

From the East

Brethren,

Well, summer is definitely here. Is it hot enough for you? I personally don't mind the hot weather, but I know that many of you do have difficulty with it, so please keep to cool confines, don't overdo things, and stay hydrated. I want to "see" you in Lodge, not "view" you somewhere else.

In my continuing effort to keep you informed on Lodge activities, I must pick up with a couple of events that occurred in June. First, we had fourteen Brethren turn out on 27 June for Acacia's Table Lodge at the Kena Shrine which was a fundraiser to help the "most flooded little Lodge" get its building back in shape. Then on the last Saturday of the month, nine of us paid a Fraternal Visit to the A.D. Smith Lodge of Research No. 1949 at the Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. Thanks to all who supported these events.

The 4th of July Child ID activity was a tremendous success. We had a good turn-out of Brethren, family members, and Rainbow Girls to process over 140 children, which is above our usual average. The Fairfax City parade was great as usual, and thankfully it was not as hot this year. Thanks to all who participated in making this worthwhile community service a success, and a special thanks to Bro. Essam Al-Jaber, our Junior Deacon, for organizing it.

Our Stated Communication in July included a program presented by Rt. Wor. Bill Sheads covering his personal reflections on Masonry and anecdotes from his long association with Henry Lodge. Additionally, we enjoyed hearing from Rt. Wor. Ed Cohen on his busy schedule and preparations for becoming Grand Master in November. We also continued apace in July with our degree work, initiating three Entered Apprentices and passing one candidate to Fellowcraft. It is my pleasure to inform you that the petitions continue to come in, and coupled with our existing candidates, will ensure that our degree schedule will be full in the fall.

Our schedule on page 4 for August, and the remainder of the year, is up-to-date with everything that is planned or that I know about. Please note that we have two Called Communications for degree work. I also encourage you to come out for the Rainbow Installation on 4 August and Blue Lodge Night at the Scottish Rite Temple on 18 August. Finally, we intend to hold a Peach Desert Night on 21 August to honor our Canaday Scholarship winner which will be voted at our Stated Communication the week before.

My Brethren, Masonry offers its members several opportunities to serve their Lodge. If you are inclined to Masonic research or hold a tenet of our Fraternity particularly dear, you are welcome to present a program at one of our Stated Communications. If you enjoy or want to learn more of the ritual, you can join our degree team. If you want to become involved with the development of a candidate or new Master Mason, you can become a Mentor. If you have a knack for the culinary art, you can volunteer to assist our Stewards with the dinners prior to our Stateds. If you take pride in a Lodge that has a good outward appearance, you can sign up to help maintain the grounds. In other words, there is always a way to serve your Lodge, but as is usually the case, the same core of Brethren are involved most of the time. I encourage you to give thought to what you can do for your Lodge and extend a special invitation to our newest Master Masons to become involved in its operation. I look forward to hearing from you, and urge you to remember that you will reap from Masonry only what you are willing to sow.

I wish you continued good health and well being and remind you to observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first of the month.

Fraternally,
Arleigh H. Rice, WM



From the Secretary's Desk....

Your secretary has just sent out a second dues notice to thirteen members at a cost of \$5.33 in postage alone. If you move, please be kind enough to provide your Lodge with your new address, since return service costs 50 cents each. The cost of postage for notification of citation is \$9.31.

At the moment, it appears that we will suspend two members for non-payment of dues. This is a terrible thing to happen since, if the Brother is in financial need, following authorized procedures, his dues may be remitted by the Lodge or as has often happened, picked up by another Brother without anyone other than the Master, Secretary and the two involved being aware of the situation. On the other hand, if the Brother has decided that for whatever reason he wishes to "go dark", this can be done while in good standing with a demit. To ignore this option begs the question of what is a man's word worth? What part of his obligation did he fail to understand?

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

Notes and Announcements....

Henry Lodge Pictures: Brother Essam Al-Jaber, our Junior Deacon, has established a web page with a photo gallery of the many pictures taken by him and others at our events this year. It is intended for Masons to share in the special moments of our Lodge and can be accessed at www.al-jaber.org/hl57/index.htm.

Grand Lodge: Let the Secretary know ASAP if you plan to attend the 229th Grand Communication November 7-11 in Richmond to see our own Rt. Wor. Ed Cohen installed as Grand Master. Reservations at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel are \$82.00 per night with 13% tax for a single, double, triple or quad.

