



The Proud Father

Father/Son Night

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Dinner at 6 P.M., Lodge at 7 P.M.

*Featuring Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley
and a Special Presentation by the Kempsville
Chapter of the De Molay*

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From The East



Where were you first prepared to be made a Mason? In your heart! I am proud to have chosen this as my motto for Masonic Year 2009. Brethren, a LOT of heart has gone into making us "The Grand Lodge of Kempsville." January 13th was our first Stated Communication of 2009 and the Official Visit of the 56th District's DDGM and Kempsville's own, Right Worshipful Emmett Moseley "Buddy" Pate, Jr. We had over 100 brethren in attendance, and it was both a fun and successful evening. Right Worshipful Buddy discussed the Grand Master's program/goals and then spoke about the importance of mentorship. He acknowledged four critically important Kempsville Lodge Masons who have influenced his Masonic journey as well as so many of our brethren - most notably including Right Worshipful William Hollowell Pierce. Right Worshipful Pierce was honored, by vote of the lodge, as *Secretary Emeritus* of Kempsville for his 50 years of service as lodge secretary. At the January Stated, I was pleased to present to our Junior Past Master, Worshipful Adam Green, his Past Master's apron, badge, and certificate. Worshipful Adam, you had a great year and set us up very well for 2009.

To all of the lodge officers for this year's team, I want to give you a personal "shout out" and thank you. You have already put in much time, energy, and effort to help out your lodge. I'm hoping that all of the brethren recognize how hard you work for the lodge and duly acknowledge you for your contributions.

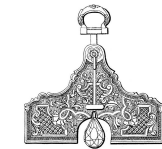
Briefly, the Grand Master's Official Visit was spectacular and I feel lucky to have been in attendance. Your Senior and Junior Wardens provide excellent details of the event later on in this Ashlar. Those who helped prepare the meal, set up, and clean up were an invaluable part of making this a successful evening.

In closing, I have three big events to promote. On February 3rd, Kempsville will be "dark," so that we can travel to Fentress Lodge for Right Worshipful Buddy's official visit there. On Feb. 10th, we have our Feb. Stated/Sweethearts' Night. Worshipful Adam M. Green will be our featured speaker.

Lastly, on March 10th, we will have our first Father-Son Masons' Night. This will be a very special evening, promoted as a district event, and will include the DeMolay "Father Talk" and featured speech by Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Wow..Wow..Wow.. Brethren, I don't know how else to express the pride I feel in being a Master Mason after attending our Grand Master's visit on Saturday evening to the Shrine Temple. Most Worshipful Hodges is not only an eloquent speaker but also a man with a sense of humor as attested by his ability to captivate the entire audience for the evening. Mrs Hodges gave a tearful tribute to the Masonic Widows in attendance and our DDGM, Right Worshipful Buddy Pate received special recognition, a beautiful personalized gavel, for his dedication to his duties on behalf of the Grand Master. Most Worshipful Hodges ended with a stirring poem, a tribute to the meaning of the White Leather Apron. All in all, the evening flew by. It was good to see so many Brethren from Kempsville in attendance.

I would certainly be remiss if I failed to mention the outstanding meal prepared by Worshipful Roger Cort, Brother Hank Foiles, and Brother Bud Marchman, and served by the Order of the Eastern Star. Every plate I saw being removed was almost licked clean. Great job team.

Brethren, our fraternity has a lot to offer...cafeteria style. We as Masons get to pick and choose what we want to participate in, nothing is mandatory. But if you didn't pick Saturday evening's event you missed a good one. Hope to see you in Lodge soon.

Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden.

From The South



Greetings again from the South. It was great seeing everyone that showed up for our first stated meeting for the year. Especially pleasing was receiving the DDGM, our own Buddy Pate. We received the Grand Master for his official visit to District 36 and 56 on January 17th which was well attended. I would like to thank everyone that assisted to make this a successful visit.

I recently attended my first Masonic funeral and was very pleased with the support shown to Lynnhaven Lodge as they were asked to perform the graveside service as a courtesy. I was pleased to attend and represent Kempsville Lodge. Our current goal is to have a district team for future funerals to help lighten the burden of each lodge from performing these services. Please consider your availability and if possible think about joining this effort.

Remember we will be working the next couple of weeks and more work will be forthcoming. Please also consider joining us on school nights, so that you may us join us in ritual on work nights.

Remember Father-Son night is coming up and is shaping up to be a well attended event.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Junior Warden

Shut Ins...

Let's keep these Brethren and their families in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure they'd appreciate a phone call or visit.

RW Richard A. Davis, Jr. 497-1227
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Trestleboard

February 2 Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Meeting, Kempsville Lodge, 7PM
 February 3 Dark DDGM Official Visit to Fentress Lodge Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
 February 10 Stated Communication Sweathearts' Night Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
 February 14 DeMolay "Honest Abe" Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8PM
 February 17 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
 February 24 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
 February 28 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

Brother Secretary, Clear Your Desk!



