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THE PATRIOT LODGE

No. 1957

A.F. & A.M.

CHARTERED NOVEMBER 11, 2011

Stated Communications

Third Friday 7:00 pm Dinner—8:00pm

at the Mason Inn on the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University.

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Brethren,

Whew!! It has been a busy few months. Here's a quick recap of our adventures since March....

- Fraternal Visits to Herndon & Henry
- Division Leadership Conference
- C.A. Sinclair School
- Two Stated Communications
- Fellowcraft Degree on two brothers
- Presented a Community Builders Award.



At the DLC, I had the opportunity to sit on the Deputy Grand Master's counterpart session. Per custom, the details of his plans and initiatives were held close to the vest, but he did reveal a few things that are going to be great.

Candidates Dos (Evan Mulloy) and Tres (Greg Elson) were Passed to Fellowcraft, and we elected our fourth candidate at our April Stated. His EA Degree is scheduled for May 21 at Henry Lodge.

On April 17th, Wor Shelton and I presented our first Community Builders Award to Dr. J. Thomas Hennessey at his retirement celebration. Tom has been a huge supporter of The Patriot Lodge and shepherded us

through the process to become a community partner with the university. I have known Tom personally for about a decade, and he can best be summed up as "being a mason, he just needs to have the degrees."

Looking ahead.....

Our Stated is on May 18th at the Mason Inn. 7pm Open, 8pm dinner. Please get your RSVP's in.

We have an EA Degree on May 21st at Henry Lodge, opens at 7pm.

*At work in the Quarry,
Chris*

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Trustees
2012 - Robert White, III, PM
2013 - Jon V. Shelton, PM
2014 - Edmund Cohen, PGM



Honorary Members
Edmund Cohen, PGM

Life Members in Perpetuity
You could be our first!!
See the Secretary for details.

Team Leaders Greg and Evan raised over \$1,100 for the American Cancer Society!!



MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Brother Ken Reid
April 18, 1972

Worshipful Don McAndrews
May 22, 1970

Worshipful Dave Hull
April 29, 1996

Worshipful Ray Anderson
May 28, 1984

Right Worshipful Jay Brannam
April 13, 1998

Brother Pete Jensen
May 15, 2010

FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

RSVP's for our January Stated are due by **Monday, May 14th.** If you have any questions, please contact our Jr. Steward, Stan Hanzel at:



stanley.hanzel@gmail.com

Dinner cost is \$25



Grand Master
MW William T. Ellison, Jr



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District Child ID Coordinator
Joseph A. Higgs

2013 District Deputy Nominee
Jon V. Shelton, PM

SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren,

During the past month we've had a couple more Master Masons affiliate with The Patriot Lodge #1957 and have lost one member who wished to demit due to other commitments. This brings our current membership up to 40 Master Masons and 2 EA's.

I have now received a Dues Cards for every Master Mason in our Lodge. 22 of the 40 dues cards have been paid for and/or disseminated. If you haven't already sent your check to us or made payment thru our website using Paypal please do so as soon as possible. Our Lodge needs these funds to keep operating and to stay healthy. The website is at: www.thepatriotlodge.org and our mailing address is:

The Patriot Lodge #1957
PO Box 101764
Arlington, VA
22210

I have recently been able to replenish my stock of "Applications for Membership" (affiliation) and "Petitions for the Degrees". So if you'd like to have one to carry with you please just ask me for one at our next meeting.

I have fielded one or two questions about how the member numbers were assigned. I was told by Grand Lodge admins a year ago that numbers would be assigned according to where they were "in the stack" of numbers to be issued. In order to put some reasoning behind the assignment of the member number I placed our PGM first. I then followed the hierarchical delineation used in most Lodges. I.e., WM as #2, SW #3, JW #4, etc., until I had run out of Lodge stations. The names of the remaining Lodge members were arranged alphabetically & submitted. Well the deck of cards I'd been so careful to order, somehow got bumped, dropped, or re-shuffled with the result being that most folks ended up with a random member number. "The best laid schemes o' Mice & Men Gang aft agley." From a Robert Burns poem, "To a Mouse" 1785.

