



# Mt. Carmel Lodge #133 Trestleboard

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## July 2010

### August

#### Upcoming Events:

Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – District Class

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> – Stated Communication

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Breakfast



Brethren,

It is hard to believe that Summer is upon us. It seems that time truly flies by when you are having fun! I hope that everyone has grand plans as we celebrate the 234<sup>th</sup> year of our Independence.

As many of you know, Masonry had a large part of building this great Country. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Patrick Henry to name a few Brothers have had a large influence in constructing our Nation. The United States of America is still growing, still maturing, and still thriving. We live in the greatest Nation that the world has ever known. In my opinion, we are a humble Nation. We are a Nation that believes that every man wants to be and needs to be free. He needs to be free to pursue the life that God has chosen for him. We believe that tyranny, in all forms, binds the hands and also binds the mind that keeps us from being free. From our Declaration of Independence, we know that every man, woman and child “are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”. Brothers, we currently are a Nation at war and we have many Brothers (some in our own Lodge) that are fighting not just to maintain our Freedom but also to free the hands and the minds of others who are bound by the tyranny of others.

If you would, please say a prayer for our Brothers and Sisters that are fighting for us. Fly an American Flag this Independence Day to remind our fellow neighbors that we are a free and just Nation.

In reflection of our June Stated Communication, I would like to make two points. The first is that I think that RW Barry Constant did a magnificent job in presiding in the East. He was able to expand on my original idea of asking the Past Masters what they were most proud of while they were presiding in the East. He requested the Past Masters to explain how they became interested in Masonry in general and what made them want to get in-line. His extra thought in expanding upon my idea, he was able generate more conversation and a better learning experience that I had anticipated. Thank you Brother Constant.

The second point is that it was a great honor and privilege for me to be a small part of presenting Worshipful Doc Ramser his Eagle Scout Certificate. Brother Chuck Trude, Worshipful Paul Barry, Worshipful Mark Donovan and Mrs. Angel Ramser made this possible. I thank you for getting me all the information that I needed to make this evening one that I will always treasure and I am sure that Worshipful Ramser will never forget. I thank you all.

At our Stated Communication this month, we will be voting on raising our dues, and our application and degree fees. The resolutions that you will be voting on are as follows:

#### **Resolution Bylaw Article II**

Whereas, the present dues structure has been determined to provide insufficient income to support the Lodge in the near future, and

Whereas, the financial integrity of the Lodge is of paramount importance to its future vitality, and

Whereas, the dues structure should reasonably provide for future increase in expenses, and

Whereas, the Tiler provides an indispensable service to the Lodge, therefore be it Resolved, that Article II of the existing bylaws of Mt. Carmel Lodge #133 A.F.& A.M. Warrenton, Virginia be amended to read:



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**“Every member of this Lodge except the Secretary, Treasurer, and Tiler shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of ninety dollars in addition to the Grand Lodge dues and assessments as annual dues.”**

## Resolution Bylaw Article III

Whereas, the present fees structure has been determined to provide insufficient income to support the Lodge in the near future, and

Whereas, the financial integrity of the Lodge is of paramount importance to its future vitality, and

Resolved, that Article III of the existing bylaws of Mt. Carmel Lodge #133 A.F.& A.M. Warrenton, Virginia be amended to read:

**“The fees for the degrees in this Lodge shall be two hundred Dollars, payable as follows: Fifty Dollars for the Petition Fee, Fifty Dollars for the Degree of Entered Apprentice; Fifty Dollars for the Degree of Fellowcraft; and Fifty Dollars for the Degree of Master Mason. Of which One Hundred Dollars shall accompany the petition.”**

The month of July’s calendar seems to be filling up.

