

From the East

Brethren,

I want to thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you as Master of Henry Lodge for the year 2007. I look forward to working with you and our outstanding officers and pledge to uphold and advance the traditions and reputation of this great Lodge as those who have preceded me have done.

A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed their time and talent in making the Installation of Officers a success. Special thanks to my wife Katy, daughters Betsy and Stephanie and their husbands, to Hope Chapter No. 73, O.E.S., and to Fairfax Assembly No. 3, International Order of Rainbow Girls.

As we enter 2007, let us be mindful of the many blessings the Supreme Architect has bestowed upon us. This is going to be a busy and exciting year, which will offer a plethora of opportunities for you to participate in the activities of your Lodge. We were blessed in 2006 with an influx of new candidates, which will keep us busy with degree work for the foreseeable future, and with your help I sincerely hope that this trend will continue. You will note in the January schedule, found on page 4, two Called Communications where we will initiate five candidates. Add these to the candidates already at various degree stages and the long-range schedule will fill up quickly. Our Lodge Education Officer has planned a robust series of programs for the Stated Communications, including one guest speaker, focusing on the central themes and tenets of our Craft, which promise to be interesting and enlightening. The programs for January through March are as shown in the schedule. Several committees will be addressing a host of short and long range issues and challenges facing the Lodge for which your input would be welcomed and valued. This is a new committee structure that I'm trying out, and the assignments found on page 2 should be considered a work in progress. Finally, the DDGM and the District Team official visits are identified in the schedule, and of note, we will have the honor of hosting the Grand Master at our Stated Communication in May. There are several other activities that need to be scheduled, not the least of which are Lodge social and fundraising activities. I will need your help and encourage all of you to participate in whatever capacity you can.

Our Secretary has provided an "In Memoriam" on page 3 for the three good Brothers summoned by the Supreme Architect in 2006. Please keep their memories in your heart and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Let us also remember our Masonic widows.

The Grand Master has proclaimed the observance of Masonic Recognition Day on the first day of each month in 2007. Make it a point my Brothers to wear Masonic apparel or pins, study The Book of Constitutions and the Methodical digest.

The journey to the East is not an easy one. It takes personal commitment, but no Mason can accomplish it without continuous and dedicated assistance from his Brothers. I am forever grateful to all who have helped me in this journey. I'll see you in Lodge.

Arleigh Rice, WM

From the Secretary's Desk....

In Memoriam

Brethren of Henry Lodge Summoned By the Supreme Architect in 2006

Rt. Wor. Meredith Thomas Tomlinson, was Worshipful Master of Henry Lodge in 1969 and District Deputy Grand Master of District 58 in 1974. He was formally of Fairfax Station, VA and most recently of Dumfries, VA. Bro. Tomlinson was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 12, 1962.

Our Brother laid down his working tools on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 when summoned by the Supreme Architect. A funeral service was conducted Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Crowder-Hite-Crews Funeral Home, 1504 N. Mecklenburg Ave., South Hill, VA followed by Graveside Masonic Rites conducted as a courtesy to Henry Lodge by South Hill Lodge No. 297.

On Friday afternoon, December the first, the Grand Architect summoned Brother Charles Kenneth Haar to the Celestial Lodge above. Bro. Haar was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Henry Lodge on April 14, 1962

A Masonic Memorial Service was conducted as a courtesy to Henry Lodge No. 57 by George Washington Lodge No. 143 of Chambersburg, PA at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 9 at the Park Avenue United Methodist Church of Chambersburg.

Sadly we heard the echo of the Grand Architect's whisper once again when Brother Howard William Stull, Jr. was called to the Celestial Lodge above. He laid down his working tools on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 19, 1964. Brother Howard was serving Henry Lodge as Marshal at the time of his death.

