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6th Annual
Armed Forces Night

April 28, 2009

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From The East

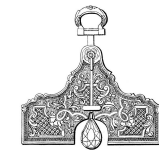


Audi, Vide, Tace. These Latin words are found on many Masonic medals and monuments and mean: Hear, See, Be Silent. I came across this phrase in a book called "Masonic Words and Phrases" that your Junior Warden, Brother Michael Johnstone, gave to me on Father/Son Masons' Night. This got me thinking that, as officers of the lodge, we are often called upon to listen to the concerns of the brethren and address them and also to observe what works and what doesn't with respect to the overall functioning of the lodge. However, it is rare for us to be required to be silent. Well, there were several moments during Father/Son Masons' Night that left me awestruck, speechless, or both. The first time this occurred was at dinner witnessing the pure size of the crowd in attendance (at least 150 plus people at dinner), including spouses/girlfriends, Eastern Star, DeMolay, Jobies, and all the brothers within and outside of our district. The second moment occurred watching our Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges, and several of his Grand Line Officers appear for their surprise "drop in" visit. The third happened when all of the Father/Son Masons stood up to introduce themselves. To see multiple generations of Masonic families standing simultaneously was impressive. The last moment took place while listening to our guest speaker, Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley, regale us with stories of some of his Masonic experiences and the special nature of both the father-son and brotherly bond. Since that night, I've received numerous congratulatory phone calls and emails.

Your officers and many brethren worked extremely hard to make this night successful. When given the opportunity, please take the time to thank them.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Although I have been a Master Mason for just a few years I must say that the March Stated, Father and Son Night, was to date the finest meeting I have had the pleasure to attend. Not only was it a great idea but the attendance of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters of Virginia and Rhode Island, and various Grand Lodge Officers showed to me the universality of Masonry in action. The speaker, Most Worshipful Quinley was not only informative but entertaining as well. Most Worshipful Hodges closing remarks went right to the heart of the Craft. Worshipful Ron, congratulations on a great night and Brethren, I have a feeling Father and Son Night will be returning in the future.

Well, the first quarter of the year has flown by and spring is upon us. With the buds and sprouts all around us I am reminded that there is a re-juvenation taking place in the world. This time of year I like to give myself a "Check Up from the Neck Up." In other words what's the condition of my attitude? Have I become cynical? Have I become pessimistic? Have I succumbed to the negative influences of other people?

I'm pleased to report the answer to all of the above is negative. I'm still excited about things I do in life, people in my life, family, friends and associates. I've heard it said that success is twenty percent aptitude and eighty percent attitude in all facets of our lives. A good attitude will overcome many of the "imperfections in our rude and natural state." A good attitude is worth catching.

Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden

From The South



We have completed a quarter year of degree work, but there is still more to do. We have 3 officers working on the Warden Certificate so please join us on school and work nights. We would love the support. We have degree work scheduled though April and will need assistance.

It has been said that people do not plan to fail, but

fail to plan. With this in mind we need to begin our planning for Grand Lodge which is scheduled for November 4 though 7, 2009. Some will be asked to transport brothers to/from the event, carry supplies, assist with our hospitality room, or help with other aspects of the event. Please consider attending Grand Lodge or assisting in some way. More information will follow and we will have a "brainstorming" planning meeting on April 20, 2009. Please join us to ensure that we are prepared. If you have not been to Grand Lodge please consider attending to experience fun, fellowship, and the business of our Grand Lodge. I enjoyed being there for the first time last year and highly recommend it.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

- April 2 DDGM Official Visit to Bayside #218
Dinner 6:30PM, Lodge 7:30PM
- April 7 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
- April 14 Stated Communication
LMIP Presentation, Dinner 6PM
- April 21 Degree Work as Needed, 7PM
- April 25 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
Lodge Cleanup, 10AM
- April 28 6th Annual Armed Forces Night
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

Brother Secretary, Clear Your Desk!



My brethren... LMIP? What is that? Well, "LMIP" is an acronym for "Life Membership in Perpetuity."

