

From the East
February 2007

Brethren,

Greetings from the East to you and our Masonic Family. I hope you have enjoyed a positive beginning in this new year. As we pursue our Masonic activities, let us move forward together to make our experiences uplifting and productive.

You are all aware, I'm sure, that our fraternity lost a distinguished Brother in December with the passing of President Gerald R. Ford to the Celestial Lodge. Henry Lodge members Wor. Ralph Smith, Wor. Clesson McDonald, and myself, along with our visiting Bro. John Paul Charneco, paid honor to our deceased Brother at the Capitol Rotunda on New Years Eve.

Our Stated Communication in January was moderately well attended, but we had a few open sideline seats, which I hope you will consider filling at the succeeding Stateds. Our LEO, Brother Kerry Kirk, presented a superb program on "Back to Fundamentals: What is Freemasonry and Why are We Different" which focused on the tenets upon which our Craft is based and the obligations we take in the presence of the Supreme Architect and our Brethren which set us apart from other fraternal or socially based organizations and remind us of our continuing duty to strive to be better men. We also had the pleasure of presenting a certificate to Brother Essam Al-Jabber, our Junior Deacon, for becoming a Life Member in Perpetuity. Regretfully, the District Blood Coordinator was unable to carry out his scheduled Official Visit due to illness. His OV will be rescheduled later in the year.

By the time you receive this Trestleboard, I expect that we will have initiated two candidates on 23 January, with Brother David Stringfellow our Senior Warden in the East, and will be on the eve of initiating three more on 30 January. I encourage every Brother to make an effort to attend as many of the degrees as possible during the year, because a populated sideline makes for a more meaningful experience for the candidate as well as a refresher for you. Believe me Brothers, you will have several opportunities.

Our February Stated Communication will feature the Official Visit of our District Instructor of Work, Wor. Barry Canstant, and a program presented by our guest speaker, Brother Kirk MacNulty, who will present his interpretation of the symbolism of the Entered Apprentice Tracing Board. You will find a brief bio on page 3. Let's have a full Lodge on hand to welcome these Brothers, and remember that a dinner is served commencing at 6:30 PM.

I am pleased to announce that Henry Lodge has joined Acacia Lodge for the resumption of the breakfasts traditionally held at Acacia on the first Saturday of each month. Acacia has held these breakfasts for several years, but due to last year's flood damage, was unable to continue. Therefore, we have joined Acacia to hold the breakfasts at Henry starting on Saturday, February 3rd, at 9:00 AM. This is a family event where good appetites are welcomed.

In conformance with the Grand Master's proclamation, observe Masonic Recognition Day on February 1st in a visible manner and set aside some time to study a portion of the Book of Constitutions or the Methodical Digest.

Fraternally,
Arleigh H. Rice, WM

From the Secretary's Desk....

If you do not have a 2007 dues card, try and forward your payment as soon as practical. **If you do not have a 2006 dues card**, you are in jeopardy of being cited for and suspended for non-payment of dues.

Sec. 2.146 of the Methodical Digest speaks to the penalty for non-payment of Lodge dues:- "Lodge dues are payable by January of one year to be current for that same year, e.g. 1985. Any member who does not pay the current year's dues by December 31 shall be liable to the penalty of suspension on the following January 1, e.g., 1986. If he be suspended he shall not be liable for dues during the period of such suspension. Unless assessments are covered by Lodge by-laws as collectible as dues, no Brother shall be suspended for failure to pay such assessment if his dues be paid. (1985)

As of the date of this document being provided to the Worshipful Master for inclusion in the February Trestleboard, four (4) Henry Lodge members have not paid their 2006 dues. It will be necessary that their names be read at the February Stated meeting prior to the initiation of being cited for non-payment of dues.

Brethren: In the event that there are monetary / financial problems, we have a means of solving that situation without embarrassment to you.

Please do not let the veracity of your word be determined as the value of a year's dues. Should you determine that you wish to retire from Masonry for a time, see that your dues are paid and that you request a Demit. That way you depart with a clear record.

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Notes and Announcements....

Guest Speaker: W. Kirk MacNulty received the Degrees of Masonry in Carson Valley Lodge, No. 33 in Gardenerville, Nevada in 1961 and has been active in the Order ever since, as a Craft Mason, as a member of the Chapter of the Scottish Rite and of the Shrine. He has been a member of Lodges in England, the District of Columbia, Nevada, Tennessee, and Virginia. He is the Past Master of the Lodge of Living Stones, No. 4957 in Leeds, England and of the Lodge of the Nine Muses, No. 1776 in the District of Columbia and a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire, West Riding. He has written three books on the subject of Freemasonry and its mystical teachings. Since 1981 he has pursued the study of Kabbalah with the Toledano School in London, and in that connection he has traveled to Southern France, Spain, Morocco and Israel.