- ✦ **July 9<sup>th</sup>** We will be initiating three, yes three, Entered Apprentices.
- ✦ **July 17<sup>th</sup>** SLOT Training will be held at Mt. Carmel Lodge. Worshipful Don McAndrews will be conducting a class that will prepare our Deacons and our Wardens for their year that they will preside in the East. I need to have Wardens and the Deacons to attend this event.
- ✦ **July 21<sup>st</sup>** District Class will be held.
- ✦ **July 23<sup>rd</sup>** We will be examining Brother Chris Poe for his proficiency in his Entered Apprentice catechism and then passing him to the degree of Fellowcraft.
- ✦ **July 27<sup>th</sup>** Our Stated Communication – As previously mentioned we will be voting on changing our By-Laws. In addition, W. Don McAndrews will be giving a presentation on the history of the George Washington Masonic Memorial
- ✦ **July 30<sup>th</sup>** Masonic Night will be held at the Potomac National’s ballpark. Tickets are \$8.00 and a portion of the proceeds will be going to the Masonic Home of Virginia. Brother Paul McBride will be accepting the donation on behalf of the Masonic Home of Virginia.
- ✦ **July 31<sup>st</sup>** will be our Lodge Breakfast. For those that are interested, I will be traveling to the George Washington Masonic Memorial to take a tour of the building. Any Brother that would like to join me is more than welcome.

## The Lodge Building:

Brother Maury George has done a terrific job in ensuring that the grass stays cut and trim. I talked with our next door neighbor and he will be trimming the trees that separate our property from his. He will also be removing the ivy from the trees as well.

Our gutters have been cleaned. And, if our neighbor does a good job in trimming the trees, we may have to only have our gutters cleaned once a year!

Has anybody seen the Master’s and Warden’s chairs? The chairs have been removed from the Lodge to be reupholstered. They are expected back in the lodge by Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, we anticipate that the Lodge carpet will start to be removed the week of July 5<sup>th</sup> and completion of the installation of the carpet by July 16<sup>th</sup>. After completion of the Lodge Carpet, the Lodge



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Improvement Committee will be re-confirming the color of the fabric chosen for the Lodge chairs.  
If the color and fabric meets their standards, we will begin reupholstering the Chairs. I expect to  
have the carpet installed and the chairs reupholstered by the middle of August.

**Haberdashery Fund:** I wanted to thank you all for your recent donations for the Lodge shirts  
jackets and hats. We will begin to start taking orders for new Lodge paraphernalia. Please stay  
tuned.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Paul Lockhart, Worshipful Master  
Mt. Carmel Lodge #133

## Lodge Officers:

WM – Paul Lockhart \* SW – Bro. Don Schupp \* 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 \*  
Lodge Improvement Committee – Bro. Ray Muirhead \* Archive Committee – Bro.  
Maury George \* Scholarship Committee – W. Tony LaCava

## Catechism Teachers:

W. Dan Koch \* W. Jim Ramser \* Bro. Mike Troup \* W. Festus James \* Bro. Ray  
Muirhead \* W. Paul Berry \* RW Dave Blank \* RW Barry Constant

## Masonic Birthdays:

Bro. Robert Glittone 7/28/2007 \* Bro. James McKee 7/15/1980 \* Bro. Jeffery Middlebrooks  
7/27/2007 \* Bro. Raymond Muirhead 7/10/2007 \* Bro. Frederick Nutt 7/17/2007 \* Bro. Isagani  
Ravelo 7/23/2001 \* Bro. John Saunders 7/15/1980 \* Bro. Kenneth Shelton 7/20/1964 \*  
Bro. Clayton Smith 7/15/1998 \*



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## Candidate Status:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Affiliation/Petition</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Mentor</b>
Kyle Donovan	Petition	FC June 8th	W. Mark Donovan
Jordan Muirhead	Petition	MM Degree 5/17	W. Jim Ramser
Laurence Rodea	Petition	FC June 15th	Bro. Mike Troup
Daniel Hamel	Petition	Short Form	W. Dan Koch
Charles Trude	Petition	FC April 20 <sup>th</sup>	W. Paul Barry
Marc Overman	Petition	FC June 8th	W. Jim Ramser
Brian Frolich	Petition	Short Form	W. Tony LaCava (Short)
Tim Sennott	Petition	EA 3/16	Bro. Mike Troup
Sean Walz	Petition	EA 3/30	RW Dave Blank
Chris Poe	Petition	Initiation 4/9	RW Barry Constant
Chris Rapp	Petition	Initiation 4/9	RW Barry Constant
Mark Wissenett	Petition	Initiation 4/9	Bro. Buffalo