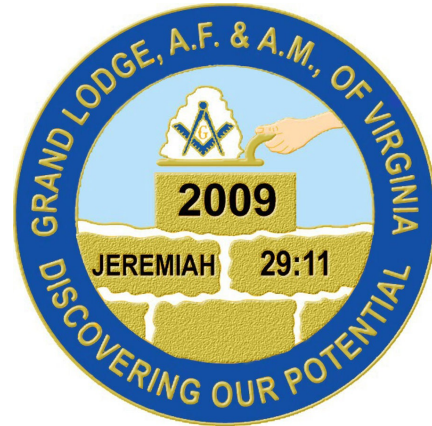


*Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges
Official Visit to Districts 36 and 56*



New Location!

Khedive Shrine Center

*645 Woodlake Dr
Chesapeake, Va 23320*

Saturday, January 17th, 2009

6:00 PM

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From The East



Optimistic and Excited! These are the first words that come to mind when I reflect on Kempsville Lodge and what is in store for Masonic Year 2009. As you can see, we will now be mailing out The Ashlar to all of the brethren on a monthly basis. This will allow us to stay in touch with more members on a regular basis. The revised Ashlar will include articles from a greater number of brethren and on a wider variety of lodge-related topics. For this reason, each individual article will be more concise and abbreviated. Therefore, I must limit my "thank you" list to this sentence: No man makes his journey to the East alone. I am humbled to be in a position to represent Kempsville Lodge and have had so much help over the past five years that I do not even know where to begin to appropriately express my gratitude. I will work hard to serve all of you and make decisions that I think are in the best interests of the lodge as a whole.

It is going to be a fun and productive year at Kempsville. January 2009 will be highlighted by the initiation of several entered apprentices; the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Emmett Moseley "Buddy" Pate, Jr., on January 13th; and Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges' Official Visit to Districts 56 and 36 on January 17th (Khedive Shrine Center). As a reminder, our February 2009 Stated Communication will be Sweethearts' Night. So, bring your ladies (but only one at a time!).

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

From The West



I would like to thank you for the vote of confidence you have shown in electing me to the position of Senior Warden. Although the view from the South toward the West looked pretty simple, I'm sure like all things I've learned in life...looks can be deceiving. Nevertheless, I will do my best to merit the confidence you have reposed.

I would like to congratulate Worshipful Adam Green, our newest Past Master on a job well done.

Having known Adam for just a few short years I know he dedicated himself to the task at hand and did an excellent job for all of us as Master. Adam, thank you for your service to our Lodge.

Congratulations to the incoming officers for the 2009 Masonic year. I believe Worshipful Ron Jacobson has assembled a fine crew and I look forward to working with each and everyone of you this year. And a special congratulations to Worshipful Ron. As I stated at the installation, I know you will do a fine job this year and you can count on my full support wherever and whenever a need may arise.

All in all Brothers, exciting things coming at Kempsville...Come on in and be part of the action.

Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden.

From The South



I was asked to write a few words to be published and felt my mind go blank. It has been a quick two months with recent travel to Grand Lodge and annual stated meeting for our sister lodges. Thanks to Tom and Buddy in sharing their experiences with me.

A final thought as your outgoing Senior Steward and Mason of the Year, I want to formally thank everyone who helped, aided, and assisted in the kitchen this year. Without you, my job would have been much tougher. Thanks again to everyone and thank you for your kind words on the Mason of the Year honor.

As your newly installed Junior Warden A.K.A. "The Taskmaster," I want to thank you for having the confidence in me and electing me to this station. Our refreshment will soon be over and the craft will return to labor. We have brothers to be passed, and three candidates for initiation. I noticed that our information rack is missing blank petition forms; I can only assume that we will be reading several petitions at our next stated. In January, we have DDGM official visit and a few days later we will receive the Grand Master with District 36.

Congrats to Ron Jacobson for being installed Worshipful Master for 2009. Please come out as

often as you can to support him. I have three personal goals for this year 1) to make Ron look good or at least as good as Adam looked. 2) Support our line officers and assist the stewards committee. 3) Continue to be leader under the guidance and direction of our past masters. 2009 looks to be an exciting year with many opportunities for work, fellowship, and fraternity.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Junior Warden

Installation of Officers



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
 Brother Grady McGuire 494-0778
 Worshipful Elwood Grant 467-2969

Trestle Board

January 5 Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Meeting, Kempsville Lodge, 7PM
 January 6 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
 January 13 Stated Communication DDGM Official Visit Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
January 17 Grand Master's District Visit 6PM, Khedive Shrine Center
 January 19 District Blood Drive Lynnhaven Lodge, 3-7:30PM
 January 20 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
 January 27 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
 January 31 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

Brother Secretary, Clear Your Desk!