Brethren... Did you know? Well, you know our current Lodge dues are \$84, but did you know we don't receive the full benefit of this money? Our by-laws state that every member shall be charged \$56, plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments. Grand Lodge dues and assessments are now \$28 (or 1/3 of the dues), and must be paid for each member on the rolls. The math is simple; multiply our membership times 28; the answer is what we must send to Grand Lodge (we have well over 400 members; again, the math is simple). My point is this; we must soon send our Lodge's dues to Grand Lodge, which comes from our general operating fund. On what is left over, we operate on for the remainder of the calendar year. Other than a portion of degree fees collected, donations contributed to help offset meals, or other special offerings; the Lodge survives solely on the income from our annual dues. (By the way, please realize that if Grand Lodge assessments increase, your Lodge dues will increase accordingly.)

This being said, it is important to note; if you have not yet sent in your 2009 dues, the Lodge must still send \$28 for you to the Grand Lodge. We have no choice; it is due and payable for our membership. So, those who have paid their '09 dues are also covering the per-capita taxes for those who have not. Respectfully I must ask, is this fair? Furthermore, and most regrettably, for those who have not yet paid their "2008" (or earlier) dues, the Lodge has already paid the taxes for that year too. My brethren, "in a most friendly manner," your Lodge is in need of current dues to operate successfully.

Be reminded, accurate records are important for the administration of the Lodge. Please keep me informed of anticipated address and telephone number changes so I can keep the records up to date. (E-mail works for quick contact; you may send me an e-mail and I will respond to you promptly – send to: rstanek1@cox.net)

If you know of any brother in need of special assistance regarding any matter, 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

Youth Corner

The Job's Daughters will be holding their Grand Visitation on February 21st at 2PM. This semi annual event allows the ladies to show their floor

work as well as the opportunity to dress the Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian in costumes of their design. Please come out and support the girls during this important event.

The DeMolay Chapter has taken care of your Valentine's Day planning. Bring your sweetheart to the 5th annual Honest Abe Spaghetti dinner from 4-8PM. Price is \$6 and tickets are available from any DeMolay member. Please support this annual fundraiser to help the boys pay their way to Conclave.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

Masonic Veterans for 2009

February	William J. Davis	60 years
March	Willie D. Matthews	50 years
April	Robert G. Lockwood	60 years
	John M. Rice	25 years
	Charlie B. Taylor Sr.	50 years
May	Gerald W. Nelligar	25 years
	John S. Ward	60 years
June	Lee Kelberg	50 years
	Kenneth Lancaster	25 years
September	Harold R. Brenneman	60 years
	Archie R. Nobles	25 years
October	Edward K. Andrews	25 years
	Robert H. Foxwell Jr.	50 years
	Harold A. Young	50 years
November	Curtis Raeford Eure	50 years
	Franklin M. Gamage	50 years
	James G. Moore	50 years

Masonic Birthdays for February

Alex Harvey Adkins '76	Glenn L. Gilman '78
David H. Armstrong Jr. '77	William Franklin Grice '70
Scott Edward Bateman '99	Marvin B. Lancaster '05
Timothy L. Blackstone '01	Kenneth W. Lancaster '05
George F. Boggs Jr. '77	Joshua N. McClanan Jr. '66
Albert L. Creef Sr. '62	Gordon W. Moffat '47
William Johnson Davis '49	John M. Nuzum '02
Charles F. Edwards '70	Galen K. Rogers '99
Edward Joseph Foley '93	Joseph M. Snook '65
Lewis Jackson Forrest '85	Ronald L. Stukey '81
Glenn D. Fraser II '80	Osmay Torres '08
Shane Lee Fuson '04	Arthur F. Wadford, Jr. '08

Health & Welfare

If you would like either a "Thinking of You" or "Sympathy" card sent from the Lodge, please contact our Chaplain, Brother Jerry Hallal (472-1200), or any of the Lodge Officers. Please leave a detailed message if necessary. Please provide name(s) and address(es), especially if they're not in our Lodge roster. We will send out a card as soon as we get the information.

Father/Son Night

Riddle me this? Under what circumstances can a Father and a Son be Brothers?? The answer is: WHEN THEY ARE MASONS!! Brethren, I am excited to invite you to what will prove to be a fun and memorable evening at Kempsville Lodge. On Tuesday, March 10th, we will be holding our first Father-Son Masons' Night. As you are well aware, Kempsville lodge has had numerous fathers raise their sons, some sons raise their fathers, and even some fathers and sons who became brothers on the same night. This is a perfect opportunity to recognize these good brethren and enjoy ourselves in the process. Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley will be our guest speaker. Before opening lodge that night the DeMolay will also be presenting their "Father Talk." Brother Scott Foxwell will be playing some special father-son themed songs, and Bro. Bud Marchman, Worshipful Roger Cort, and Brother Hank Foiles promise a great meal. Please come on out and join your lodge for this unique occasion.

Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

Masonic Recognition Day

Don't forget, Brethren, Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of each month. Wear your Masonic paraphernalia proudly!

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Right Worshipful Emmett "Buddy" Pate

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