



TRESTLEBOARD

MT. CARMEL LODGE No.133 A.F. & A. M.



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Warrenton, Virginia

JUNE 2008

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Fraternat greetings Mt. Carmel! It's June and Summer is finally here. We're having a great year so far too. The enthusiasm continues, and I appreciate it.

We had another record turnout for the May Stated and the program was outstanding. Most Excellent Paul Stephen Newhall, GHP (please keep him in your prayers) couldn't be with us due to health issues he's been working through, but Rt. Ex. Donald Leo McAndrews was there to fill in. Bro. McAndrews talked about the various York Rite Degrees in the Royal Arch Chapters and left the brethren with some questions to mull over. He also left several brochures and petitions with us, should anyone be interested in finding the answers to those questions.

The food before the meetings has been fantastic, and Bro. Ray Muirhead was awarded the Master's Trowel Award, for the month of May, in recognition of his efforts.

We had ten members show for the district Class this last month as well.

We recently took in several petitions and we'll soon know if degree work will be on the horizon. Several of the men have expressed an interest in going through the one-day conferral on 16 August. (By the way, the one-day conferral will take place at the Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple and is scheduled to start at 8:00 A.M.) I'll let you know how many candidates we'll have, after the June Stated Communication. Rumor has it more petitions are forthcoming.

Keep up the good work my Brethren! We're doing great!

The Stated Meeting this month will take place on the fourth Tuesday, as usual. This happens to be the feast of St. John's Day (24 June). The program will be on that very topic and presented by our Lodge Education Officer, Bro. Mike Kimmel. The Brethren are also reminded to attend their usual

church services on Sunday, 22 June in observance of the feast day.

We will host a Table Lodge on Thursday, 26 June at 6:30 P.M. The Grand Master of Mason's in Virginia, Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, will be in attendance and will present a 60 year Masonic Veteran's award to Bro. Thomas Owen Nutt, Jr. Tickets are still available and can be purchased from the Junior Warden for \$20 each.

It was my intention to host a lodge picnic in lieu of the June Lodge Breakfast, but I just found out that a form must be filed with the county to secure our reservation of the pavilion. Rather than risk it, we'll have to file the appropriate paperwork first. I'll check into the issue more and perhaps we can plan a picnic for July or August, depending on availability of the pavilion, and the will of the lodge. So, plan to come to the Temple of Mt. Carmel for breakfast as usual on the last Saturday of June, (28 June) at 9:00 A.M.

That's all for now, My Brethren.

P.O.T.S.,

Anthony J. LaCava

Worshipful Master



COMMUNICATIONS:

STATED:

4TH TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

SUPPER AT 6:30 P.M.

-EXCEPT DECEMBER-

LODGE BREAKFAST:
LAST SATURDAY AT 9:00 A.M.



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SICK & DISTRESSED

Please keep these Brethren in your thoughts and prayers:

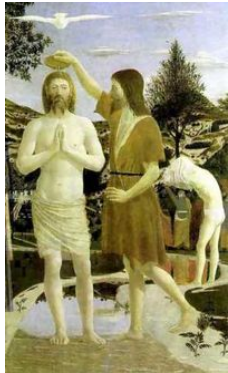


Kenneth Eugene Kerrick

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Paul Stephen Newhall

The Feast of John The Baptist



The Baptism of Christ, by Piero della Francesca, 1449

Saint John the Baptist (died c. 30)^[1] was a Jewish preacher and ascetic. He drew large crowds on the banks of the River Jordan, demanding from them repentance and baptism in view of the imminent coming of the Kingdom of God.^[2] Jesus was one of those whom he baptized. He was killed by Herod Antipas, whom he had denounced for his marriage.^[2]

The historian Josephus writes that Herod had John killed for fear that John might raise a rebellion.^[3] Jesus' own ministry followed John's, and some of Jesus' early followers had been followers of John.^[4] John, like Jesus, preached at a time of political, social, and religious conflict (see Cultural and historical background of Jesus), and he prophesied that fire was coming to destroy the wicked.

Christians commonly refer to John as the Precursor or Forerunner of Jesus Christ,^[5] since in the gospels, John announces Jesus' coming. He is also identified with Elijah,^[4] and as related to Jesus (Luke 1:36). In view of Luke 1:41, Early Church tradition describes John as endowed with prenatal grace, so the feast day of his birth (24 June) is

celebrated more solemnly than that marking his death (29 August).^[2]

Muslims, following the Quran, also regard John as a prophet.

Mandaeans, a tiny Gnostic religion, consider John a divine prophet but reject Jesus as a false prophet.

