of life," is an essential part of every Masonic meeting. The Volume of the Sacred Law in the Judeo/Christian tradition is the Bible; to Freemasons of other faiths, it is the book held holy by them.

The Oath of Freemasonry. The obligations taken by Freemasons are sworn on the Volume of the Sacred Law. They are undertakings to follow the principles of Freemasonry and to keep confidential a Freemason's means of recognition. The much discussed "penalties," judicial remnants from an earlier era, are symbolic, not literal. They refer only to the pain any honest man should feel at the thought of violating his word.

Freemasonry Compared with Religion. Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of religion:

- (a) It has no dogma or theology, no wish or means to enforce religious orthodoxy.
- (b) It offers no sacraments.
- (c) It does not claim to lead to salvation by works, by secret knowledge, or by any other means. The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with modes of recognition, not with the means of salvation.

Freemasonry Supports Religion. Freemasonry is far from indifferent toward religion. Without interfering in religious practice, it expects each member to follow his own faith and to place his Duty to his Supreme Being above all other duties. Its moral teachings are acceptable to all religions.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2 7:30 PM Herndon #264	3	4 7:30 PM Fauquier Chapter, RAM (HL)	5 6:45 PM Fairfax Assembly No. 3, IORG (HL) 7:30 PM Acacia # 16	6 7:30 PM Manasseh # 182 8:00 PM Hope Chapter No. 73, OES (HL)	7 8:30 AM "Light Morning" w/breakfast and conversation on E- mail Advance 11:00 AM-6:00 PM Rainbow Grand Visitation— at Henry Lodge	8
9 7:30 PM Hay Market #313	10 6:30 PM HL Supper 7:30 PM Henry Lodge #57 Stated 7:30 PM Mt. Carmel # 133	11 7:00 PM Cobbdale Community Mtg., Emergency Preparedness (HL)	12 7:30 PM SR—20th Degree Practice at Henry Lodge	13 7:30 PM Scottish Rite— Alexandria	14 9:00 AM MAHOVA Visit— Richmond (v)	15
16 7:30 PM Herndon #264	17 7:30 PM SR—20th Degree Practice (HL)	18 7:30 PM District School – HL (fv)	19 7:30 PM Fairfax Assembly No. 3, IORG (HL)	20	21 SR Fall Reunion— SR Temple Alexandria	22
23	24 7:30 PM Mt. Carmel #133	25	26 7:30 PM Fairfax Assembly No. 3, IORG, Board Meeting (HL)	27 6:00 PM Job's Daughter's Bethel #22 Setting up @ Henry Lodge 7:30 PM SR 20th Degree Practice at SR Temple, Alexandria	28 SR Reunion– SR Temple Alexandria 6:00 PM Job's Daughter's Bethel #22 Haunted House & Dance (HL)	29
30 7:30 PM HL Welcome to Masonry Night (HL)(fv)						