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FROM THE EAST

Greetings, from the East. Due to the untimely death of our Senior Warden, Bro Carlton Miles, the last edition of our paper was not mailed. This loss came as a great shock to all of us and leaves us in a saddened state as our new officers move up to fill the stations. Brethren, all our programs are moving forward in the usual Kempsville manner except contributions to the Masonic Home, which are quite low. Please make our your check and mail it in now before it is forgotten as this is a worthy cause. The Grand Master will make his official visit to the 56th District in Kempsville Lodge on September 23. This is an honor for our lodge, so plan to attend. Thank you for your support in our last blood drive and I look forward to seeing you at the picnic this Sunday.

FROM THE WEST

Since our last Newsletter, an awful lot has transpired in your lodge, in addition to the normal Tuesday meetings: election of officers, area schools, district schools, to mention a few. With all the activity taking place your lodge has now fulfilled all the requirements for the Noah Hillman Award, but one. We still need a Bro, to learn and give one of the lectures for the first time. We have received this award for the past four years and would like to make it five years in a row. Won't one of you Brothers learn a lecture this year and help the Wor. Master achieve his goal. I look forward to seeing all of you at our picnic this Sunday. Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship.

DDGM

Brethren of the 56th Masonic District, Sojourning Masons and Master Masons all: Behold! The Official Visit of the Most Worshipful Robert Randle Kennedy, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia to the 56th Masonic District at the Kempsvil Masonic Temple, located at 4867 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Sunday evening, September 23, 1978.

This will be a tiled meeting and the dress will be business suits. The Banquet will be at 6:15 PM and the tickets are \$5.00 per member (tickets must be purchased by the 20th). The reception will be at 7:30 PM.

The Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of the 56th District and your District Deputy have been planning for this Official Visit of the Grand Master since (Bro. Bob) was installed in February 1978. This is the Highlight of the Year for the Master Mason of Virginia Beach.

The Grand Master will also present the "Archer Bailey Gay Award" to Right Worshipful William Solomon Marshall, Mr. Mason of the 56th Masonic District.

Fraternally,
Dwight Paul Jones
D.D.G.M. 56th District

MASONIC HOME FUND

The Grand Master has mailed to each member a request for contributions. The need is great. Kempsville has always been generous in this endeavor. Our contributions fall far short of our usual effort to help, aid and assist. If you do mail your check to the Grand Lodge, let me know as I need to report to our Wor. Master the amount for his record and the "Hillman Award" report. Or mail to me: R. A. Davis at 657 Liberty Bell Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Kempsville Chapter #173 has been on vacation for the months of July and August. Many of the members are traveling across the state in support of our Grand Officers. The chapter has initiated four new members this year, we welcome you. Tell your wife of our chapter and get a petition from any member. We love good company and promise to make them welcome and give them some light to help on the pathway of life.

Bro. R.A. Davis
W/Patron

BLOOD DRIVE

Brethren, the 56th Masonic District will hold its quarterly blood drive, at the Virginia Beach Lodge at 20th and Arctic Avenue at the Beach on 16 October from 3 to 9 PM. Please don't say you can't contribute or that this program doesn't concern you personally. You Can Contribute. If not personally, you can by having a member of your family, or a friend contribute in your name. Everyone must participate. Make this program go.

Tom McGowan
Chairman

KEMPSVILLE LODGE HISTORY

I am attempting to write a history of our lodge and would appreciate any information concerning the early years of this lodge. Our past Masters and many of our Charter Members have much knowledge in this field, and information is also being derived from Princess Anne Lodge #25 and the Grand Lodge Book of Proceedings. I have been working since 1973 on this project and some of my most informed Brethren who have been assisting me, have either moved or been called to "that house not made with hands".

I would like to present to the lodge a work worthy of our labor and for your pleasure. For these reasons I need information and am requesting all to please write me a note with any knowledge you may have on this subject.

Did you know Kempsville Lodge had the number 12, then 25 and now 196? How did this come about? What happened? Why? For information such as this and much more please assist me in what I believe to be a most worthwhile project.

Thank you, my Brothers
R. A. Davis, Jr. PM 1975

September 10th - Lodge Picnic 12:30 - 5:00 PM. Bring the family for hot dogs, hamburgers, fun and games.

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

September 12th - Junior Warden's Night

September 17th - Job's Daughter's Grand Visitation at Bay-side - 2:00 PM

September 23rd - Flea Market 10 to 5 PM. Twin Drive Inn

October 10th - Founders Day

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