

From the East

Brethren,

One of the most pleasurable experiences for any Worshipful Master is seeing new petitioners flocking to join our gentle craft. You will be pleased to know that Henry Lodge currently has eleven candidates going through the Degrees, three more will be balloted in June, two petitions are waiting first reading, and seven petitions have been delivered to interested prospects. Various other Lodges in our District and contiguous Districts are enjoying a similar experience which demonstrates to me that Masonry is alive and well in Northern Virginia. In May, we initiated one candidate, passed one candidate, and raised two Master Masons. If you would like to be part of our Degree teams, all you have to do is contact the Senior Warden or me.

I wish at this time to apologize to Brother Ronald Edward Keene for neglecting to announce in the May Trestleboard his 50 Year Veteran's Award which Rt. Wor. Ed Cohen, Deputy Grand Master, presented him at our April Stated Communication. Continuing in the same vein, Rt. Wor. Bill Sheads, Rt. Wor. Bob Williams, and Wor. Ralph Smith presented the 50 Year Veteran's Award to Brother Carliss Montgomery Fox on May 14th at his home in Stevens City. Congratulations to both of you and thank you for a combined 100 years of service to the Craft.

The Grand Master's Official Visit at our May Stated Communication was a great success. He had a good time as did the Brethren in attendance (over 60), and we had an excellent dinner to boot. Thanks again to Rt. Wor. Bill Sheads and his team who pulled it all together, and a special thank you to the Ladies of the Eastern Star who helped on short notice during the dinner. Those who attended will recall that I asked for donations that evening to help replenish the scholarship funds stolen from Camper Trophies & Awards in Fairfax. They have been a long time friend of Henry Lodge, and thanks to your generosity, we collected \$152.00. Finally, we had the sad duty of announcing the passing on April 17th of Brother Robert William Campman. The Charter was draped and a Resolution of Respect was read in Lodge.

As for other events in May, four Brethren of Henry Lodge volunteered for a hard day's work at the Global Service Project in New Windsor, Maryland, several of your Line Officers attended Subordinate Lodge Officers Training (SLOT) at Manasseh Lodge, and we exemplified the second section of the Master Masons Degree at the C.A. Sinclair School also held at Manasseh Lodge. Our own Rt. Wor. Bob Williams was awarded the 2006 Chalmers Robert Custer Individual Achievement Award for his dedicated service to the C.A. Sinclair School. Congratulations Bob on this well deserved award, and thank you to all the Brethren who worked so hard on the degree. We had several new people in the various roles.

I direct your attention to the schedule of events on page 4. Of particular importance is our schedule for June as it contains several important events. Note that the dinner prior to the Stated Communication will begin at 6:00 PM instead of 6:30 to allow time for the recognition of several Eagle Scouts who will be accompanied by their parents and Scoutmasters. As it is also Past Masters Night, I encourage you to come out for what promises to be an enjoyable evening. Please take a minute also to review the notes and announcements on page 3 and remember to observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first of the month. See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Arleigh H. Rice, WM



From the Secretary's Desk....

Time In A Bottle (The Hourglass)

“Behold, how swiftly the sands run.....”

“and reminds us all that we are traveling on the broad level of time”.....24/7 per year equals 8760 hours, the same given to every man. No more, no less.

How should we employ our time? “Eight hours for the service of God and the relief of a distressed worthy Brother, eight for our usual vocation and eight for refreshment and sleep.”

When we of our own free will and accord opt to assume a station or place in the Line, we also have agreed that the requirements of that position will be fulfilled with very few exceptions....remember: No man's time is more important than that of any other.

Special Note: Bro. Dan Fortney will graduate from the Prince William County Fire Fighter's Recruit School on Friday, June 15th, at 10:00 AM, at the Verizon Auditorium, GMU Manassas Campus. Let's try to get a car load to be present to honor our Brother.

Fraternally, Ralph W. Smith, Jr., Secretary

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Notes and Announcements....

Saturday Breakfasts: The Worshipful Masters of Henry and Acacia Lodges have 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 spring and summer months.

Hay Market Lodge No. 313 Past Masters Night: Hay Market Lodge has extended a Fraternal invitation to the Brethren of Henry Lodge to attend their Past Masters Night on Monday, June 11. The speaker for the evening will be MW Donald Maynard Robey, Grand Master in 1987. A dinner will be served at 6:30 PM followed by their Stated Communication. Contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary if you plan to attend as a head count has been requested.

