

From the East

Brethren,

As I compose this message, the temperature outside must be around 95 and the humidity the same number. Yes, summer will officially be here in a few days, and the time has come to slow down just a little to recharge our batteries. If you are heading out for a vacation spot soon, I wish you a safe and enjoyable journey.

Our Stated Communication in June was an enjoyable evening with the Past Masters in the chairs for Past Masters Night. Rt. Wor. Ed Cohen sat in the East and expertly processed an extensive list of Lodge business. Wor. Barry Constant, District Instructor of Work, and Rt. Wor. Howard Sobel, substituting for Wor. Luis Pages, District MAHOVA Ambassador, honored us with Official Visits. Bro. Kerry Kirk, Lodge Education Officer, presented an outstanding talk on Saint John the Baptist in recognition of St. John's Day on June 24th. The Stated was preceded by an excellent dinner of hamburgers and hotdogs during which we had the honor of presenting, on behalf of the Grand Master, Certificates of Recognition to two Eagle Scouts who were accompanied by their parents. All in all, a very special evening.

Several Henry Lodge Brethren had the pleasure of attending Past Masters Night at Hay Market Lodge No. 313 on June 11th where we enjoyed an excellent steak dinner, heard an inspiring presentation by Most Worshipful Donald Maynard Robey, Grand Master in 1987, and claimed a Fraternal Visit. We continued our traveling tradition by attending the Lodge dedication of Dale City Lodge No. 319 on June 16th performed by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. We also had the distinct pleasure of raising two Fellowcraft to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

This brings us to July where once again the Brethren of Henry Lodge will have the opportunity to perform a very important service for the community by participating in our Child ID program held during the parade on July 4th in Fairfax City. I strongly encourage you and your family members to come out for this event. The details on this as well as other important events and announcements can be found on page 3.

The Schedule of Events on page 4 is up-to-date on planned events through October. There was not enough space to include all events for November and December, but this will be corrected with the August Trestleboard.

I wish to extend a special invitation to those Brethren who have not attended Lodge for awhile to come to our Stated Communication in July. Come on out and have a good dinner beforehand. We would enjoy seeing you again and renewing Masonic ties.

Remember to observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first of the month, but I encourage you to wear or display something everyday that identifies you as a Mason.

Fraternally,
Arleigh H. Rice, WM



From the Secretary's Desk....

Over the years, we have been exposed to some great prose and poetry describing Masonry. On Friday, June 16, your Master and five members of Henry Lodge attended the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue Recruit Class 2007-01 graduation ceremony that included "one of their own" - Bro. Daniel Fortney. Virginia Secretary of Public Safety, Bro. John W. Marshall gave the Keynote Address and included in the Program was the following (author unknown) and although not written as Masonic literature, it embodies many of our tenets and jewels:

When I'm called to duty God
wherever flames may rage
Give me strength to save a life
whatever be its age.

Enable me to be alert
to hear the weakest shout
and quickly and efficiently
to put the fire out.

And if according to your will
I have to lose my life
bless with your protecting hand
my children and my wife.

Help me to embrace a little child
before it is too late
or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.

I want to fill my calling and
to give my best in me
to guard my neighbor and
protect his property,

Fraternally, Bro. Ralph

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Notes and Announcements....

Congratulations: The Cardinal Award was presented to Brother Joe Hyer, Associate Patron of Hope Chapter No. 73, OES, by Worthy Grand Matron Verna Viereck at the Official Visit to OES District No. 20. This award recognizes those who have served their Chapter by supporting Masonic activities beyond the norm and contributed to building the bond between Chapter members and the members of our Masonic Lodge. Please congratulate Brother Joe the next time you see him.

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.

Saturday Breakfasts: The Worshipful Masters of Henry and Acacia Lodges agreed to suspend the joint breakfasts held on the first Saturday of the month commencing in June and to be resumed on the first Saturday in October. This decision was taken due to the declining turnout which is expected to continue through the summer months.

Child ID: July 4th is just around the corner which means it's time once again for our Child ID community outreach project, a service we have performed for many years at the Fire Station on University Boulevard in Fairfax City during the parade. We average around 125 children per year - taking photos, hair samples, and fingerprints - but it is resource intensive. We need at least 15 volunteers, but more makes it easier, and family members can also participate. This is a worthwhile and satisfying use of your time Brethren. See our Junior Deacon to sign up.

Reid J. Simmons Masonic Academy: Remember that the school will be held at the Fork Union Military Academy Sunday, July 29th through Wednesday, August 1st. Cost is \$55.00 per day. It's an enjoyable and relaxing time to learn a little more about Masonry and well worth the effort to attend. Let the Secretary know ASAP.

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.

July 2007

4	(Wednesday)	8:00 AM	Child ID (Fire Station, University Drive, Fairfax City)
		7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
5	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
10	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner (Program by Rt. Wor. Bill Sheads)
17	(Tuesday)	7:00 PM	Called Communication for EA Degree
18	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Herndon)
22-29	-----	-----	WM on Vacation
24	(Tuesday)	7:00 PM	Called Communication for FC Degree
26	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board
29 – 1 Aug	-----	-----	R. J. Simmons Academy (Fork Union)

August 2007

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	Pizza and Ritual Practice (PRP)
13	(Monday)	7:30 PM	Hay Market Stated (GM OV)
14	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / Wardens Night / 6:30 Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
15	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Hay Market)
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

September 2007

5	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
6	(Thursday)	TBD	Treadwell No. 213 Low Vale Quarry Lodge (Henry Fraternal Visit (t))
		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 (LEO Program: TBA)
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

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 (LEO Program: TBA)
13	(Saturday)	-----	MAHOVA Family Day
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
25	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board (combined Oct-Nov meeting)
27	(Saturday)	7:30 AM	Scottish Rite Fall Reunion (20 th Degree by Henry Lodge)

November 2007

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 (LEO Program: TBA)
21	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Mt. Carmel)
27	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Mt. Carmel Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit (t))

December 2007

1	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers Planning Meeting
11	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
15	(Saturday)	2:00 PM	Henry Lodge Officers Installation / 12:00 Installation Practice