



## **The “*Proud to be a Mason*” Tour Part II**

*Come and join Cal Keyler, Grand Master of Vermont and his Officers on a Masonic education and fun trip to Gettysburg and Lancaster County, PA and Washington, DC.*

**Wednesday, October 29 thru Sunday, November 2, 2008**

All who attended last year's great trip to Washington, DC said “We didn't have enough time, we wish we could come back to our Nation's Capital and relive this great Masonic and Patriotic Experience.”

In answer to that call another “Proud to be a Mason” tour has been planned, but with many new and exciting destinations and events. Take a look at this new trip agenda and make your plans today to be part of another Vermont “Proud to be a Mason” adventure.

### **Wednesday, October 29**

Leave Milton for Lancaster County early.

#### **Pick-ups:**

- Milton - Ron's house, 5:30 a.m.
- Burlington Sheraton, 6:00 a.m. Please park way down in back of the hotel.
- The Middlebury Inn 7:00 a.m.,
- Rutland Holiday Inn, at 8:00 a.m. Please park in front of hotel up at the beginning of parking lot.
- Fairhaven, 8:45 where we will break for pick-ups and coffee at Maple Fields.

For those coming from the South, parking will be available at the Inn in Rutland.

The bus will stop for lunch at the Turning Stone and then progress to Lancaster County.

The first evening we will enjoy dinner and a fabulous show at The Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. We will see the production, “Wonderful Town”.

Our outstanding accommodations for the evening will be at the Willow Valley Resort in Lancaster.

## **Thursday, October 30**

We will begin our day with a complete Amish breakfast.

Following breakfast we will meet our guide for a tour of the Amish Country with a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village for some area shopping.

We will then travel to Gettysburg for lunch at the historic Dobbin House Tavern and then on to Gettysburg National Military Park for a two-hour tour of the Battlefield starting at 1:15 p.m. We will see the new and inspiring "Friend to Friend" monument donated by the Pennsylvania Masons. It stands just on the edge of the grounds where Vermont Volunteers fought and died. We expect to meet there with a contingent of Grand Lodge Officers from Pennsylvania and to conduct a short service at the monument.

Late afternoon we will head on to Washington DC and our hotel, The Best Western-Mt Vernon Inn in Arlington. That evening we will enjoy dinner at the Mt. Vernon Estate of George Washington.

## **Friday, October 31**

After a continental breakfast at the hotel we will drive to the center of Washington for a special guided tour inside the Capitol Building of the United States. Social Security Numbers will be required.

The Capitol has many new historic paintings on display featuring many great Masonic Brothers who founded our country. Lunch will be at the historic Union Station in the center restaurant, with some time for shopping.

Following lunch we will visit and tour the famous "House of the Temple", headquarters of the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite and one of the largest libraries and museums of Masonic Memorabilia in North America. Dinner will be at the Thunder Bird Restaurant following dinner that evening we will relax and enjoy the music of a military band concert on the lawn of the White House.

## **Saturday, November 1**

Following a continental breakfast at the hotel we will return to The George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria. This as you may recall was the site of Vermont's Historic Meeting in 2007. The time allotted at the Memorial this time will be four hours as last year many did not really have a chance to tour the entire building.

Ladies who do not wish to tour will have the option of going to the nearby Crystal City Mall. Lunch that day may be on our own or available at the Memorial.

After a break to freshen up at the hotel the bus will take us to tour the new Air Force Memorial, the United States Holocaust Museum and the World War II Memorial.

Dinner will be at the Sequoia Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. in Georgetown.

That evening we will enjoy an illuminated tour of the city including the Capitol and other monuments.

Presently we are attempting to get a special representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington to do a step on tour that evening to explain the Masonic significance of many of the buildings and monuments that we will see.

## **Sunday, November 2**

After enjoying a continental breakfast at the hotel we will begin our trip back to Vermont.

Our route will be over a less congested area than last year and we will have lunch in New Jersey. This will be a great time to reflect on all that we have seen and enjoyed and how "Proud we are to be Masons" in a country like ours.

Once again fifty seats will be available on a first come basis so please make your plans as soon as possible. Get a group from your lodge and be with us for another great Vermont Masonic event.

## **Trip Includes**

Four nights lodging, twelve meals; four breakfasts, four luncheons, and four dinners (including the dinner theater), bus transportation and all attractions listed including tax and gratuities.

Cost for the entire four days "Proud to be a Mason" Tour package is: \$700.00 per person, Payment is due September 28, 2008 and should be sent to Ron Boudreau 41 Rugg Avenue, Milton, Vermont 05468

Sign up now and get more information by calling or e-mailing Ron Boudreau  
At: Phone: 1-802-893-7360 cell 1-802-373-8590 E-mail [sharonb@together.net](mailto:sharonb@together.net)

Accommodations at:

1 Night Lodging Willow Valley Resort In Lancaster Phone (1-717-464-2711)  
3 Nights Lodging Best Western Mt. Vernon Phone (1-703-360-1300)

Ron's Cell 1-802-373-8590 available anytime.

## **Registration Form**

Is available on the web site <http://www.vtfreemasons.org> and can be downloaded, printed and mailed to Ron.

### **Dress code:**

Gentlemen:

- For the trip: If you have a 'Proud to be a Mason' shirt, please wear it with tan /black pants
- Dinner Attire: Jacket and Tie

Ladies:

- For the trip: Mason Shirt with tan/black slacks or skirt. If don't have these items something along the same line will be fine, but no jeans please.
- Dinner Attire: Cocktail type outfit.