



Mt. Carmel Lodge #133 Trestleboard

Chartered 1823

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March 2010

April

Upcoming Events:

Apr 13th – MM
Degree for Bro.
Koval

Apr. 21st – District
Class

Apr 20th – FC
Degree for Bro.
Rodea

Apr 24th Lodge
Breakfast

Apr 27th – Stated
Communication
DBC OV



Brethren,

It is with great humility that I come before you. I have asked for your help and you have answered the call. And, boy did you! At our February Stated Communication we raised nearly \$3,000 for the replacement of our Lodge carpet. And, the response to have a chair dedicated to a Brother has been great!

March appears that it will be busier than February if you can believe that. The major events that Mt. Carmel will be involved with are attending the District Leadership Conference at the Scottish Rite Temple, attending the Official Visit of the Grand Master at the Kena Shrine and Hosting the CA Sinclair School. And, while doing all of that we will be initiating two candidates. Most importantly, for our Lodge Secretary, the Lodge breakfast has been changed to March 13th.

Worshipful Dan, we will keep looking out for you!

We will be having a Called Communication on March 9th to discuss bylaw changes and changes to the Lodge as presented by the Lodge Improvement Committee.

The changes to our Bylaws will be as follows and will be voted on at our April Stated Communication:

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, “Every member of this Lodge except the Secretary, Treasurer, and Tiler shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of ninety dollars, plus a yearly cost of living increase not to exceed three percent commencing 2012, 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:

One hundred Dollars for the Degree of Entered Apprentice;

Fifty Dollars for the Degree of Fellowcraft; and

Fifty Dollars for the Degree of Master Mason.



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Of which one hundred Dollars shall accompany the petition.

The Lodge Building:

The Lodge Improvement Committee will be discussing their findings about the Lodge chairs and carpet at our Called Communication on Tuesday March 9th. We hope to have all the information that you will need to make a decision at our April Stated Communication where we will vote on what you would like to do about the carpet and the Lodge chairs.

The three trees that were in the front of the Lodge have been removed. There will be a 4 foot X 30 foot mulch bed installed in the front of the Lodge. Also, there will be edging and mulch added around the memorial in the front of the Lodge.

It was brought to my attention that the hot water heater has been rejected by the Warrenton Fire Marshall. We will need to find out what is the problem and find a resolution to fix the problem.

Other Activities:

Tuesday **March 9th** we will be having a Called Communication to discuss bylaw changes and the findings of the Lodge Improvement Committee.

March 10th, 17th & 24th We will be practicing for the second half of the Master Mason Degree for the CA Sinclair School.

March 13th We will be moving our Lodge Breakfast to this Saturday because of the CA Sinclair School being held on the last Saturday of March.

March 15th & 29th EA practice will start at 7:30.

March 16th EA degree for Mr. Sennott and EA Catechism examination for Bro. Overman.

March 20th 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's theme will be on Charity. The Communication will be an open one for presenting the Community Builder Award. The Community Builder Award will be awarded to Mrs. Heather Newell and Mr. Gary Newell. They are the President and CEO respectively of Buccaneer Computers Systems and Service, Inc. I have asked Gary to speak to our Lodge about charity. I think that you will find his speech entertaining and enlightening. RW Bob McBride will be having a presentation to show us how to get more involved with the community. In addition, 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 - Seems to be a quite month. But, I'm sure that will change. We will be breaking out the tablecloths and the fine china for our ladies of the Lodge at our Saturday Morning breakfast!

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



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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.

Yours in friendship,

Paul Lockhart , WM
Mt. Carmel #133

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 * RW Dave Blank

Masonic Birthdays:

W. Paul Berry – 3/13/2001 * Bro. Todd Cunningham – 3/20/2000 * Bro. Rex Hoskins –
3/8/1948 * Bro. Paul McBride – 3/18/2002 * RW Hunter Payne – 3/13/1953 * Bro. Charles
Rowell – 3/9/1954 * Bro. Michael Troup – 3/20/2007



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Candidate Status:

| Candidate | Affiliation/Petition | Status | Mentor |
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| Kyle Donovan | Petition | EA July 11 th – Extension Granted | W. Mark Donovan |
| Jordan Muirhead | Petition | FC Degree Feb 16 th | W. Jim Ramser |
| Laurence Rodea | Petition | FC in April | 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 | MM Degree in April | Bro. Ray Muirhead |
| Marc Overman | Petition | Recite Catechism 3/16 | W. Jim Ramser |
| Brian Frolich | Petition | Elected to RX Degrees | TBD |
| Tim Sennott | Petition | Initiation 3/16 | TBD |
| Sean Walz | Petition | Initiation 3/30 | TBD |