

From the East

Brethren,

Spring is here. The signs are everywhere. The flowers are blooming, the grass is growing, the tree pollen is coating everything, daylight savings time is in effect, and the Lodge is in its peak period of activity. I encourage you, however, to take time from your busy schedules to “smell those flowers”.

I want to take this opportunity to express once again on behalf of the Lodge our appreciation to Worshipful Kirk MacNulty who presented two excellent programs at our February and March Stated Communications on the symbolism of the Tracing boards for the three Degrees. A hearty thanks also to Brother Kerry Kirk, our LEO, for arranging Worshipful MacNulty's presence.

March was a busy month with the Official Visit of the Grand Master to Districts 2 and 4, the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit to Henry Lodge, District School at Henry Lodge, and the Division Leadership Conference in Warrenton. We had excellent turnout by the Officers and Brethren at these events, as well as our Fraternal Visit to Herndon Lodge No. 264. Thank you all for supporting these activities.

March saw the Rainbow Girls busy with making pre-op dolls for the children at the Shriners Hospitals and attending the Grand Visitation and Homecoming of Virginia's Grand Worthy Advisor in Smithfield, where the Fairfax girls were pro tems for the initiation ceremony. The Rainbow Grand Officers and Grand Representatives also attended a retreat in Williamsburg to plan for Grand Assembly.

Our Eastern Star Chapter held its open Installation of Officers in March. Congratulations to Fonda Wise, Worthy Matron, and her officers and best wishes for a successful year.

April promises to be just as busy if not more. I encourage all of you to come out for our Bring a Friend Night on Tuesday, 3 April. Right Worshipful Ed Cohen will once again give his excellent presentation on Masonry, and it's important that prospective candidates see that we have a vibrant Lodge of active members. Also, we will of course be hosting, in concert with Acacia Lodge No. 16, the monthly breakfast on Saturday, 7 April. This is a family event where you can have a good breakfast and socialize a bit. Following breakfast, there will be an officer planning meeting, if necessary, and then the Spring Clean-up. I encourage as many of you as possible to help out with the clean-up. There are jobs both inside and outside the Lodge, but with enough support we can knock them off in a couple of hours. Check out the other April events in the schedule on page 4 and note particularly the agenda for our Stated Communication, the addition of a Fraternal Visit to Linn Banks Lodge No. 126 in Madison, Virginia, and the Scottish Rite 20th Degree work.

I have posted several announcements on page 3 for your information. Note that planning is in the works for two community outreach projects which will be in addition to our annual Child ID project. Details will be provided at a later date.

Finally, don't forget that Subordinate Lodge Officer Training and the C.A. Sinclair Ritual School are scheduled to occur in May. These are important Masonic events for all members, especially the Lodge Officers, elected and appointed, and those considering becoming Officers. Please plan to attend.

In conformance with the Grand Master's proclamation, remember to observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first of the month.

Fraternally,
Arleigh H. Rice, WM

From the Secretary's Desk....

We have two requirements for reservations to be made in a timely manner:

1. Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership School is scheduled for July 29th through August 1st, 2007 at Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Virginia. The cost is \$55.00 per day – a total of \$165.00 that includes meals and room with two (2) sheets and one (1) pillow case per bed. **Please let me know your intentions ASAP.**

2. Attendance at the Grand Annual Communication scheduled for November 7th through the 10th, 2007 in Richmond, Virginia. Henry Lodge will be staying at the Sheraton Hotel this year in order to lend maximum support to Right Worshipful Edmund Cohen. Reservations can only be made on the form provided by the Grand Secretary, thus you need to contact your Lodge Secretary if you plan to attend. The schedule is as follows:

Nov 7 & 8 (Wednesday & Thursday) – Exemplification of degrees by the Grand Lodge Committee on Work

Nov 9 (Friday) – Grand Lodge Convenes; Delegates dinner that evening

Nov 10 (Saturday) – Grand Lodge Elections; Installation that evening

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Lodge Dues: Twenty (20) members have not yet paid their 2007 Dues. Please remit your dues as soon as possible.

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

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Notes and Announcements....

Fairfax Assembly # 3, IORG: The Rainbow Girls of Fairfax invite all young ladies ages 11-20 to join Assembly # 3. They hold regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month, have fundraisers, perform service projects, and travel to the events of other assemblies. If any Brothers of Henry Lodge have daughters, granddaughters, or know of other young ladies interested in Rainbow, please contact Susan Stephenson, the Mother Advisor, at susansteph@comcast.net.

Spring Fishing Trip: We haven't had a fishing trip to the Chesapeake Bay in a year or two. Worshipful Paul Kulp has agreed to organize a trip for a Saturday or Sunday in late spring if there is enough interest. We need at least fifteen solid commitments to make the boat rental economically viable. More than fifteen is even better. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. It's great fun and could even be a "catching trip".

Photos: Check out Brother Essam Al-Jaber's Web Site where he has posted photos of the Henry Lodge Officers Installation and will be posting photos of other activities as they become available. You can download whatever you want and if you need a particular photo to print, he will email a high resolution file for better quality upon request. The Web Site is at <http://www.al-jaber.org/hl57/index.htm>.