Urgent notice, my brethren! Quickly, find your wallet! Now, look inside and find your "most current" Kempsville Lodge dues card. Does it have the year 2009 printed on it? I hope that it does; but if it doesn't, we need to talk. Please contact me ASAP!

Brethren, surprisingly, we still have too many annual membership fees that are past due. If your current dues card is a "2008 model" (or older), your Lodge membership is not in good standing. The 2009 Lodge dues notices have been mailed to all members. If you might have set yours aside, intending to take care of this obligation later, please don't; do it now. Your Lodge counts on the annual dues as income to operate throughout the year. Lodge expenses are as normal as your own, so again, please see to this most important commitment as soon as possible. If you know of any brother in need of special assistance regarding this matter, please contact the Worshipful Master or me—for as you know, one of the most important principles of Freemasonry is charity.

Another important note: Accurate membership records are very important for the proper administration of the Lodge. Please keep the Lodge Secretary informed of anticipated address and/or telephone number changes so we may keep our records accurate and be able to contact you. E-mail will work for immediate communication; you may correspond with me via e-mail and I will respond to you promptly (rstanek1@cox.net).

If you are reading this newsletter, but have not received your 2009 dues notice, contact me immediately and I'll send you another one.

Please mail all correspondence for the Secretary to:

Robert W. (Bob) Stanek
 916 Hanover Drive
 Virginia Beach, VA 23464-3118

Fraternally,
 Worshipful Bob Stanek

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be January 19th at Lynnhaven Lodge (3 to 7:30PM). In an effort to increase attendance and improve service, we're using the American Red Cross scheduling web site. Simply visit www.givelife.org and use the sponsor code "vbmasons" to choose your time.

If you donate blood or platelets outside of our blood drives, please be sure to let me know.

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Youth Corner

Thank you for your support of the Job's Daughters installation. The turnout was tremendous and the girls really appreciate it! Don't forget to bring your Valentine to the DeMolay Honest Abe Spaghetti Dinner Feb 14. Please purchase your ticket from any DeMolay.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

Masonic Veterans for 2009

January	Henry L. Foiles Jr.	50 years
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 January

Hardaway S. Abernathy '48	Patrick M. Miller '06
Craig Allen Davis '04	James E. Pearsall Jr. '79
Henry Lee Foiles Jr. '59	Jeffrey A. Rasmussen '98
Fleatwood M. Frias Jr. '57	Bill Rensko '96
Luician A. Gunter III '58	George F. Roberts III '96
Gerald Thomas Hallal '08	William B. Ross '03
Thomas Marshall Huff '95	Donald C. Scott '80
Richard I. Kimbrell '93	William E. Taylor '04
Ronald S. Melton Jr. '04	Richard B. Temple Sr. '55
Francis G. Mielkey II '98	Charles G. Thompson '85

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.

Roof Update

Brethren, by the annual stated meeting the roof should be complete with a 30 year warranty. The

total cost is \$9600, which includes the fascia separating the mansard roof and the "A" roof. The wood fascia will also be covered with vinyl. This includes the removal of the old roof and all permits. The roof replacement by itself is \$8800 or \$220 per square. If you would like to contribute to the roof replacement, please consider purchasing a square of shingles or a bundle of shingles for \$55. If you are unable to purchase a square or bundle, please consider a donation of any size.

Thank you for the continued support of your lodge.

Fraternally,
 Right Worshipful Bill Knowles

Father/Son Night Coming Soon

Mark your calendars now because you don't want to miss our March Stated Communication. We'll be honoring all the Father and Son Masons with a special presentation by the Kempsville DeMolay and welcoming Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley, Grand Master of Masons in 2005, as our featured speaker. More information will be coming soon, so stay tuned.

Masonic Recognition Day

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

Get the Ashlar via Email!

If you'd like to begin receiving our monthly newsletter, *The Ashlar*, via email, simply send your email address to emmett@epate.com and I'll add you to the list. It's a great way to stay up-to-date on what's happening at your lodge.

Right Worshipful Emmett "Buddy" Pate

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Senior Warden	William H. Rawson	467-5913
Junior Warden	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	495-7645
Senior Deacon	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Junior Deacon	Steven V. Sorano	321-0392
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
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Wor. Adam Green	615-1659
Blood Coordinator	John Preddy	439-3225
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

Articles for the next next Ashlar should be submitted by 1/20/2009 to Worshipful Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)