The LMIP Plan was established in 1992 for providing a perpetual endowment. It continues to pay a participant's dues to his Lodge and Grand Lodge assessments, even beyond his death. Here's how it works: The member, being in good standing (having paid his current year's dues), multiplies "16" times the Lodge dues at time of application. That amount is forwarded to the Grand Lodge LMIP Plan; after which, you receive a lifetime "LMIP" dues card. You no longer pay annual dues to the Lodge, even if the dues may increase in the future. Payments may be made in full, in 4-payments, or in 18-payments, as long as it is paid in total within the year you apply (LMIP membership may also be purchased by credit card). Your Lodge Secretary is the person to contact if you think you might be interested in this worthy program. Our Lodge now has 16 active LMIP members. Today, we continue to benefit from good brothers who have passed to the Celestial Lodge; who wished to continue

supporting their Lodge through LMIP, even after death. You may do more research about LMIP on the Grand Lodge web site:

<http://alturl.com/sfm>

If LMIP interests you, contact me and I'll provide you with an application.

Brethren, the quickest way for me to contact you is by telephone. I rely on the information in the Lodge records to do so. Many of us now use cell phones for routine contact also. If you do, I may not have both numbers on file. If you'd like to update this, and provide a newer/additional number (cell phone), please let me know so I can keep our records accurate. Thanks!

Again, if you know of a brother in need of special assistance regarding anything, please contact the Worshipful Master or me, for as you know, one of the most important principles of Freemasonry is charity.

ATTENTION: Have you sent your 2009 Lodge dues yet? They are due and payable.

Most Fraternaly, Worshipful Bob Stanek,
Secretary

Father/Son Night



The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges makes a surprise visit to Kempsville

The guest speaker, Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley addressing the Brethren



Over 140 Brethren from around the region attended

Youth Corner

The Job's Daughters of Bethel 42 wish to invite you to their meeting honoring Masons and Order of the Eastern Star April 19th at 2PM. During the meeting there will be a short program letting you know how much you mean to the Order in general and these wonderful young ladies in particular. We hope to have see you there. Also, mark your calendar now for the first Jobie Mystery Dinner Theater, May 8th and 9th from 6-9PM. This will be dinner and entertainment served right here at Kempsville Lodge. Please see any daughter for your ticket.

The DeMolay thank you for the great turn out for their Installation of Officers and Master Councilor Randal Daigle looks forward to working with the Lodge during his upcoming term.

Fraternaly, Brother Justin Gray

Masonic Veterans for 2009

April	Robert G. Lockwood	60 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 April

David Edward Boyd '88	Michael R. Moseler '72
Jaime Cabeza '04	Richard E. Neisinger '74
Allen K. Chandler '87	Thomas A. Niedermeier '80
S. Ray Connard '91	Brian E. Parton '01
Dennis Lee Driscoll '02	George F. Roberts Jr. '64
Louis Page Dunn '77	Alaric J. Roche Jr. '64
John Alan Flowers '98	Cristian C. Rodriguez '04
Lemuel David Foxwell '75	Michael A. Sachs '88
Ernest A. Graham Sr. '62	Michael L. Smith Sr. '82
Gunnar Gudjonsson '00	William E. Spruill Sr. '71
George Louis Gunter '69	John P. Stublen Jr. '76
Donald Ray Hammons '88	Charlie B. Taylor Sr. '59
Richard M. Hanly '74	Robert J. Tidwell '77
Robert G. Lockwood '49	William Curtis Twiford '64
Warren Cord Massey '50	Victor J. Vince '93
Joseph H. McCoy Jr. '62	Larry E. Watts '80
Alton L. McKeithan '50	Samuel G. Welty '05
Terrence P McNally '78	

Congratulations...

...to Worshipful Roger Cort on being nominated by Bayside Lodge #218 as the 2011 District Deputy Grand Master for the 56th District!

Roof Update

Brethren, as most of you already know, we have a new roof with a 30 year warranty. Several members and widows have made a contribution, however, we need a lot more. If you would like to make a contribution please contact me, the Secretary or the Worshipful Master. We are trying to sell the shingles for \$220 a square, \$55 a bundle, or for any contribution you wish to make. I thank you for your assistance.

Right Worshipful Bill Knowles

District Blood Drive

Brethren, our next blood drive is May 25th at Bayside Lodge from 3-7:30PM. We can make our drive more convenient if we go online at www.givelife.org and use the sponsor code "vbmasons" to make an appointment. We try to honor our appointment times if at all possible. I'd like to thank our brothers for their effort to give a vital, precious gift, free of charge, to an anonymous recipient, whose life could be saved. Their concern and act is rather Masonic isn't it!

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Welcome to Kempsville!

A special welcome to our newest members: Worshipful Marvin Leroy Spruill (affiliated 3/10), Brother Charles Joseph Ridgely (raised 3/18), and Brother Jackson Rollins Bell, Jr (raised 3/31).

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
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
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 4/20/2009 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)