

From the East

Brethren,

Hearty greetings to you all. It is my hope that the Supreme Architect of the Universe will continue to bless you and yours.

April proved to be an exciting and busy month in our Lodge. At our Stated Communication, we had the honor of welcoming the District Education Officer and the District Blood Coordinator, in the persons of Donald McAndrews, PM, and Jay Patterson, PM, respectively, on the occasion of their Official Visits. Brother Kerry Kirk, our Lodge Education Officer, presented an excellent program on the working tools we are so familiar with, and the application of their symbolic meaning to our daily lives. We also had the distinct pleasure of honoring Brother Ronald Edward Keene with the 50 year veteran's award, which was presented by Right Worshipful Ed Cohen, DGM.

Continuing to uphold our reputation as a traveling Lodge, we conducted Fraternal Visits to Hay Market Lodge No. 313, Herndon Lodge No. 264, and Linn Banks Lodge No. 126 (in Madison, VA) during the month. Fraternal visits help to spread the cement of Freemasonry, and I encourage you to take part in them if at all possible. We also had the pleasure of passing three Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. We are in the pleasant position of having several candidates working through the degrees, but it involves much time and effort on the part of many Brothers, and I can only offer my continuing thanks to all of you who make the sacrifice to support this work.

The month of May will be busy as predicted. Please review the schedule of events on page 4, especially those bolded events in May which relate directly to the Officers and Brethren of Henry Lodge. The key event, of course, will be the Official Visit of the Grand Master to Henry on May 8th. Right Worshipful Bill Sheads and his committee have worked hard to plan for this event. As of this writing, only a very limited number of seats remain for the dinner, so if you had planned to attend and have not so notified Bill or me, please do so immediately.

I also wish to direct your attention to the notes and announcements on page 3, and in particular the note regarding the award received by our own Brother Roger Firestone, PM. Make it a point to extend your congratulations to Roger the next time you see him.

As I prepare this Trestleboard for mailing, I cannot help but reflect upon the tragedy that occurred at Virginia Tech this week. Such a horrible act surpasses our understanding. We all yearn for a world of peace and brotherly love where such acts of violence are a faded memory of an earlier time. We're not there yet. Our Grand Master's theme "Charity Toward All Mankind" is particularly relevant at this time. I entreat all of you to hold the students and families caught up in this tragedy in your prayers.

Remember to observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first of the month and come out for a good breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. See you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Arleigh H. Rice, WM



From the Secretary's Desk....

THE TEST (Author Unknown)

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount." Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door. Then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change." The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Forwarded from Wor. Skip Neel, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 39 Henderson, NV, a recent visitor to Henry Lodge.

Ralph W. Smith, Jr., P.M

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Notes and Announcements....

Congratulations: Roger M. Firestone, PM, Henry Lodge Musician, was awarded the Duane E. Anderson Excellence in Masonic Education Award from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at its annual Grand Communication in Mankato, on 13 April, as the in-state recipient. Brother Firestone is a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 in St. Paul, Minnesota, and serves on the Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, as well as the equivalent committee in Virginia. "Rt. Wor. Bro. Anderson was a prodigious Masonic scholar, whose sudden death in March 2000 was a great loss to the Craft," Bro. Firestone said. "It was a great privilege to have known him." The out-of-state recipient was Rt. Wor. Bro. Akram Elias, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia.

SLOT & C.A. Sinclair School: The Brethren should note on page 4 the dates and times for Subordinate Lodge Officer Training and the C.A. Sinclair Ritual School scheduled in May. In the case of SLOT, this is an important event for all the officers, and those considering becoming Officers, and C.A. Sinclair is important for those who participate in the ritual of our degrees, or would like to learn a degree part. Henry Lodge will exemplify the second section of the Master Mason's Degree at the Sinclair School. All officers are expected to attend both events if at all possible.

New Windsor Global Service Project: This is a reminder that if you are interested in volunteering for a day's work on 9 May, please contact Wor. Clesson McDonald or the WM. We plan on carpooling from the Lodge at 6:00 AM that morning.

Hay Market Lodge No. 313 Guest Speaker: If you are a history buff, Hay Market Lodge has arranged for Mr. James R. Russell to speak at their Lodge on Saturday, 12 May, at 2:00 PM. Mr. Russell, at age 84, has published his first book on plantation life, slavery, and the Civil War, based on stories told him as a boy by his great-grandmother who was a slave. Contact your WM if you plan to attend.

Kena Open Meeting & Mason Family Night: This is an open meeting and dinner for Shriner and non-Shriner Master Masons, their families and guests. The theme is Hawaiian Night and the dress is casual (Hawaiian shirts and muumuus). Check for date and time on page 4.

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 your WM 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.

May 2007

1	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	GM OV Practice
2	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
3	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
4	(Friday)	8:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES
5	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers
Planning Meeting			
8	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated/Grand Master OV/Dinner at 6 PM (Ticket required)
9	(Wednesday)	6:00 AM	New Windsor Global Service Project, New Windsor, MD
12	(Saturday)	8:30 AM	Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT) at Manasseh
14	(Monday)	6:00 PM	Kena Open Meeting & Mason Family Night at Kena Shrine Center
15	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	MM Degree Practice (2nd Part)
16	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	MM Degree Practice (2nd Part)
17	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
18	(Friday)	7:30 PM	C.A. Sinclair Ritual School (Manasseh)
19	(Saturday)	8:30 AM	C.A. Sinclair Ritual School (Manasseh) (MM Degree 2nd Part) (Coffee Hour 7:30 AM)
22	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Called Communication for EA Degree
24	(Thursday)	6:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board (At restaurant TBD)
29	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Called Communication for FC Degree

June 2007

2	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / No Officers Meeting
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 / MW Donald Robey speaker (Invitation extended to Henry Brethren)
12	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / Past Masters Night / DIW & MAHOVA OVs / 6:00 Dinner for Eagle Scout Recognition
16	(Saturday)	-----	(t) Habitat for Humanity Service Project (details to follow)
20	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Manasseh)
24	(Sunday)	-----	St. John's Day
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

4	(Wednesday)	8:00 AM	Child ID (Fairfax City)
7	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / No Officers Meeting
10	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
18	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Herndon)
22-29	-----	-----	WM on Vacation
29 – 1 Aug	-----	-----	R. J. Simmons Academy (Fork Union)

August 2007

4	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – 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)
21	(Tuesday)	TBD	(t) Peach Night / Canaday Scholarship Presentation

September 2007

1	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:30 – HL Officers Planning Meeting
6	(Thursday)	TBD	Treadwell No. 213 Low Vale Quarry Lodge
7	(Friday)	7:30 PM	Manasseh Stated (Henry Fraternal Visit (t))
11	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / Patriot Day / 6:30 Dinner (LEO Program: TBA)
22	(Saturday)	2:00 PM	(t) Henry – Cobbdale Picnic at Henry

28	(Friday)	7:30 PM	Ed Ray, Sr. Ritual School (Manasseh)
29	(Saturday)	8:30 AM	Ed Ray, Sr. Ritual School (Manasseh)

October 2007

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)

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))