

THE ASHLAR

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FROM THE EAST

My Brethren;

These first two months have been busy ones for your officers and active members of Kempsville Lodge. We have quite a few candidates working in the various degrees and we can use your help in the degree work. In conjunction with this work we have started a school of instruction at the Lodge which meets every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. Contact Brother Mark Morris or Brother Jim Garner if you would like to help in any way or to learn any of the ritual.

As you know we now have a new roof on the building. It should last us for another twenty years and give us better protection against heat loss since we added another two inches of insulation.

What we need now is the money to pay for it. We are off to a good start as we have received a little better than 1/3 of the money from the Brethren. But we still need your help. Remember there are some of our Brethren who might not be able to contribute so if you can give a little extra it would be appreciated. The job averaged out to twenty dollars per member.

Kempsville Lodge wants to thank the Eastern Star Chapter for their generous contribution of \$500.00 toward this project.

I would also like to personally thank Brother Frank Mathews and his Temple Committee for gathering together all the necessary information and for staying with the contractors to make sure all the work was done properly. It is a pleasure to be able to conduct lodge without having to worry about tripping over water buckets.

Brother Frank also has a few other projects going on around the Lodge and if anyone would like to help in any way call him at 340-5920.

I would also like to express my thanks to the De Molay for agreeing to cut the grass and maintaining the outside grounds this year. This helps to keep down expenses in these bad economic times.

By the time you will receive this letter we will have returned from Grand Lodge so I will pass along any pertinent information in the next issue of this paper.

There is one date in the near future that I would like you to mark on your calendar. That is Saturday, May 7th. On this evening at 6:00 PM we will have a family night dinner to pay tribute to the widows in particular

and the wives in general of Kempsville Lodge. This is the day before Mother's Day and your Master thinks that a day such as this is long over due since we owe so much to the women who support us. We will have a very interesting speaker who will talk to us on the "Women of the Bible."

Another date to keep in mind is the 11th of April. This is our quarterly Blood Drive. It will be held at Bayside Lodge from 3:00 to 9:00 PM. Brethren, our need for blood increases all the time while over the past few years our donations have decreased. Please support this worthy program. If you can't personally give blood ask a relative or friend to contribute for you.

The Trestleboard for the next two months is as follows:

Schedule for February: _____
Monday, 28th — E. A. Degree

Schedule for March: _____

Tuesday, 1st — M. M. Degree
Tuesday, 8th — Stated: official visit of Rt. Wor.
Donald P. Dobbins, Dict. Dep. Grand Master of
56th Dist.
Friday, 11th — Area Conference 6:00 PM Granby
Temple
Saturday, 12th — Portsmouth Area Conference
Masonic Temple
Monday, 14th — Masters-Wardens-Deacons Meeting
Tuesday, 15th — E. A. Degree
Tuesday, 22nd — Past Master's Night. Dinner at
5:30 PM
Tuesday, 29th — Official visit of Grand Master to 56th
District: Meeting at VA Beach Lodge

Schedule for April: _____

Tuesday, 5th — Master's Masons Degree
Tuesday, 12th — Stated Communication-Guest
Speaker Most Wor. Spencer McMath Rogers,
Past Grand Master of Masons in VA and
Hon. Member of Kempsville Lodge.
Tuesday, 19th — E. A. Degree
Tuesday, 26th — Work in degrees

Please come out and help support us in our work. We would like to have you and would like to enjoy your fellowship.

Brethren: I would like to leave you with this message — The most important thought man can ever have is that of his individual responsibility to his God.

Fraternally,
Wor. Tom McGowan

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