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Lodge Family Picnic

September 20th – 1 to 4PM

Lodge Breakfast & Open House

September 26th – 8 to 10AM

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From The East



For this Ashlar article, I am going to begin with the end in mind. There are two key lodge events for the month of September that I would like to promote. First, on Sunday, September 20th we have the annual Lodge Family Picnic. Brother Bill Peterson has been working hard to prepare for this event and has made several announcements soliciting volunteers. On Tuesday, September 29th we will be holding our second Past Masters' Night of the year. I guarantee that you will smile, laugh, and hear ritual like you've never heard before.

I would like to call your attention to a situation which presented itself during our August Stated Communication. A daughter of one of our older members wrote to tell us that her father has Alzheimer's Disease and would no longer be maintaining his affiliation with our lodge. A spirited discussion, all with good intentions, arose as to the best way to assist this gentleman. Many brethren remarked afterwards how moved they were by the thoughtfulness and compassion demonstrated by the lodge members that evening. In the end, it appears that we will be creating some type of "Almoner's Fund" to help out deserving brethren in these types of situations. I believe the tone of that night is poignantly captured in the following poem by John G. Saxe:

THE HEAD AND HEART

The Head is stately, calm and wise,
And bears a princely part,
While down below in secret lies
The warm, impulsive heart.
The lordly Head that sits above,
The Heart that beats below,
Their several office plainly prove,
Their true relations show.
The Head erect, serene and cool,
Endowed with reason's art,
Was set aloft to guide and rule
The throbbing, wayward Heart.
And from the Head as from the higher,
Comes all-directing thought,
And in the Heart's transforming fire,

All noble deeds are wrought.
Yet each is best, when both unite
To make the man complete;
What were the Heat without the Light?
The Light without the Heat?

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

From The West



By the time you read this, the fall will be upon us, the kiddies back to school, and not considering Global Warming, the hot sticky days of summer will have passed. Maybe...if your old enough you'll remember a time called "Indian Summer."

Well Brethren, the Lodge needs your help in two areas. First of all we are in desperate need of Stewards for the 2010 Masonic year. At one time these two positions had a list of Brothers waiting to get in line, and ironically in 2009, we didn't have any Stewards at all. At the suggestion of Worshipful Ron, at each meeting we have been passing around a sign-up sheet for helpers who can prep, cook, or cleanup for our Stated meetings and special events. If you can lend a hand please do so. And if you are willing to serve the Lodge as a Steward next year please contact me at your convenience.

Our second need is for coaches. If you can spare the time your assistance is requested thanks to our Lodge being as busy in the quarries as it is. Just to give you an idea of the urgency of this matter, Brother Hank Foiles is currently working with 9...that's right...9 Brethren learning their way through the degrees. And may I say doing a great job at it as well, but we all know that this is how folks get burned out.

Search your schedules and commitments and see if there is any way you can ease the work load of the Lodge in these two areas. We all would like to Kempsville to continue to grow, as it has been, and God knows we all like to eat good. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon.
Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden

From The South

What a great year Kempsville Lodge is having. We have been working in degrees every Tuesday night since January, and our best work is yet to come. Please come out and see what your lodge officers are up to. Our sister lodges in the district are also working hard as new candidates petition their lodges. I spoke with the Worshipful Master of Oriental Lodge No. 20 who reports his lodge has 3 new petitioners (candidates) after having none for 2 years. What a very good problem to have.

At our last stated meeting an old friend attended and shared memories of his time with us before moving to the Lynchburg area. He was surely welcomed by all, especially Worshipful Haste who was not the "Most Senior" Past Master present. Our special guest was Right Worshipful William Harry Holland. He said that he read the Ashlar article on Joseph Smith and "just had to come up for a visit." He also brought 3 brethren with him. Thank you so much for sharing your stories with us.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with my family in Ohio. My great uncle (a 55 year Mason) gave me a certificate that belonged to his father. It is a wonderful piece and I plan to frame it and show it off. We stopped off at the McKinley Monument in Canton. McKinley was the 25th President of the United States and a Mason. My daughter pointed out that he was initiated, passed, and raised in 3 days. Michelle asked "isn't that a hard thing to be done that quickly?" The only disappointing thing was the lack of Masonic items there.

In October we will be having Junior Warden's Night and I am really looking forward to chairing our meeting. I would like to extend an invitation to all to attend and bring a brother with you. Our guest speaker is the District Masonic Home Ambassador--it should be quite informative.

Plans for the Grand Annual Communication are still being worked on and details will be forth coming. The main issue we are currently facing is securing a hotel reservation.

On a final note, I would encourage everyone to continue your Masonic education. Course IV of the correspondence course is now available from the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education simply contact Right Worshipful Paul Pennybacker. He has plenty of them. If you have not completed course I, II, or III he does have some copies left.

See you at lodge,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Junior Warden

Brother Secretary, Clear Your Desk!



My brethren, to date 16 brothers owe their 2008 dues, and 47 brothers owe their 2009 dues. This amounts to \$5,292. outstanding. If you are one of the members who still may owe your 2008 and/or 2009 Lodge dues, please consider sending them to me now. The Lodge depends on annual dues income to operate successfully.

