



Mt. Carmel Lodge #133 Trestleboard

Chartered 1823

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February 2010

March

Upcoming Events:

Mar 11th – Fraternal
Visit to Fairfax
Lodge

Mar 20th – Lodge
Breakfast

Mar 20th –
Leadership
Class

Mar 20th — OV
GM to District
4 & 57 – Kena
Shrine Temple

Mar 23rd – Stated
Communication
DEO OV

Mar 26-27—C.A.
Sinclair School
– Mt. Carmel
#133



Brethren,

With much anticipation, we had a very successful first State Communication. Bros. Steve Green, Bob Wheeler and Maury George worked diligently to show the lodge what is the status of our Lodge. Based on their recommendations, we will be voting in March to change our By-Laws.

The solutions that our financial committee has made are the following:

1. Increase the dues by \$20.00 with a COLA of 3% per year.
2. Increase the application fees and degree fees for a new candidate. I would like to add an additional note to this recommendation. I would like to have the application fee to increase to \$100.00 and each degree to be \$50.00 each. When the candidate finishes the MM catechism they will receive back from the Lodge \$50.00.
3. The Tiler's dues will be paid by the lodge

W. Jim Ramser will be providing me the proper wording for the resolution so that we can have it displayed in our March Trestleboard.

The Lodge Building:

I have established a new committee for the improvement of our lodge. This committee will look into the cost of replacing the current chairs and the carpet throughout the Lodge. The committee members are: Bros. Ray Muirhead and Maury George, Ws Jim Ramser, Paul Berry and RW Barry Constant. This committee's responsibility will be to investigate the cost of replacing the Lodge chairs and carpet, presenting a variety of different designs and inlays for the carpet, and recommendations on how to pay for it.

I have borrowed a chair from our friends at Dale City Lodge #319 so that you can see what the new chairs may look like. It will be my recommendation that we have the Brethren to donate \$50.00 to have a chair in their name or the name of a loved one. Please stop by the Lodge this next month to see if you like these chairs.

Bro. Green and I (and anyone else that wants to help) will be caulking the windows of the Lodge. The windows seem to need to be replaced. But, the cost to do it at this time is prohibitive. I will get an estimate to replace the windows and maybe look for ways to pay to have them replaced.

Where did our wooden benches go? We will be loaning our wooden benches that are in our Lodge to Acacia Lodge #16 so that the Brethren will have a place to sit when they open their lodge in July. WM Baber will have them picked up in the May time frame. Also, when Acacia has their first communication in their refurbished Lodge, I would like for as many of us to attend their celebration as possible.

The lodge will have a new look from the outside. I have authorized PJ Landscaping to clean our gutters and remove the three evergreens from the front of the building. They will be installing a mulch bed in the front so that we can keep the Lodge with a nice groomed appearance. Bro. Maury George will be getting help with the lawn. I have authorized Super Bee's to cut the grass this year to help Bro Maury to maintain our Lodge. In the spring, we will spruce up the memorial with some perennials and annuals to give the Lodge a nice touch.

Other Activities:

Tuesday **February 9th** we will be having a FC practice. On **February 16th** we will be passing Bro. Jordan Muirhead to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Ray Muirhead will be conferring the degree. I want as many Brothers to show up for this degree to support Bros. Ray and Jordan.

February 11th we will be visiting Cochran Lodge #271. Our Brother Belden Bell that approved his affiliation to our Lodge in January will be receiving his 50 Year pin. I want as many Brothers from this Lodge to attend as possible.



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February 17th The fourth Masonic District will be holding its ritual class at Manassah Lodge #182. Our responsibility will be providing the Junior Warden. When we attend the District Classes I would like for the line office whose next chair it will be to fill the position. i.e. Bro. Ray Muirhead it will be filling the chair of Junior Warden.

February 23rd is our Stated Communication for dinner Bro. Troup and his wife Stephanie are preparing a meal that will be the envy of the town.

February 24th I will be traveling South to visit a close and dear friend of mine W. Bob Brammer. W. Brammer is the WM of the Daylight Lodge in Fredericksburg. Any Brother that would like to join me, can meet at my house by 10:00 AM. Bro. Bob has informed me that they will be having a wonderful lunch.

February 27th is our Lodge breakfast. I would like for each of you to bring a friend to this breakfast so that we can perk their interest in Masonry.

