



100th Anniversary Boy Scout Jamboree Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 hosts an EA Lodge

On August 2, 2010, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 (Fredericksburg) opened an Entered Apprentice (EA) Lodge at the 100th Anniversary Boy Scout Jamboree held at Ft. A. P. Hill. Worshipful Sanford S. Mackey, Master of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, received Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, in the East before a packed school house of almost 280 Masonic Scouters from 47 different U.S. Grand Jurisdictions, 3 foreign Jurisdictions, and many Virginia Masons, along with a strong contingent of Brethren from Henry Lodge No. 57 (Fairfax) led by their Master, Worshipful Christopher R. Chrzanowski.

The National Colors were presented by the National Sojourner's Chapter 545, Heroes of '76, led by Worshipful William G. L. Turner, Past Commander of the Heroes of '76. Also in attendance, were Right Worshipful Harry E. Sanders, National President of National Sojourners, Inc., who presented Brother Wayne Sirmon, President of the National Association of Masonic Scouters (NAMS) with a 15-starred American Flag flown at Ft. McHenry.

As part of the event, Most Worshipful Brother Rorer praised the Boy Scouts of America and after his presentation, he was presented with the Daniel Carter Beard Award, a distinguished award given to those who have done great service for both Freemasonry and Scouting. Our Grand Master has served the Boy Scouts for over 40 years and was very deserving of this honor in which he took great pride.

Back in 2005, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, as George Washington's Mother Lodge, was asked to come to the Jamboree and open a tiled Lodge, so the Scouters who were also Freemasons, could have fellowship together and the Master at the time, now Right Worshipful Steve W. Sanford, obliged this request and Fredericksburg Lodge worked hard to make this happen.

The EA Lodge in 2005 was such a success, the Masonic Scouters organized and established the National Association of Masonic Scouters (NAMS) in May 2007 and more information can be found at <http://www.nams-bsa.org/>. NAMS has since grown to be a successful organization within the Boy

Scouts of America and an agreement was made that Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 would return to again host another EA Lodge during the 100th Anniversary of Scouting at this year's Jamboree. During the 2010 Jamboree, NAMS received over 500 petitions from Scouters wishing to join NAMS!



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Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr. with some of the Scouters who were present for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

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In coordination with NAMS, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, and the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia, Right Worshipful Brother Sanford was again asked to help coordinate this event. Another successful event was held and as good as the fellowship was, this will be the last time the Boy Scout Jamboree will be held on Virginia soil due to the next Jamboree being relocated to West Virginia for future Scouting events.



We will always have the memory of the fellowship with all of our scouting Brethren, and we wish NAMS all the success in their future endeavors. Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 was honored to serve both the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Boy Scouts of America, and they want to thank the Virginia Masons who helped them to be good stewards to all our scouting Brethren.

Photos of the Entered Apprentice Lodge and 100th Anniversary BSA Jamboree can be found at <http://picasaweb.google.com/WilliamBaumbach/BoyScouts100Years080210#>. More information about the *Daniel Carter Beard Award* can be found at: http://www.freemason.com/forms/Beard_Forms.pdf.



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10,000 AND COUNTING

Since 1996, the Masons of Masonic District 38 have been providing child identification booklets to the parents of children in the Danville/Pittsylvania County area. In addition to space for personal information and a current picture of the child, the booklet includes a full set of fingerprints of the child.

During this year's Festival in the Park held at Ballou Park in Danville, Carissa Sandridge of Dry Fork became the 10,000th child to be fingerprinted by the Masons in this area. By the close of the Festival on Sunday evening, the total had reached 10,447.

The Masons will again be providing the service during National Night Out in Chatham on Tuesday, August 3rd. Right Worshipful E. Troy Lewis has headed the program since it began in this area. Masonic District 38 is composed of Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24 (Chatham), Polk Lodge No. 61 (Riceville), Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122 (Danville), Morotock Lodge No. 210 (Danville), Anderson Lodge No. 258 (Gretna), Carter Lodge No. 323 (Chestnut Level), and Kent Lodge No. 305 (Blairs).