Community Outreach: Plans are in the works for support of two community service projects. The first is the New Windsor Global Service Project in New Windsor, MD. This is an ecumenical project that packages and distributes relief supplies and co-op articles. Details will follow in due time, but I ask that you consider freeing up your day on 9 May for this worthwhile endeavor. Our point of contact is Wor. Clesson McDonald. The second project involves working for a day on a Habitat for Humanity Project at the Westbrook Forest building site located in Fairfax, VA. This would be a Saturday project which we

have tentatively scheduled with Habitat for Humanity for 16 June. We'll need somewhere between five and ten volunteers. Again, details will follow, but if you enjoy working with tools, I encourage you to support your Lodge in this endeavor. Point of contact is Bro. Harold Chadsey.

Lawn Maintenance: A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall for volunteers to help with lawn mowing and trimming this season. The Lodge grounds have historically been maintained by members willing to donate time once or twice a month and for the last several years it has been performed by the same three or four Brethren. We need some new blood to help out. This is one of the several "hidden costs" from donated services associated with the good operation of your Lodge. The plan will be to set up a rotation schedule if we get enough volunteers. The alternative my Brothers will be to contract with a lawn service.

April 2007

1 (Sunday) 6:00 PM
3 (Tuesday) 7:30 PM
4 (Wednesday) 7:30 PM
5 (Thursday) 7:30 PM
6 (Friday) 8:00 PM
7 (Saturday) 9:00 AM
Meeting / Spring Clean-up
9 (Monday) 7:30 PM
10 (Tuesday) 7:30 PM
Just What of These Tools?")
12 (Thursday) 7:30 PM
16 (Monday) 7:30 PM
18 (Wednesday) 7:15 PM
19 (Thursday) 7:30 PM
21 (Saturday) 7:30 AM
9:00 AM
23 (Monday) 7:30 PM
24 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM
25 (Wednesday) 7:30 PM
26 (Thursday) 7:30 PM
Carpool departs 4:30 PM
7:30 PM
27 (Friday) 7:30 PM
28 (Saturday) 7:15 AM
8:05 AM)

Hope Chapter OES Instruction for First Meeting
HL Bring-a-Friend Night
Fauquier Chapter RAM
Fairfax Assembly IORG
Hope Chapter OES
Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers Planning

Hay Market Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit)
Henry Stated / DEO & DBC OVs / 6:30 Dinner (Program “And

Scottish Rite 20th Degree Practice at Henry Lodge
Herndon Stated (GM OV)
District School (Mt. Carmel)
Fairfax Assembly IORG
Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
Hope Chapter OES Spring Fling at Henry Lodge (9 AM – 2 PM)
Scottish Rite 20th Degree Practice at Henry Lodge
Called Communication for EA Proficiency and FC Degree
Cobbdale Association Meeting at Henry Lodge
Fraternal Visit to Linn Banks Lodge No. 126, Madison, VA;

Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board
Scottish Rite 20th Degree Practice at the SR Temple
Scottish Rite Spring Reunion (20th Degree by Henry Lodge at

May 2007

1 (Tuesday) 7:30 PM
5 (Saturday) 9:00 AM
Meeting
8 (Tuesday) 7:30 PM
9 (Wednesday) -----
12 (Saturday) 8:30 AM
18 (Friday) 7:30 PM
19 (Saturday) 9:00 AM
22 (Tuesday) 7:30 PM

Practice for GM OV
Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers Planning

Henry Stated/GM OV/Dinner at 6 PM (Eagle Scout Recognition)
New Windsor Global Service Project (details to follow)
Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT) at Manassah
C.A. Sinclair Ritual School (Manassah)
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Mt. Carmel Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit)

June 2007

2 (Saturday) 9:00 AM
12 (Tuesday) 7:30 PM
Dinner (LEO Program TBA)
16 (Saturday) -----
20 (Wednesday) 7:15 PM
24 (Sunday) -----
27 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM

Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry
Henry Stated / Past Masters Night / DIW & MAHOVA OVs / 6:30

(t) Habitat for Humanity Service Project (details to follow)
District School (Manassah)
St. John’s Day
Table Lodge at Kena Shrine Center sponsored by Acacia

July 2007

4 (Wednesday) 8:00 AM
7 (Saturday) 9:00 AM
10 (Tuesday) 7:30 PM
18 (Wednesday) 7:15 PM
22-29 -----
29 – 1 Aug -----

Child ID (Fairfax City)
Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry
Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
District School (Herndon)
WM on Vacation
R. J. Simmons Academy (Fork Union)

August 2007

3 (Friday) 7:30 PM
4 (Saturday) 9:00 AM
13 (Monday) 7:30 PM
14 (Tuesday) 7:30 PM
15 (Wednesday) 7:15 PM

Manassah Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit)
Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry
Hay Market Stated (GM OV)
Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
District School (Hay Market)

21 (Tuesday) TBD (t) Peach Night / Canaday Scholarship Presentation

September 2007

1	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers Planning Meeting
10	(Monday)	7:30 PM	Hay Market Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit)
11	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / Patriot Day / 6:30 Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
22	(Saturday)	2:00 PM	(t) Henry – Cobbdale Picnic at Henry
28	(Friday)	7:30 PM	Ed Ray, Sr. Ritual School (Manasseh)
29	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Ed Ray, Sr. Ritual School (Manasseh)