



Henry Lodge No. 57
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
Chartered December 15, 1869
Stated Communication: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
Dinner before Stated @ 6:30 p.m.



Trestleboard

December 2008

From the East

Brethren,

Henry Lodge was well represented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication on November 7 and 8 to support Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen as he presided at Grand Lodge. Many of those at Grand Lodge dropped by his Hospitality Room which was manned by Brethren from Henry and Andrew Jackson Lodges. Thanks to all who attended and supported the Grand Master. Most Worshipful Brother Ed had an outstanding year as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

The December Stated Communication will have several required end-of-year actions including the election and appointment of next year's officers. Please attend this Stated Communication if within the length of your cabletow. The open Installation of Officers is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th at 2:00 PM with practice to occur at noon the same day. The December schedule includes the installation dates for the other District 4 Lodges.

As this year comes to its end, I want to express my thanks for being able to serve as Worshipful Master during the past year. I have had great support from the Officers, Past Masters, and many devoted Brethren who have worked hard for Henry Lodge. Special thanks go to our Secretary, Wor. Ralph Smith, who provided great wisdom and support to the Worshipful Master. We have had a very active year and accomplished a great deal including having raised 14 Brethren to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Fraternally,
David Stringfellow, WM



From the Secretary's Desk....

One of the finest and, paradoxically, one of the most practical aspects of Freemasonry is that it teaches us only to be the very best we can, not try to be what we cannot. Like Jacob's Ladder, Freemasonry is planted firmly on the ground in our humanity but reaches to the heavens in our higher selves. While having the highest of ideals, it recognizes all human weakness, thereby giving us realistic expectations and aspirations. Being a good Freemason therefore means that we must acknowledge our own weaknesses and strengths and, through this, learn to deal more kindly, more compassionately, with the faults of others.

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Remember, we will have election of officers for 2009 at the December Stated meeting on 12/09/08.

Fraternally,

Ralph W. Smith Jr., P.M.
Secretary

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Notes and Announcements....

Henry Lodge Breakfast: On Saturday, December 6 the Henry breakfast will be held at Henry Lodge. Come out around 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast and good Masonic family fellowship. There will be a Henry Lodge Officers planning meeting in the Lodge Room commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Henry Lodge Open Installation: The 2008 open installation of officers will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 2 PM at Henry Lodge. All Brethren and their families are invited. A practice will be held at noon preceding the installation for all elected and appointed officers.

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December 2008

3	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
4	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
5	(Friday)	8:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES
6	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry Lodge Breakfast / 9:45 HL Officers Planning Meeting
		6:30 PM	Herndon Lodge Officers Open Installation
9	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner
		7:30 PM	Mt. Carmel Lodge Stated & Officers Closed Installation
11	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Acacia No. 16 Stated at Henry
13	(Saturday)	2:00 PM	Henry Lodge Officers Installation / 12:00 noon Installation Practice
18	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
19	(Friday)	7:00 PM	Manasseh Lodge Officers Open Installation
20	(Saturday)	10:00 AM	Acacia Lodge Officers Open Installation at Henry Lodge
		2:00 PM	Hay Market Officers Open Installation