March 20th Our Lodge Breakfast will be on the third Saturday because we will be hosting the C.A. Sinclair School on March 26th and 27th.

March 20th is also the Leadership Conference being held at the Scottish Rite Temple. And, the Grand Master's official visit to District 4 and 54. Tickets for the Grand Master's visit are available for purchase from Bro. Steve Green for \$35.00 per ticket.

March 23rd – Our Stated Communication will be breaking from Labor to Refreshment for presenting the Community Builder Award. Also, W. Don McAndrews will be making his Official Visit to our Lodge as the District Education Officer.

March 26th & 27th – Mt. Carmel will be hosting the C.A. Sinclair School. Bro. Troup has planned meals for Friday night and breakfast and lunch for Saturday.

April 13th: We will be taking a trip to Alexandria and visiting Henry Knox Field Lodge #349. This is the Lodge that my father and grandfather were Past Masters. It will be a wonderful event. Our Lodge breakfast we will be hosting the Ladies of the Lodge. We will be breaking out the tablecloths and the fine china for our ladies!

The month of May will be extremely busy. The 15th we will have a booth at the Old Town Warrenton Spring Festival. We will be working with the Warrenton Police Department and Haymarket Lodge providing to the community Child IDs. The 25th we will have the honor of having the Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Virginia visit our Lodge. And, on the 29th we will have a special Lodge Breakfast once we finish the Lodge breakfast we will take our families to Alexandria and tour the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

July 27th: We will be having a Past Masters night.

August 24th: We will be having our second Table Lodge

October: The Fourth Masonic District will be holding its first District Wide Picnic As you can see this year is packed. Also, our Senior Warden is planning a trip for us to visit the Grand Lodge of New York. And, Brother Goebel is planning an night out on the town for a dinner and a play.

I look forward to serving the Brethren and this Lodge and I hope that I can maintain the standards set by the previous Past Masters.



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Yours in friendship,

Paul Lockhart , WM
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Lodge Officers:

WM – Paul Lockhart * SW – Bro. Don Schup * JW – Steven Green * Treasurer – Bro. Bob Wheeler * Secretary – W. Dan Koch * Assistant Secretary * RW – Dave Blank * SD – Bro Ray Muirhead * JD – Bro. Mike Kimmel * Chaplain – Bro. Clay Smith * SS – Bro. Mike Troup * JS – Bro. Matt McReynolds * Marshal – Bro. Goebel Thacker * Musician – RW Hunter Payne * Tiler – Bro. Charlie Boaz

Lodge Committee Members:

LIW – W. Jim Ramser * LEO – Bro. Mike Kimmel * Building – Bro. Maury George * Sick and Distressed – Bro. Goebel Thacker * Blood Coordinator – RW Dave Blank * Haberdashery – Bro. Mathew McReynolds * Lodge Membership – W. Tony LaCava * MaHoVa Ambassador – Bro. Paul McBride * Ladies of the Lodge – Bro. Charlie Boaz

Catechism Teachers:

W. Dan Koch * W. Jim Ramser * Bro. Mike Troup * W. Festus James * Bro. Ray Muirhead * Bro. Kurt John Hansen * W. Paul Berry

Masonic Birthdays:

Bro. Charlie Boaz – 2/28/2004 * Bro. John Chadsey – 2/11/1994 * Bro. George Wallace – 2/7/1962 * Bro. Charles Kidwell – 2/18/1974 * Bro. William Miller 2/23/1961 * Bro. John Reed – 2/25/2002 * Bro. David Robertson – 2/17/2009 * Bro. Jame Swope – 2/25/1986 * Goebel Thacker – 2/19/2005

Candidate Status:

Candidate	Affiliation/Petition	Status	Mentor
Kyle Donovan	Petition	EA July 11 th – Extension Granted	W. Mark Donovan
Jordan Muirhead	Petition	FC Degree Feb 16 th	W. Jim Ramser
Laurence Rodeo	Petition	EA Sept 16 th	Bro. Mike Troup
Daniel Hamel	Petition	EA Oct 20 th	W. Dan Koch
Charles Trude	Petition	EA Jan 19 th	W. Paul Berry
Charles Koval	Petition	FC Nov 17 th	Bro. Ray Muirhead
Marc Overman	Petition	EA Jan 19 th	W. Jim Ramser