

Manassah Lodge No. 182 A. F. & A. M.
9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas Virginia 20110

Brethren, trust you are well. It's time to get your winter clothes out (except-if you live in the land of the sun), shake the mothballs out and get ready for winter. It will be on display, near you, soon.

Brethren, as you may know, our lodge has lost a worthy brother with the passing of Rev. Dr. Edwin P. Elliott, Jr. Brother Elliott laid down his working tools on Sunday, October 11, 2009. A Masonic Service was held at his church on Tuesday evening, October 13, 2009. I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in this service. I'm certain Rev. Elliott was very proud of you, his fellow brothers. I also would like to thank the brother who wore the Red jacket at the service. Brother Elliott was deeply committed to the works of the Royal Arch and I'm sure the red jacket met with his approval without question. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brother Elliott's family. He will be greatly missed by all of his Masonic Brothers.

At our stated communications in October, we read for the second reading one petition to receive the degrees in Masonry. The twelve resolutions to be voted on at the Grand Lodge Conference this month was read. One of the resolutions having to do with a proposed increase in Grand Lodge dues in the year 2011. As brother Charles Wilkinson pointed out, this might be a good time to consider Life In Perpetuity (LMIP) and avoid future increases in dues.

It was our pleasure to have our dear Brothers from Palestine Lodge #189, located in Catonsville, Md., visit Manassah Lodge. Brother Will Rodgers, Wor. Rev. Stone, Wor. Bud Anderson, Rt. Wor. Paul Fishell and the Worshipful Master of Palestine Lodge, Wor. Richard Smith attended our Stated on October 2nd. A fabulous dinner was prepared by Wor. Bill Edwards.

Family Day was held on October 10th at the Masonic Home in Richmond. Reported to be one of the largest crowds in recent years. Plenty of food and activities were enjoyed by all. Our Grand Master, Jeffery E. Hodges, dedicated a memorial to our Veterans of World War II. As you know, your lodge has placed stone pavers honoring our eight living brothers in WWII. Pictures of the pavers can be seen at the lodge.

Worshipful Manny Fontana took brethren from your lodge down to his mother lodge, Washington-Daylight #14, located on Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington D.C. The brethren were treated with a fantastic breakfast, prepared by Wor. Harold Grainger and the Wor. Master Randall Schoch. The Naval Lodge building was built

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in 1805. The artwork on the walls of the lodge was just beautiful. What a wonderful journey and one soon not forgotten. Thanks, Wor. Manny. Pictures taken are at the lodge.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE – NOVEMBER STATED on the second Friday. With our Grand Lodge Annual Communication in session on the 1st. Friday, a dispensation has been received to hold our November Stated on the SECOND FRIDAY, Friday, NOVEMBER 13, 2009.

Your Worshipful Master will be traveling to the Grand Lodge Communication EACH DAY and if you would like to attend one or all of the sessions and would like to ride along, contact me for further information on time of departure from the lodge. Information concerning the Communication can be found on the Grand Lodge web site at “grandlodgeofvirginia.org.”

THEREFORE, Our called Daylight Lodge will be BEFORE our Stated in November. The C.A.Sinclair Daylight Lodge will be held on November 11th at 11am. Two additional called communications will be Monday, November 16th for work in the Fellow Craft degree and Friday, November 20th for work in the Entered Apprentice degree.

The Royal Arch Chapter 81 will hold their annual Ham & Oyster Dinner on Saturday, November 7th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. PLEASE support this important fundraiser for their Scholarship Program.

Flags flown this month are donated by Gene & Bettie Keyton in honor and memory of Matthew Costis. Matthew is the grandson of Cherry and Bill Costis.

Happy Thanksgiving to all

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In Harmony,

/s/

Wayne Bentz
Worshipful Master