Bob White, Secretary 



MASONIC MINUTIAE

Many Volumes of the Sacred Law



Almost every Lodge in India, irrespective of which constitution it belongs to, has 5 Volumes of Sacred Law placed open on the Altar while the Lodge is open. They are: Geeta, Koran, Zend-Avesta, Granth-Sahib and the Bible. And yes, they are referred to as Volumes of the Sacred Law - note the plural.

There are 5 officers at the District level: the Bearer of Geeta, the Koran-Bearer, the Avesta-Bearer, the Granth Bearer and the Bearer of the Bible - collectively known as the Bearers of the Volumes of Sacred Law. If we have a candidate not "subscribing" to any of these faiths (ours is a very multi-faith society) we ask him to bring his own Volume of Sacred Law, which is also then placed on the Altar and on which he takes his obligation, and seals that obligation "in a manner most binding on his conscience" as beliefs vary with respect to how one reveres the VSL.

There are many non-English speaking Christians in the world for whom God is meaningless as it is in the English language. I know many Christians here in India who pray in a Church to Ishwar, which is the Hindi word for God, and whose very Christian names are Yesudas (Yesu = Jesus, Das = worshipper) or Ishwardas etc. They are baptized in the Church with those names. I even know of a couple of Arab Christians who know only Arabic and no English. I am sure they are praying to Allah, which again is the Arabic word for God ... Al-Lah, the Divine. This word is more amorphous - like the VSL or the GAOTU. It is only a great misconception that Allah is the God of the Muslims that makes this a sacrilege. It is just that in Arabic God is called Allah. He is the same God as the God of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Mohammad.

And now, a bit off track, we in India (and I believe the 'rest of the world') refer in the first degree to TGAOU, in the second degree to TGGOU, in the third degree to the MH, and several other degrees by various other acronyms as TGOOU and TGDOA and the FOAF etc etc.

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The so-called Masonic Bible is just the James Version of the Bible - with an additional index to the Masonic references to the Bible - e.g. winding staircase.

Incidentally, when I visited the Lodges in US I took the Tyler's Oath (something unknown here in India) on the VSL, which was the Bible. I also attended a 3rd Degree work in a Lodge where the Bible, on which the Candidate had taken his 3 obligations was presented to him after raising, having been signed ('autographed') by all those present. When it came to taking my signature, they were a bit hesitant. Then the WM asked me if it would please me to sign the Bible, only if I didn't mind, and I gladly did so with great satisfaction, and also a great appreciation of the gesture of the WM in asking my approval before I signed it.

*Brother Tofique Fatehi
Lodge Al-Ameen No. 1412
(Grand Lodge of Scotland)
Bombay, India*



Altar in the main lodge room of the House of the Temple.

My New-Cut Ashlar

My new-cut ashlar takes the light
Where crimson-blank the windows flare.
By my own work before the night,
Great Overseer, I make my prayer.

If there be good in that I wrought
Thy Hand compelled it, Master, Thine —
Where I have failed to meet Thy Thought
I know, through Thee, the blame was mine.

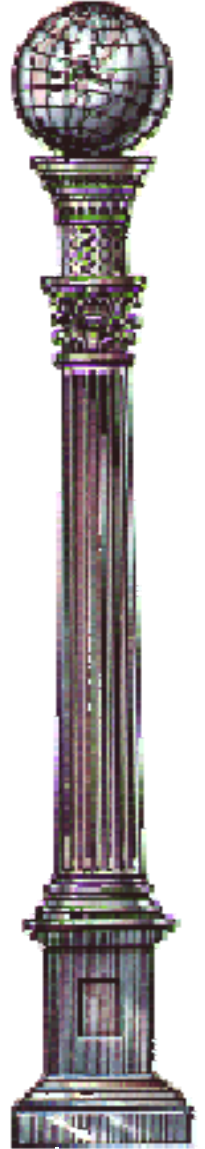
The depth and dream of my desire,
The bitter paths wherein I stray —
Thou knowest Who hast made the Fire,
Thou knowest Who hast made the Clay.

