



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

May 2008

From the East

Brethren,

April's Stated Communication had the District Education Officer's Official Visit to Henry Lodge with a very interesting presentation on Royal Arch Masonry. Three brethren of Henry Lodge volunteered for a day of rewarding work at the Global Service Project in New Windsor, Maryland. By the time the Trestleboard is received we will have initiated three new Brethren in late April.

We will continue our monthly breakfasts on May 3 with Acacia Lodge No 16. This is an event for all of the family to enjoy some good food and socializing. After breakfast there will be a short officer planning meeting, and then we will have our Spring Clean-up that was postponed from April. All are encouraged to come and participate with the clean-up.

Note that our dinner prior to the Stated Communication will begin at 6:00 PM instead of 6:30 to allow time for the recognition of area Eagle Scouts who will be accompanied by their parents and Scoutmasters. At the Stated we will have the Official Visits of our District Blood Coordinator, Wor. William Edwards and our District Masonic Home Ambassador, Wor. Luis Pages.

May will be a busy month for degree work with a Master Mason degree on May 6, a Fellowcraft degree on May 20, and a second Master Mason degree on May 27. Let's fill the sidelines for these degrees.

On Saturday, May 31 we will make a fraternal visit to A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Please join your brethren from Henry to make this a large fraternal visit.

Continue to observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first day of each month. I hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
David Stringfellow, WM



From the Secretary's Desk....

Much has been made of the symbolic significance of the angle, or distance between the points, of the compasses in Masonic iconography, both by freemasons looking for deeper meanings, and anti-masons looking for further "proof" of occult association.

Unfortunately for both, a review of the earliest depictions of the compasses, with or without the square, demonstrates a lack of conformity, with a wide range of angles. Although a depiction of the compasses with the points over the edges of a five-pointed star can be found on the west face of the altar in the lodge room of Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, Scotland [AQC XLII, p. 144.], this usage is rare. Identifying the compasses with the Star of David and fixing the angle at 60 degrees has no historical validity in Masonic iconography. In many jurisdictions, the compasses of the Grand Master are set to thirty-six degrees while those of a Past Grand Master are set to twenty-nine degrees.

Within Freemasonry there is a tendency to embellish and add to the simplicity of Masonic teachings, ascribing significance where none was intended; mistaking visual mnemonics or artistic license for symbolic depth. Those outside Freemasonry fall into similar error with the added intent of deprecating that which they do not understand. The following depictions are not exhaustive but certainly representative. Researchers should also note that the square and compasses image officially registered as Freemasonry's trademark for use in Canada sets the angles at 45 degrees.

From the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon

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

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Notes and Announcements....

Henry/Acacia Joint Breakfast: Saturday, May 3 will be the Henry/Acacia joint breakfast at Henry Lodge. Come out around 9:00 a.m. for a delicious breakfast and good Masonic family fellowship. There will be a short Henry Lodge Officers planning meeting in the Lodge Room commencing at 9:45 a.m.

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As we continue to improve ourselves in Masonry, we are indeed improving life. We know from history that without ideals to guide us, the garden of a man's life will not grow into a place of beauty.

Brother Stanley F. Maxwell

Freemasonry teaches not merely temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief, and truth, but liberty, equality, and fraternity, and it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust, tyranny and despotism.

Brother H. W. Coil

May 2008

1	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
2	(Friday)	8:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES
3	(Saturday)	9:00 AM	Henry-Acacia Breakfast at Henry / 9:45 - HL Officers Planning Meeting / Lodge Clean-up
6	(Tuesday)	7:00 PM	Called Communication for MM Degree
7	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
12	(Monday)	6:30 PM	Hay Market No. 313 (at Gainesville United Methodist Church) (GM Visit)
13	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / 6:00 Dinner (Eagle Scout Awards) DBC & MAHOVA OVs
15	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
17	(Saturday)	2:00 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Grand Visitation
20	(Tuesday)	7:00 PM	Called Communication for FC Degree
21	(Wednesday)	7:15 PM	District School (Hay Market)
22	(Thursday)	7:00 PM	Strategic Planning & Finance Committee Meeting
22	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board
27	(Tuesday)	7:00 PM	Called Communication for MM Degree
31	(Saturday)	10:00 AM	A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research No. 1949 (Henry Fraternal Visit)

June 2008

4	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
5	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
6	(Friday)	8:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES
7	(Saturday)	8:30 AM	HL Officers Planning Meeting
10	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / Past Masters Night / 6:30 Dinner / St. John's Day Program / DIW OV
18	(Wednesday)	7:15PM	District School (Acacia)
19	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board
21	(Saturday)	TBD	Strawberry Festival, Manasseh Lodge No. 182 (GM Visit)
24	(Tuesday)		St. John's Day
26	(Thursday)	6:30 PM	Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133 Table Lodge (GM Visit) (Henry Fraternal Visit)

July 2008

2	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
3	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
4	(Friday)	8:00 AM	Child ID (Fire Station, University Drive, Fairfax City)
5	(Saturday)	8:30 AM	HL Officers Planning Meeting
8	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / 6:30 Dinner / Program
16	(Wednesday)	7:15PM	District School (Henry)
17	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board
27-30			R. J. Simmons Academy (Fork Union)

August 2008

2	(Saturday)	8:30 AM	HL Officers Planning Meeting
5	(Tuesday)	7:00 pm	DGM Senior Wardens Area Meeting
6	(Wednesday)	7:30 PM	Fauquier Chapter RAM
7	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG
12	(Tuesday)	7:30 PM	Henry Stated / Wardens Night / 6:30 Dinner / Program
16	(Saturday)	7:30 AM	One-Day Conferral Class (Alexandria Scottish Rite Valley)
20	(Wednesday)	7:15PM	District School (Mt. Carmel)
21	(Thursday)	7:30 PM	Fairfax Assembly IORG Advisory Board
22	(Friday)	TBD	GM Official Visit Dinner to District 4 (Manasseh Lodge)
24	(Sunday)	6:00 PM	Hope Chapter OES School of Instruction