



## TRESTLEBOARD

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



1st Chartered: December 11, 1823  
Current Charter: December 15, 1852

Warrenton, Virginia

SEPTEMBER 2008

## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST



Fraternal greetings Mt. Carmel!

From what I gather, we made 625 new Master Masons across the Commonwealth of Virginia during the Grand Master's One Day Conferral on 16 August! The Class was held simultaneously at the various Scottish Rite Temples, and at the Temple of Alexandria, where we took our candidates, 153 new Masons were raised. Five of those are now members of Mt. Carmel! They are: Jim Geffert, Bill Janz, Brandon Lane, Mathew McReynolds, and Chris Wilson. Ten other members of this Lodge turned out to support the Historic event. The other Lodges in the Fourth District were there with their candidates too. I must say, it was really something to see. All these men, standing together, seeking light, and taking their obligations together. These new Masons have until 20 October to complete their catechism. All of our new members have

been assigned mentors and are making progress. We've also taken on mentoring two additional members of the class, Skip and Jason Brown (father and son) who joined a distant Lodge (the name escapes me at the moment) but live here in the Warrenton Area. We hope that as a result of their fellowship with us, they will decide to regularly attend our meetings and feel like a part of our Masonic Family.

Speaking of new members, we initiated two other men into the Mysteries of Freemasonry at a called communication on 19 August. Our Junior Warden, Paul Lockhart, conferred the degrees and did a splendid job.

While I'm speaking of Wardens, I'm happy to report that our Senior Warden, Jim Ramser, received his Warden Certificate at our Stated Communication on 26 August. Please congratulate him when you see him next.

District Class and Lodge Breakfast were well attended. And we had a great time at our Stated. It was Shiner Night, and a group of Nobles from Kena Shrine gave an outstanding presentation on the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The presentation was given immediately following the

meal, so as to allow our visitors the opportunity to hear what was being said. From the looks on everyone's faces, I'd say it was well received. Nobles from the various Units and Clubs of Kena were well represented. Several members of the Klown Unit, me included, dressed out for the occasion. It was a lot of fun.

I'm also happy to report that a group of us took our families and visited with the Prince Hall Brethren of Midland Lodge No. 238, at their annual picnic. It was nice to get to know the Brethren of Midland in a relaxed family atmosphere. The food and fellowship were outstanding. The purpose of the visit was to get to know the Prince Hall Brethren, and to establish communication with the Brethren of Viewtree Lodge (Prince Hall) here in Warrenton. Based on feedback I received from the Brethren that accompanied me, I think the visit went well. I look forward to a Fraternal Visit in the near Future, once we can work out details through the proper channels.

So, that brings us to September. The Grand Master will make his Official Visit to the Fourth Masonic District on Tuesday, 9 September. Henry Lodge No. 57 is hosting the



### 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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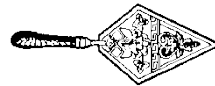
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event, but it will be held at Kena Shrine Temple. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and I have Tickets for sale should you need one. (\$20) This is a Tiled meeting and open only to Master Masons of the Fourth Masonic District. Our Stated will be on Tuesday, the 23rd. The theme is Bring-A-Friend Night. Our Lodge Membership Coordinator, Wor. Paul Barry, will give a short presentation on our Gentle Craft. If you know of someone that you would recommend for membership, and he's got questions about our Fraternity, this would be an excellent opportunity for you to bring him to our meeting so he can hear the presentation and ask questions. Once we go upstairs for the business meeting, the visitors can stay downstairs and enjoy refreshments with Wor. Barry.

There will be no District Ritual Class on the Third Wednesday, as is our usual custom, because the last weekend in September is when the RW Ed Ray Ritual School will take place. We will meet at Herndon Lodge No. 264 this year. The school starts Friday Evening at 7:30 pm. (Announcements at 7:15) On Saturday morning, breakfast will be served before the School begins. Please plan to attend if you are able.

P.O.T.S.,

Anthony J. LaCava, Worshipful Master



## George Washington National Masonic Memorial



The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is a Masonic Lodge and memorial dedicated to the memory of George Washington, the first president of the United States of America and a Mason.

