



Mt. Carmel Lodge

NO. 133 A.F. & A. M.

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Trestleboard

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Brethren,

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I hope that the coming year will bring you joy and gladness. It seems that we will be having a very busy year this year. I hope that I am able to fill the shoes of the Worshipful Masters before me by keeping the lodge growing and the fellowship warm.

I would like to extend a hearty "Thank You" to all that helped make the Lodge Installation a success. A special "Thank You" goes out to Susan Schupp, Stephanie Troup, Mari Lockhart, Bro. Don Schupp, and Bro. Mike Troup for putting it all together.

The reason that I am mailing you this Trestleboard via snail mail rather than e-mail is I would like to have a discussion among the Brethren of this lodge alone about two topics.

1) I have formed a financial committee of Bro. Bob Wheeler, Bro. Maury George, and Bro. Steven Green to look at the prospects of raising the lodge dues. I have asked these brothers to present to the lodge where we stand financially and add in the By-Laws a raise of the Dues.

2) I also wanted to add to the By-Laws that the Tiler's dues will be funded by the lodge, just like the Treasurers and Secretary's are. I don't think that it is right to have a paying lodge member to be outside of the lodge during our communications without being compensated.

Some of my goals for this upcoming year are to increase our travel to other lodges. It seems that we all really enjoyed going to the different lodges within and without our district. I would like for us to take a major road trip to New York City to visit the Grand Lodge of New York and attend one of the stated communications. I don't have the details completely planned out yet. But, I think that it would be a fun and exciting adventure for us. If you are interested, please let me know. We will be making a fraternal visit to Henry Knox Field Lodge #349 in April. This is the lodge that my father and mother's father were Past Masters. We will also be making a fraternal visit to Dale City Lodge #319. This is the lodge where my nephew is a member. If any brother has a lodge that they would like to attend, let's do it!

I would like to re-vitalize The Degree Club. I believe this was a great avenue for the brothers to meet and learn the various degree works as well as share fellowship. The Degree Club will be open to all Masons. We will meet on Friday afternoons at 5:00 PM for about an hour, or a long as you would like.

Since the District Deputy Grand Master for the 4th Masonic District, RW Barry E. Constant, is a PM of our lodge; I hope that we can have fraternal visits to each of the lodges when he makes his official visits. We can call ourselves "Constant's Cavalry" (thanks Don). I believe that it is imperative that we give RW Barry our support while he is the DDGM.

Dates to remember:

December 26th Lodge Breakfast – There will be a short Lodge Office meeting immediately following the breakfast

January 7th DDGM Visit to Acacia Lodge #16

January 9th Lodge Practice for Receiving

January 11th DDGM Visit to Haymarket Lodge #313 DDGM

January 12th DDGM Visit to Henry Lodge #57

January 18th Practice for EA degree

January 19th EA degree

January 20th District Class (practice receiving the DDGM)

January 26th Mt. Carmel stated 7:30 PM OV DDGM

January 30th Lodge Breakfast

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon you and your family

Paul W. Lockhart. Worship Master