Lodge Dedication: The Grand Master has announced that a special communication of the Grand Lodge will convene on Saturday, June 16th, at 1:00 PM, at Dale City Lodge No. 319, located at 4001 Prince William Parkway, Suite 202, Woodbridge, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting a Lodge dedication with Masonic ceremony. All Brethren are invited to attend. Dress is dark business suit. Masters and Wardens wear jewels and aprons.

Table Lodge: Acacia Lodge No. 16 is sponsoring a traditional Table Lodge at the Kena Shrine Center on 27 June, to raise funds to repair the damage caused by the flood of June 2006. MW John Randall Quinley will be the guest speaker. EA and FC are welcome. See the Secretary if you plan to attend. Ticket price is \$50 per person.

Fairfax Assembly No. 3 Car Wash: The Rainbow Girls are sponsoring a car wash to benefit the American Diabetes Association and the Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Program. It will be held on Saturday, June 16, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at the BP Service Station on the corner of Sudley Road and Rixlew Road near the Manassas Mall.

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.

June 2007

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| 1 | (Friday) | 8:00 PM | Hope Chapter OES |
| 6 | (Wednesday) | 7:30 PM | Fauquier Chapter RAM |
| 7 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG |
| 9 | (Saturday) | 8:00 AM | Masonic history Volksmarch in Wash DC (start & finish at Almas Shrine Temple) |
| 11 | (Monday) | 7:30 PM | Hay Market Stated / Past Masters Night / MW Donald Robey speaker (6:30 PM dinner) |
| 12 | (Tuesday) | 7:30 PM | Henry Stated / Past Masters Night / DIW & MAHOVA OV's / 6:00 Dinner for Eagle Scout Awards |
| 14 | (Thursday) | 6:00 PM | LIW Ritual Practice and pizza for officers and interested "would be" officers |
| 16 | (Saturday) | 1:00 PM | Grand Lodge Dedication with Masonic Ceremony at Dale City Lodge No. 319, Woodbridge, VA |
| 19 | (Tuesday) | 7:00 PM | Called Communication for EA Degree work |
| 20 | (Wednesday) | 7:15 PM | District School (Manassah) |
| 21 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board |
| 24 | (Sunday) | ----- | St. John's Day |
| 26 | (Tuesday) | 7:00 PM | Called Communication for MM Degree work |
| 27 | (Wednesday) | 6:30 PM | Acacia Table Lodge at Kena Shrine Center (Ticket required) |
| 30 | (Saturday) | 10:00 AM | A.D. Smith Lodge of Research (Henry Fraternal Visit) |

July 2007

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| 4 | (Wednesday) | 8:00 AM | Child ID (Fairfax City) |
| 10 | (Tuesday) | 7:30 PM | Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner (LEO Program: "E-Masonry: Freemasonry and the Internet") |
| 18 | (Wednesday) | 7:15 PM | District School (Herndon) |
| 22-29 | ----- | ----- | WM on Vacation |
| 29 – 1 Aug | ----- | ----- | R. J. Simmons Academy (Fork Union) |

August 2007

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| 4 | (Saturday) | 8:30 AM | HL Officers Planning Meeting |
| 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) | 5:00 PM | Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Night |
| 21 | (Tuesday) | 6:30 PM | Peach Night / Canaday Scholarship Presentation |

September 2007

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| 6 | (Thursday) | TBD | Treadwell No. 213 Low Vale Quarry Lodge (Henry Fraternal Visit (t)) |
| 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) |
| 22 | (Saturday) | 2:00 PM | Henry – Cobbdale Picnic at Henry |
| 28 | (Friday) | 7:30 PM | Ed Ray, Sr. Ritual School (Manassah) |
| 29 | (Saturday) | 8:30 AM | Ed Ray, Sr. Ritual School (Manassah) |

October 2007

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| 4 | (Thursday) | 7:30 PM | Acacia Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit (t)) |
| 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) |
| 17 | (Wednesday) | 7:15 PM | District School (Henry) |
| 20 | (Saturday) | 7:30 AM | Scottish Rite Fall Reunion |
| 27 | (Saturday) | 7:30 AM | Scottish Rite Fall Reunion (20 th Degree by Henry Lodge) |

November 2007

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| 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

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| 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 |