



Henry Lodge No. 57
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
Chartered December 15, 1869
Stated Communication: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
Dinner before Stated @ 6:30 p.m.



Trestleboard

December 2007

From the East

Brethren,

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOST WORSHIPFUL EDMUND COHEN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INSTALLATION AS THE 163RD GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN VIRGINIA.

Henry Lodge was well represented at Grand Lodge on November 9th and 10th to support Most Worshipful Brother Ed's installation. Worshipful Ralph Smith was given the honor of announcing the elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers, and Right Worshipful Bob Williams, Worshipful Harry Sanders, and your truly had the honor of escorting Ed for the investiture of the Jewel of his office. Over 1380 Masons registered at Grand Lodge this year, and a good number of them dropped by his Hospitality Room which was manned by Brethren from Henry and Andrew Jackson Lodges. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the weekend an enjoyable occasion.

Most Worshipful Brother Ed's homecoming at Henry's Sated Communication on November 13th was a true celebration, and I thank all who attended for helping to make his evening a memorable one. We had a packed social hall for dinner and standing room only in Lodge with close to ninety Brethren in attendance. Particular thanks go to Right Worshipful Bill Sheads for an excellent job in heading up the Homecoming committee and for conducting the ceremony in Lodge. I also wish to thank the ladies of the Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls who provided critical help with serving the dinner and cleaning up afterwards.

These were not the only events that occurred in November. We conducted a Fraternal Visit to Fredericksburg No. 4 on the occasion of the outgoing Grand Master's final official visit for his year and claimed two Fraternal Visits at the Joint Communication of Andrew Jackson No. 120 and Cherrydale No. 42 at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to commemorate the 50th Masonic Birthday of Most Worshipful Stewart Wilson Miner, Grand Master in 1974. Our degree work continued apace with the passing of another Brother to Fellowcraft, and we enjoyed the Fairfax Assembly No. 3, IORG movie night at the end of the month.

The December Stated Communication will address several required end-of-year chores, not the least of which will be the election and appointment of next year's officers. I would certainly enjoy seeing a full Lodge. The open Installation of Officers is scheduled for Saturday, December 15th, at 2:00 pm, with practice to occur at noon the same day. The full December schedule is on page 4, including the installation dates for the other District 4 Lodges.

Brethren, as I prepare to pass the Gavel to my successor, I want you to know that it has been my sincere pleasure to serve as your Worshipful Master this year. I was blessed to have the support of a great Line, outstanding Past Masters, and many dedicated Brethren all of whom labored long and hard on behalf of our Lodge. This has been an enjoyable and rewarding year for me, as I hope it has been for you, due to your collective efforts and talents. Thank you, and I wish my successor an equally rewarding year and ask that you support him as you did me.

Don't forget to observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first of the month, and may you and your loved ones have a joyous Holiday season.

Fraternally,
Arleigh H. Rice, WM



From the Secretary's Desk....

Brethren, the end of our Masonic year is fast approaching and there are still a small number of you who have not remitted your dues for 2007. Please see that they are paid to preclude being cited for non payment in 2008. In the event that you decide to take a sabbatical from participatory Freemasonry, pay your dues and request a demit in order that your record reflects that you were in "Good Standing" on departure.

As we look back over the year we were saddened by the loss of Brothers Campman, Ames and Pfalzgraf all of whom had contributed 'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth' in their own special way not only to Henry Lodge but Masonry in general. Let our thoughts and prayers be with their families as we enter a most solemn and sacred part of our year.

Our Worshipful Master is about to pass the Gavel and we pray that the Supreme Architect be with him and his family while at the same time His mantle of Light, guidance and protection be with our soon to be elected successor.

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

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Notes and Announcements....

Henry/Acacia Joint Breakfast: Saturday, December 1st will be this year's final Henry/Acacia joint breakfast at Henry Lodge. Come on out around 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast and good Masonic family fellowship. Note that there will be a Henry Lodge planning meeting in the Lodge Room commencing at 9:45 a.m. Our two Lodges have agreed to continue these breakfasts in 2008.

Henry Lodge Open Installation: The 2007 open installation of officers will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at 2 pm at Henry Lodge. All Brethren and their families are invited. A practice will be held at noon preceding the installation for all elected and appointed officers.

Toys for Tots: We will be collecting toys at the Lodge for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots until December 17th.

Tie Design Contest: The Grand Lodge Committee, Masonic Home Ambassadors is conducting a Masonic Tie Design Contest with proceeds to go to MAHOVA. If you are artistically inclined and interested, submit your design to Right Worshipful Howard Sobel, 4600 Duke Street, Unit 903, Alexandria, VA 22304, or hsobel@dh-inc.com. E-mail or call him at 703-946-2788 if you have questions. The deadline is December 31, 2007.

Donated Services: Henry Lodge has been blessed with many members who are willing to donate their time and/or resources for the good of the Lodge's operation and appearance. Here are a few examples of services performed by several Brethren in 2007, thus saving your Lodge valuable operating expense: Lawn mowing & grounds maintenance, lawn tractor repair, dead tree removal, tile repair in social hall, internal painting of Lodge Room doors, painting storage sheds, patching front sidewalk, painting front railing, improved lighting in Lodge Room, professional cleaning of Lodge, and the tapestries that cover the Stationed Officers podiums. There are probably others not listed, but thank you all. You know who you are.

Henry Lodge 2007 Statistics: Here are a few statistics, as of this writing and not all inclusive, that reflect Henry Lodge individual and collective accomplishments in 2007. We can all be proud of our Lodge and mindful of the tremendous efforts contributed by so many Brethren to our Craft.

- * Eighteen Fraternal Visits * * Thirteen Entered Apprentices Initiated * * Eight Fellowcraft Passed *
- * Six Master Masons Raised * * Two Affiliations * * Three LMIPs * * Three 50 Year Veterans *
- * Two Child ID Sessions (over 160) * * Sixteen Eagle Scout Recognitions * * One Canaday Scholarship *
- * Four at Bring-a-Friend Night * * Seventy at Henry-Cobbdale Picnic * * Three at Rusty Nail Degree *
- * Ninety at GM's Homecoming * * Sixty-five at GM's OV * * \$3550.00 Donated to MAHOVA *
- * Earned the Hillman Award for 2007 *

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December 2007

1	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:45 – HL Officers Planning Meeting
4	(Tuesday)	7:00 PM	Called Communication for EA Degree & FC Proficiency
5	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
6	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
7	(Friday)	8:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES
8	(Saturday)	11:00 AM	Acacia Lodge Officers Open Installation at Henry Lodge
		7:00 PM	Herndon Lodge Officers Open Installation
10	(Monday)	7:00 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board Party at Andrea Costanzo's home
		7:30 PM	Hay Market Lodge Stated & Officers Closed Installation
11	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner (Program: Five Year-End Masonic Thoughts)
14	(Friday)	7:30 PM	Mt. Carmel Lodge Officers Open Installation
15	(Saturday)	2:00 PM	Henry Lodge Officers Open Installation / 12:00 PM Installation Practice
		7:00 PM	Manasseh Lodge Officers Open Installation
20	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
30	(Sunday)	2:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES Rehearsal

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2	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
3	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
4	(Friday)	8:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES
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		2:00 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Installation
8	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner
14	(Monday)	7:30 PM	Hay Market Lodge No. 313 Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit)
16	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Mt. Carmel)
17	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
24	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board