In addition, as the fall of the year is now upon us, dues notices for 2010 will be received from Grand Lodge and mailed out accordingly. Please remember, the Masonic calendar year runs from January 1st through December 31st.

I also remind you to notify me of a mailing address change. This is most important for current Lodge and Grand Lodge records. A telephone call or e-mail to report any change of your information works easily.

If you know of a brother in need of special assistance regarding any difficulty, please contact the Worshipful Master or me, for, as you know: "One of the most important principles of Freemasonry is charity."

Fraternally, Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Trestleboard

August 29 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
 August 31 Fellowcraft Examination
 (following MWD Meeting)
 September 1 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
 September 8 Stated Communication
 9/11 Remembrance, Dinner 6PM
 September 15 Degree Work as Needed, 7PM
 September 20..... Family Picnic, 1-4PM
 September 22 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
 (District Worshipful Masters Degree Team)
 September 26 Lodge Breakfast
 and Open House, 8-10AM
 September 28 District Blood Drive
 Bayside Lodge, 3-7:30PM
 September 29 Past Masters Night
 Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

Youth Corner

The DeMolay continue to look for new members. Do you know of a young man between the ages 12-21? Introduce them to a member of Kempsville Chapter or contact any chapter advisor. Do they live in Norfolk? The DeMolay chapter in Norfolk

recently reactivated and held the first installation of officers in several years on August 8th. Not sure what DeMolay is all about? Drop by Kempsville Lodge on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7PM and find out.

The Jobies were busy in August with several young ladies competing at Supreme Session in music, dance and ritual. This was a nationwide competition with girls from Brazil, Australia, Philippines and all over the US. Bethel 42 performed exceptionally well with Kaitlynn Gray winning the music competition for woodwinds and Dana Grabowski placing second in dance. Please congratulate these talented young ladies when you see them. If you enjoy riding motorcycles and supporting a great cause, come out on October 3rd to and ride in a bike run with all proceeds going to the H.I.K.E. fund. There will be a live auction and raffle. Registration is from 9-11AM at South Side Harley Davidson. Please contact brother Russ Bradshaw at 474-9320 for specific details.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

Masonic Veterans for 2009

September	Harold R. Brenneman	60 years
October	Edward K. Andrews	25 years
	Robert H. Foxwell Jr.	50 years
November	Curtis Raeford Eure	50 years
	Franklin M. Gamage	50 years
	James G. Moore	50 years

Brethren, please consider making a donation to the Lodge Building Fund. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. (Submit donations to the Secretary.) Thank you!

Masonic Birthdays for September

Christopher K. Adkins '99	Larry Register Hale '03
Robert Bruce Baker '00	Douglas A. Hutchison '02
Christopher M. Bardin '07	John Roeland Lassiter '61
Patrick Francis Barnes '95	Shepherd W. McClenny '92
Benjamin H. Barnes, Jr. '64	Jesse Luther Monroe '89
James Michael Beighley '00	Archie Richard Nobles '64
David Borntlager '87	Edward Hardy Perry Jr. '75
Harold R. Brenneman '49	Thomas B. Service '77
Fred Allen Brewer '68	John Paul Tewart III '92
Richard Alfred Davis III '75	Richard W. Walker II '93
William Clyde Earl '80	Mark Robert Wegesin '05
Robert John Eisenberg '88	Christopher C. Widen '96
Charles M. Forbes '86	Blair Saywell Willcox '81
Claude Quay Fulcher '82	Glenn R. Wintemberg '76
James Giles Gordon '76	

From the Archives...

PAGE 6 SCOTTISH RITE MIRROR MAY 1997



Photograph by Worshipful Bill Nolan, Kempsville No. 196

A great night in Masonry took place March 11, 1997, in Kempsville Lodge No. 196. More than ninety Brethren gathered to honor Past Master MORAN KEITH MORRIS on his anniversary of Fifty Years in Masonry. Fellowship and Brotherly Love permeated the Lodge Hall before the meeting as old friends gathered to enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner prepared by the stewards. Then everyone entered the Lodge where the business of the monthly stated was conducted. Afterward a Committee of Most Worshipful Spencer Mc. Rogers, Past Grand Master, and Right Worshipful William Lee Holliday, Grand Junior Warden, presented Worshipful Morris in the East. Worshipful Thomas McGowan, a long-time friend and advisor, presented him with his Fifty Year Pin and Certificate in due and ancient form. He also presented him with his Gold Card renewal and greetings from his Sunday School Class, greetings from the Virginia Beach City Council, and a card signed by all the Brethren present. Worshipful Morris responded with suitable remarks and presented Right Worshipful Holliday with a check to be delivered to the Masonic Home of Virginia and one to Worshipful McGowan to be used for the Kempsville Lodge Annual Bull Roast, whose primary purpose is to raise money for the Masonic Home of Virginia. Worshipful Morris is also a Thirty-Second Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Shown in the photograph are the Brethren just named and, also, the Worshipful Master of Kempsville No. 196, Overy E. LeJeune.

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Chaplain	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris J. Jaeger	893-9253
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