A Masonic Memorial Service was conducted by Henry Lodge No. 57, at Everly's Funeral Home in Fairfax, VA at 7:30 P.M. Friday, December 15, 2006

Brethren, your secretary would remind you that in order to receive a Masonic Burial you must be in good standing. IE: dues paid and no charges pending.

Your Lodge cannot ask the family to perform a Masonic Service. **That request must come from your family.** Let your wife and or children know your desires in order that your wishes can be carried out.

If you have not seen your apron for a while, locate it and let the wife or other members of the family know where you keep it. If it cannot be found, do not despair, one will be provided by the Lodge conducting the service.

Key January 2007 Events

3 (Wednesday) – 7:30 PM RAM
4 (Thursday) – 6:45 PM I.O.R.G.
5 (Friday) – 7:30 PM Manasseh Stated (**Fraternal Visit**)
8:00 PM O.E.S.
6 (Saturday) – 2:00 PM Hay Market Installation (O)
2:00 PM I.O.R.G. Installation
9 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM Henry Stated / DBC OV / Dinner
(LEO Program: “Back to Fundamentals”)
11 (Thursday) – 7:00 PM I.O.R.G. Pledge Meeting
13 (Saturday) – 8:30 AM HL Officers Planning Meeting
16 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM EA Degree Practice
17 (Wednesday) – 7:30 PM District School (Hay Market)
18 (Thursday) – 6:45 PM I.O.R.G.
20 (Saturday) – 7:30 PM Scottish Rite Installation
21 (Sunday) – 11:00 AM **Masters & Wardens Luncheon**
(Kena Shrine) with M&G
DGM
23 (Tuesday) – 7:00 PM Called Communication (EA Deg)
25 (Thursday) – 7:30 PM I.O.R.G. Advisory Board
27 (Saturday) – 4:00 PM O.E.S. “Backwards” Dinner
30 (Tuesday) – 7:00 PM Called Communication (EA Deg)

Long-Range Events

February

3 – 10 – WM on Virginia Masonic Cruise
10 (Saturday) – 8:30 AM HL Officers Planning Meeting
(Senior Warden presiding)
13 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM Henry Stated / DIW OV / Dinner
(LEO Program: Guest Speaker on EA Tracing Board)
21 (Wednesday) – 7:30 PM District School (Acacia)

March

9 (Friday) – 6:30 PM GM OV to District 4 (Kena Shrine)
10 (Saturday) – 8:30 AM HL Officers Planning Meeting
13 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM Henry Stated / DDGM OV / Dinner (LEO Program: Guest Speaker on FC/MM Tracing Boards)

24 (Saturday) – 9:30 AM Div Leadership Conf (Warrenton)
30 (Friday) – 7:30 PM C.A. Sinclair School (Manasseh)
31 (Saturday) – 8:00 AM C.A. Sinclair School (Manasseh)

April

3 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM HL Bring-a-Friend Night
10 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM Henry Stated / DEO OV / Dinner
(LEO Program: TBA)
14 (Saturday) – 8:30 AM HL Officers Planning Meeting
18 (Wednesday) – 7:30 PM District School (Henry)

May

8 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM Henry Stated/GM OV/Dinner at 6 PM (Eagle Scout Recognition; LEO Program TBA)
12 (Saturday) – 8:30 AM HL Officers Planning Meeting
16 (Wednesday) – 7:30 PM District School (Mt. Carmel)

June

9 (Saturday) – 8:30 AM HL Officers Planning Meeting
12 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM Henry Stated / MAHOVA OV / Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
20 (Wednesday) – 7:30 PM District School (Manasseh)
24 (Sunday) – St. John’s Day

July

4 (Wednesday) – 8:00 AM Child ID (Fairfax City)
10 (Tuesday) – 7:30 PM Henry Stated / Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
14 (Saturday) – 8:30 AM HL Officers Planning Meeting
18 (Wednesday) – 7:30 PM District School (Herndon)
22-29 – WM on Vacation
29 – 1 Aug – R. J. Simmons Academy (Fork Union)