August 2007

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| 1 | (Wednesday) | 7:30 PM | Fauquier Chapter RAM |
| 2 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 4 | (Saturday) | 8:30 AM | HL Officers Planning Meeting |
| | | 1:00 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG Installation |
| 7 | Tuesday | 6:00 PM | (t) Pizza and Ritual Practice (P&RP) |
| 13 | (Monday) | 7:30 PM | Hay Market Stated (GM OV) (Henry Fraternal Visit) |
| 14 | (Tuesday) | 7:30 PM | Henry Stated / Wardens Night / 6:30 Dinner (Program: "Examining a Visitor" by Wor. Clesson McDonald, Jr.) |
| 15 | (Wednesday) | 7:15 PM | District School (Hay Market) |
| 16 | (Thursday) | 7:00 PM | Called Communication for FC Degree |
| 18 | (Saturday) | 8:00 AM | Area Junior Wardens Town Hall Meeting with Grand Senior Warden at Henry Lodge |
| | | 5:00 PM | Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Night at the Alexandria Temple |
| 21 | (Tuesday) | 6:30 PM | Peach Night / Canaday Scholarship Presentation |
| 23 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board |
| 28 | (Tuesday) | 7:00 PM | Called Communication for EA Degree |

September 2007

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| 5 | (Wednesday) | 7:30 PM | Fauquier Chapter RAM |
| 6 | (Thursday) | 6:00 PM | Treadwell No. 213 Low Vale Quarry Lodge (Henry Fraternal Visit) |
| | | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 7 | (Friday) | 8:00 PM | Hope Chapter OES |
| 8 | (Saturday) | 8:30 AM | HL Officers Planning Meeting (Note this is the second Saturday) |
| 11 | (Tuesday) | 7:30 PM | Henry Stated / Patriot Day / 6:30 Dinner (Program: "E-Masonry, the High Hills and Low Vales of the Internet" by Bro. David Lang) |
| 20 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 22 | (Saturday) | 2:00 PM | Henry – Cobbdale Picnic at Henry Lodge |
| 27 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board |
| 28 | (Friday) | 7:30 PM | Ed Ray, Sr. Ritual School (Manasseh) |
| 29 | (Saturday) | 8:30 AM | Ed Ray, Sr. Ritual School (Manasseh) |

October 2007

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| 3 | (Wednesday) | 7:30 PM | Fauquier Chapter RAM |
| 4 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Acacia Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit (t)) |
| | | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 5 | (Friday) | 8:00 PM | Hope Chapter OES |
| 6 | (Saturday) | 9:00 AM | Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers Planning Meeting |
| 9 | (Tuesday) | 7:30 PM | Henry Stated / Founders Day / MAHOVA Visit / 6:30 Dinner (Program: TBA) |
| 13 | (Saturday) | ----- | MAHOVA Family Day |
| 15 | (Monday) | 7:30 PM | 20 th Degree Practice at Henry Lodge |
| 17 | (Wednesday) | 7:15 PM | District School (Henry) |
| 18 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 20 | (Saturday) | 7:30 AM | Scottish Rite Fall Reunion |
| | | 9:00 AM | Hope Chapter OES Fall Festival |
| 22 | (Monday) | 7:30 PM | 20 th Degree Practice at Henry Lodge |
| 25 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board (combined Oct-Nov meeting) |
| 26 | (Friday) | 7:30 PM | 20 th Degree Practice at Alexandria Temple |
| 27 | (Saturday) | 7:30 AM | Scottish Rite Fall Reunion (20 th Degree by Henry Lodge) |

November 2007

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| 1 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 2 | (Friday) | 8:00 PM | Hope Chapter OES |
| 3 | (Saturday) | 9:00 AM | Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers Planning Meeting |
| 7 – 11 | ----- | ----- | Grand Lodge in Richmond, VA |
| 13 | (Tuesday) | 7:30 PM | Henry Stated / Grand Master's Homecoming / 6:00 Dinner (Program: TBA) |
| 15 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 21 | (Wednesday) | 7:15 PM | District School (Mt. Carmel) |
| 27 | (Tuesday) | 7:30 PM | Mt. Carmel Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit (t)) |

December 2007

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| 1 | (Saturday) | 9:00 AM | Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers Planning Meeting |
| 5 | (Wednesday) | 7:30 PM | Fauquier Chapter RAM |
| 6 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 10 | (Monday) | TBD | Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board (at Costanzo's) |
| 11 | (Tuesday) | 7:30 PM | Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner (Program: TBA) |
| 13 | (Thursday) | 8:00 PM | Hope Chapter OES (Note change in date) |
| 15 | (Saturday) | 2:00 PM | Henry Lodge Officers Installation / 12:00 Installation Practice |