Brother MacNulty followed a career as a manager and consultant in the field of Information Technology. Since 1984 he has studied the processes of social change and has worked to develop and enhance a model of the Western societies based on analysis of periodic surveys of UK and European populations. He has also conducted research into the subject of Paradigm Shifts and the evolution of the contemporary Industrial Paradigm and is the author of several papers on the subject of renaissance thought and its impact on social change.

He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Stanford University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee. He is the Senior Vice President and Company Secretary of Applied Futures Inc. (Arlington, Virginia) and Applied Futures Ltd. (London, UK). He served as an Infantry Officer in the United States Marine Corps. His most recent Masonic publications include: "Freemasonry: A Journey Through Ritual and Symbol" and "Freemasonry: Symbols, Secrets & Significance".

Monthly Planning Meetings: Starting in February, we will try out the idea of holding our meeting in the Lodge Room following the joint Acacia/Henry breakfast on the first Saturday of the month.

District School: Note the change in start time to 7:15 PM starting in February, by direction of the DIW.

Grand Master's Official Visit to District No. 4: This will be a family event in March at Kena Shrine Center with lots of food and fun. See the schedule on page 4. Cost for the evening is \$25.00 per person. No cost for Masonic widows.

February 2007 Events

1	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Acacia Stated (DDGM OV & Henry Fraternal Visit)
		7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
2	(Friday)	7:30 PM	Manasseh Stated (DDGM OV)
		8:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES
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3	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 - HL Officers Planning Meeting (SW
presiding)			
7	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier RAM
9	(Friday)	7:30 PM	Scottish Rite
11	(Sunday)	5:00 PM	Kena Mardi Gras Bash at Fat Tuesdays
12	(Monday)	7:30 PM	Hay Market Stated (DDGM OV)
13	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / DIW OV / Dinner (LEO Program: Guest Speaker on EA Tracing
Board)			
15	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
20	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	FC Degree Practice
21	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Acacia)
22	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board
27	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Mt. Carmel Stated (DDGM OV)

March 2007 Events

1	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
3	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 - HL Officers Planning Meeting
5	(Monday)	7:30 PM	Herndon Stated (DDGM OV)
6	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Practice for DDGM OV
7	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier RAM
9	(Friday)	6:30 PM	GM OV to District 4 (Kena Shrine)
		6:30 PM	Scottish Rite Dinner and meeting
13	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / DDGM OV / Dinner (LEO Program: Guest Speaker on FC/MM
Tracing Boards)			
15	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
16	(Friday)	8:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES
18	(Sunday)	6:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES Installation Practice
19	(Monday)	7:30 PM	Herndon Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit)
21	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Henry)
22	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board
24	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Div Leadership Conf (Fauquier High School, Warrenton)
		7:30 PM	Hope Chapter OES Installation
31	(Saturday)	10:00 AM	A.D. Smith Lodge of Research

April 2007

3	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	HL Bring-a-Friend Night
7	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Joint Breakfast at Henry
9	(Monday)	7:30 PM	Hay Market Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit)
10	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / DEO OV / Dinner (LEO Program TBA)
18	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Mt. Carmel)
21	(Saturday)	7:30 AM	Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
27	(Friday)	7:30 PM	20 th Degree Practice at the SR Temple
28	(Saturday)	7:30 AM	Scottish Rite Spring Reunion (20 th Degree at 8:00 AM)

May 2007

5	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Joint Breakfast at Henry
8	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated/GM OV/Dinner at 6 PM) (Eagle Scout Recognition; LEO Program
TBA)			
18	(Friday)	7:30 PM	C.A. Sinclair School (Manasseh)
19	(Saturday)	8:00 AM	C.A. Sinclair School (Manasseh)
22	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Mt. Carmel Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit)

June 2007

2	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Joint Breakfast at Henry
12	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / Past Masters Night / MAHOVA OV / Dinner (LEO Program TBA)
20	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Manasseh)

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 Joint Breakfast at Henry
Henry Stated / Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
District School (Herndon)
WM on Vacation
R. J. Simmons Academy (Fork Union)