Furthermore, Baha'i, also regard John as a prophet.

John followed the example of previous Hebrew prophets, living austere, challenging sinful rulers, calling for repentance, and promising God's justice. The early Christian church used baptism, combined with imposition of hands, as a rite conferring membership in the church. Baptism is a nearly universal practice among Christians today.

Herod's stepdaughter, to whom the name Salome was later attributed, is said in Matthew 14:8 and Mark 6:25 to have asked him for John's head on a platter, and the presentation of his severed head often appears in art. Another theme of Christian art is his beheading,^[1] which is mentioned not only in these two gospels, but also in Luke 9:9. He is also depicted as an ascetic wearing camel hair and with a staff and scroll inscribed "Ecce Agnus Dei" (Latin, "Behold the Lamb of God" - John 1:29) or bearing a book or dish with a lamb on it.^[2] In Orthodox icons, he often has angel's

wings, since Mark 1:2 applies to him a prophecy about an ἄγγελος (angelos), a word that can mean a messenger, but also an angel.^[2]

All four Gospels record John the Baptist's ministry. They depict him as proclaiming Christ's arrival. In the Synoptics (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), Jesus is baptized. In Matthew and John, the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the one he had foretold.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

- ¹ ^a ^b Wetterau, Bruce. World history. New York: Henry Holt and company. 1994.
- ² ^a ^b ^c ^d ^e ^f Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church (Oxford University Press 2005 ISBN 978-0-19-280290-3) article *John the Baptist, St*
- ³ ^a ^b [Flavius Josephus, Jewish Antiquities 18. 5. 2.](#) (Translation by William Whiston).
- ⁴ ^a ^b [Harris, Stephen L.](#), Understanding the Bible. Palo Alto: Mayfield. 1985. [John 1:36-40](#)
- ⁵ [Meier, John](#) (1994), *Mentor, Message, and Miracles (A Marginal Jew: Rethinking the Historical Jesus, Volume 2), vol. 2, Anchor Bible, ISBN 0385469926*



The excavated remains of the baptism site in Bethany beyond the Jordan, in modern-day Jordan.

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Masonic Birthdays

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| A. J. Bauman | 06/25/1998 |
| K. M. Costello | 06/18/1980 |
| G. G. Crittenden | 06/24/1952 |
| F. L. Gosain | 06/04/1968 |
| S. C. Green | 06/27/2006 |
| J. M. Harris | 06/15/1996 |
| J. A. Higgs | 06/15/1996 |
| F. B. James | 06/12/1979 |
| P. W. Lockhart | 06/14/1999 |
| D. R. Schneider | 06/25/1998 |
| H. A. Scott | 06/22/1951 |
| W. D. Segrest | 06/15/1996 |
| J. R. Thompson | 06/27/1984 |

Congratulations Brethren!



Blood Drive

Please remember to give blood
and report your contributions to
our Lodge Blood Coordinator.



Please send

your e-mail address to:

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So we can notify you of
important Lodge events.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 #133 Frat Visit to #264 A.F. & A.M. Prince Hall Program | 3 7:30 P.M. Warren #5 R.A.M. | 4 Kena COU F#25 R.A.M. | 5 M #81 R.A.M. #16 A.F. & A.M. | 6 #182 A.F.&A.M. | 7 #16 Breakfast |
| 8 2:00 - 6:00 P.M. #182 Spaghetti Dinner Fund- raiser @ Kena (for Mathew Costis Fund) | 9 L#55 R.A.M. #313 A.F. & A.M. Kena Shriners | 10 #57 A.F. & A.M. | 11 Kena Klowns | 12 #271 A.F. & A.M. | 13 Scottish Rite Alexandria | 14 Flag Day |
| 15 Father's Day | 16 #264 A.F. & A.M. | 17 7:30 P.M. #133 Lodge Practice | 18 District Class @ #16 | 19 Piedmont #26 KT | 20 | 21 6:00 P.M. Strawberry Night @ #182, GM in attendance (Open) |
| 22 Kena Yacht Club Break- fast | 23 | 24 7:30 P.M. #133 Stated (Feast Day of St. John the Baptist) | 25 | 26 6:30 Table Lodge @ #133, GM in atten- dance | 27 | 28 9:00 A.M. #133 Breakfast |
| 29 Shriners Imperial Session in St. Louis, MO | 30 | 1 JULY 7:30 P.M. Warren #5 R.A.M. | 2 F#25 R.A.M. | 3 M #81 R.A.M. #16 A.F. & A.M. | 4 Independence Day 8:00 A.M. Shriners Parade in Fairfax | 5 #16 Breakfast |



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