George Washington belonged to Alexandria Lodge 22, and was named the lodge's Charter Master in 1788. Records of Washington presiding over the lodge are non-existent, possibly due to a fire at the lodge's original location in Alexandria's City Hall, which is where the lodge met until moving to the memorial in the early 1940s. Ground was broken in 1922, for construction of the

memorial. The Cornerstone laid in 1923; and the memorial was completed in 1932. It is located in Alexandria, Virginia atop Shuter's Hill (named after a union fort on the same location) and affords views of Alexandria and Washington, D.C. to the north. The tower is fashioned after the Lighthouse of Alexandria (Egypt), in part because of the town's namesake, and the Masonic interest in great buildings of the ancient world. It is located where King Street leaves the Old Town district, makes a bend and starts up a long hill. The Memorial's proximity to both the King Street station of the Metro and to Amtrak's Alexandria passenger station, in recent decades has turned the property into a most strategic and valuable location.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is the only Masonic building supported and maintained by the 52 Grand Lodges of the United States. This is counter to common Masonic practice, where a building is only supported by the Grand Lodge of the state in which it resides. The building also houses the collection of the Alexandria Lodge, which contains most of the fraternal artifacts of George Washington, including: Watson and Catsoul Apron, Sash, Past Master portrait, Working Tools and Trowel used to lay the cornerstone at the United States Capitol.

The masons are master craftsmen, and the building was built entirely with on-hand funds

and donations- no loans were made for the construction. The design commission was awarded to the New York architectural firm of Helmle and Corbett. Designed in the classical style, the entrance is Doric, while the interior of the main hall (Memorial Hall) is Composite. The tower sections are Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian. The tower is capped with an Egyptian pyramid, and capped with a flame-like finial, as a homage to the lighthouse of Alexandria. All the murals inside were done by a single artist, Allyn Cox.

There are ten floors from basement to the top; select rooms are used for the public guided tour. The fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth are all furnished by Masonic appendant bodies, in particular the York Rite, Shrine, Grotto, and Tall ceilings of Lebanon

The First Floor contains three large, distinct areas: the Shrine Rooms, Assembly Hall, and Dining Rooms. The Shrine Rooms are dedicated to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Shriners, who have established orthopedic hospitals and burn centers for children. The Assembly Hall is in the center space of the first floor, with eight New Hampshire green granite columns eighteen feet tall. Around the room are dioramas depicting scenes from the life of George Washington. The Assembly Hall (South Lodge Room) is used by the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and other visiting Masonic lodges. The North Lodge room is used by the Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 and other appendant Masonic organizations.

*Wikipedia*

The Memorial is Open to the Public, Daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Except Major Holidays  
Guided Tower Tours Daily at 10:00 a.m.,  
11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
Disability Accessible - Free Parking

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## Masonic Birthdays

B.E. Constant	09/26/1995
C.A. Cooper	09/04/1967
G.N. Funkhouser	09/16/1949
E.C. Longo	09/29/1982
J.D. McDowall	09/12/1995
T.S. McHale	09/13/2005
J.N. Pearl	09/26/1998
E.N. Pool	09/16/1970
J.R. Ramser	09/28/1999

## Congratulations Brethren!



## Blood Drive

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



Please send

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So we can notify you of important Lodge events.

# SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day #264 A.F. & A.M.	2 7:30 P.M. Warren #5 R.A.M.	3 F#25 R.A.M.	4 [—Mid Atlantic— M #81 R.A.M. #16 A.F. & A.M.	5 -Shrine Association-	6 —Convention—]
7	8 L#55 R.A.M. #313 A.F. & A.M. 6:00 P.M. Open Meeting at Kena Shrine Temple	9 7:30 P.M. #57 Hosts GM OV at Kena	10 COU Kena Klowns	11 Patriot Day #271 A.F. & A.M.	12 Alexandria Scottish Rite	13
14	15 #264 A.F. & A.M.	16	17 NO District Class ( see 26 & 27 Sept)	18	19	20
21 Kena Yacht Club Break- fast	22 Fall Equinox	23 7:30 P.M. #133 Stated (Bring a Friend Night)	24	25 Piedmont #26 KT	26 7:00 P.M. RW Ed Ray School @ Herndon 264	27 1-4:00 PM Kena Klown Krab Feast 9:00 A.M. RW Ed Ray School @ Herndon 264
28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3 7:00 P.M. Open House @ Kena Shrine Temple	4 6:30 P.M. Kena Charity Ball & Fall Ceremonial



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