Who, lest all thought of Eden fade,
Bring'st Eden to the craftsman's brain —
Godlike to muse o'er his own Trade
And manlike stand with God again!

One stone the more swings into place
In that dread Temple of Thy worth.
It is enough that, through Thy Grace,
I saw nought common on Thy Earth.

Take not that vision from my ken —
Oh whatsoe'er may spoil or speed.
Help me to need no aid from men
That I may help such men as need!

- *Rudyard Kipling*



MAY

5/14 @ 18:00 - RITUAL PRACTICE
AT HENRY LODGE

5/16 @ 19:15 - DISTRICT RITUAL CLASS
AT HAY MARKET

5/18 @ 19:00 - STATED COMMUNICATION
AT THE MASON INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

5/19 @ 18:00 - CELEBRATING THE CRAFT
HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE & STREAMING ONLINE

5/21 @ 19:00 - EA DEGREE
AT HENRY LODGE

JUNE

6/4 @ 18:00 - PLANNING MEETING & PRACTICE
AT TBD

6/9 @ 18:30 - ANNIVERSARY DINNER
AT THE AULD SHEBEEN

6/15 @ 19:00 - STATED COMMUNICATION
AT THE MASON INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

6/16 @ 18:00 - STRAWBERRY NIGHT & GMOV
AT MANASSEH LODGE

6/20 @ 19:15 - DISTRICT RITUAL CLASS
HOSTED BY PATRIOT AT HENRY LODGE



2012 AT A GLANCE

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

SEPTEMBER 21
OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 21

FAMILY EVENTS

JUNE - DINNER AT THE SHEBEEN
JULY - TOUR OF MT. VERNON
AUGUST - LODGE PICNIC
SEPTEMBER - ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER - MASONIC TOUR OF DC

FRATERNAL VISITS

JULY - LAKELAND LODGE No. 190
NOVEMBER - FREDERICKSBURG No. 4
(GMOV)

DISTRICT RITUAL CLASSES & SCHOOLS

JULY 18 - ACACIA
AUGUST 15 - HENRY
SEPTEMBER 21 & 22 - ED RAY SCHOOL
@ ACACIA
OCTOBER 17 - MT. CARMEL
NOVEMBER 28 - MANASSEH

OUT OF STATE VISITS

AUGUST - CAVE LODGE, KINGSTON, TN

DISTRICT & GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS

REID SIMMONS ACADEMY
JULY 29 TO AUGUST 1
GMOV TO DISTRICTS 1A, 1B & 54
AUGUST 11
PATRIOT TABLE LODGE
OCTOBER 2
GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
NOVEMBER 9 & 10



First Annual Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133 Golf Tournament

May 18th, 2012

(Raindate: May 25th, 2012)

Don't Miss Out!

**Golf attire is required.
Collared shirts and slacks.
No metal spikes are
allowed on the course.**

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Galnesville, VA 20155

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<http://www.heritagehuntgolf.com/>

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Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 133:
Mt. Carmel Lodge No.133, A.F. & A.M.
P.O. Box 544
Warrenton, VA 20188
Attn: Jordan Mulhead**

Sign-Up Coordinators:
Jordan Mulhead, SS 703.615.8732
Steve Green, WM 540.630.2921

- Four person, best ball
- 18-Hole Round
- Prizes (finish place, longest drive, closest to pin...)
- Unlimited use of practice facilities on the day of event
- Continental Breakfast / BBQ Buffet Dinner
- Anybody and everybody are welcome!

SCHEDULE

Date / Time	Event
May 10	Last Day to Sign Up
May 18 / 9:00	Check-In begins @ Heritage Hunt
May 18 / 10:00	Shotgun Start

SINGLES OR PARTIAL TEAMS

- Fill in as many players as needed -

TEAM CAPTAIN

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

TEAM MEMBER #1

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

TEAM MEMBER #2

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

TEAM MEMBER #3

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

