

The Proud Father

Father/Son Night

Tuesday, Mareh 10, 2009 Dinner at 6PM, Lodge at 7PM

Featuring Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley and a Special Presentation by the Kempsville

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Tracing our Masonic roots back to 1786...

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From The East



Think outside the box! Brethren, these are the words emphasized by our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Emmett Moseley "Buddy" Pate, Jr., as he makes his way from one lodge to another for his

official visits. Several of us were in attendance for his official visit to Lynnhaven Lodge in mid-February. This occurred in the aftermath of the tragedy involving Worshipful Joe Hagerman's family. Thus, the idea of pulling together as "one sacred band or society of friends and brothers" seemed very poignant. On behalf of Grand Master Hodges, Right Worshipful Buddy noted the importance of building relationships outside of our own lodges (outside that "box") to include visitations with other lodges, seeing families, and supporting causes in the community. In the past month, I have really enjoyed such visits as the Fentress Lodge Chili Cook-Off, two of Right Worshipful Buddy's official visits to other lodges, and a special in-home presentation of the 50-Year Masonic Veteran's Emblem to one of our "shut-ins" - Brother Henry A. Young. Brother Young, affectionately known as "Brother Albert," was gracious, humbled, and appreciative. If you could have been there to see the look on his face, it would have touched your heart.

One of the goals of this year's team of Kempsville Lodge Officers is to improve communication with the brethren. Three of the ways that we have attempted to achieve this have been: (1) To arrange for The Ashlar to be mailed to all of the brethren on a monthly basis and to include shorter articles but from a greater number of brethren, (2) To print and make available a one-page (two sided) 2009 Calendar of Events so that brethren can quickly verify upcoming lodge events, and (3) To call all of the brethren having Masonic birthdays within a particular month to invite them (and any of their special lodge buddies) to come out to the Stated Communication to celebrate their birthdays.

I have two big events to promote for the month of March. On Saturday, March 7th, we will have our Division Leadership Conference in Newport News.

This is a great opportunity for both education and fellowship. You will leave knowing more than you did when you came and also depart with a smile. And, on Tuesday, March 10th, we will have the first Kempsville Lodge Father-Son Masons' Night. As most of you know, this has been endorsed as a District-wide event. Expect a full house. Expect some surprises. Expect to leave feeling like you were a part of something that may not happen again in your Masonic journey.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Brethren, tucked away in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision in which we see ourselves on a long journey that spans an entire continent. We're traveling by train, and from the windows we see scenes

of cars on nearby highways, children waving at crossings, cattle grazing in pastures, smoke pouring from power plants, row upon row of cotton and corn and wheat, flat-lands and valleys, city skyscrapers and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is our destination--for at a certain hour and on a given day, our train will finally pull into the station with bells ringing, flags waving and bands playing. And once that day comes, so many wonderful dreams will come true. So restlessly we pace the aisles and count the miles, peering ahead, waiting, waiting for the station.

"Yes when we reach the station, that will be it" we promise ourselves. "When we're 18...Win that promotion...Put the last kid through college...Buy that Mercedes...Pay off the mortgage...Retire." From that day on we will all live happily ever after.

Sooner or later however, we must realize there is no station in life, no earthly place to arrive at once and for all. The journey is the joy. The station is an illusion, it constantly outdistances us. Yesterday is a fading sunset; tomorrow is a faint sunrise. Only today is there enough light to live and love. So gently close the door on yesterday and throw away the key. It isn't the burdens of today that drive

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men mad, but rather the regret over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow.

Stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead swim more rivers, climb more mountains, kiss more babies, count more stars. Laugh more and cry less. Go barefoot more often and eat more Nutty Buddies. Life must be lived as we go along. Relish The Moment.

Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden

From The South



We have had a very active year already and we're only two months into the year. We have had great support for our DDGM on his official visits. Thanks to all who have been traveling with him. We still need

assistance with pending degree work and I would encourage everyone to join us at school and participate in our work. One of our 60-year veterans is working to learn a lecture, please come out to find out who it is. Our first Past Master's night is March 31 and we have at least one candidate ready to be raised. I would like to send a personal thank you to everyone who accepted my request for assistance with degree work.

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.

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

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

Something to Think About...

"Much has been given us, and much will rightfully be expected from us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we can shirk neither"

Brother Theodore Roosevelt

Trestleboard

March 3Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
March 4DDGM Official Visit to Princess Anne
Dinner 6:30PM, Lodge 7:30PM
March 7Division Leadership Conference
Newport News Scottish Rite Temple, 8:30AM
March 10Father-Son Masons' Night
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
March 17Master Mason Degree, 7PM
March 23District Blood Drive
Kempsville Lodge, 3-7:30PM
March 24Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
March 28Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
March 31Past Masters' Night
Master Mason Degree
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

New Lodge Web Site

Be sure to check out our new lodge web site at:

www.kempsvillelodge.org

In addition to the calendar of upcoming events, you'll find our lodge history – including the portraits and biographies of all our Past Masters. You'll also find photo archives for some of the years and with your help, we'll be adding more.

Please feel free to forward any photos or information of interest to myself or your lodge Secretary so we may preserve this important part of our history.

Right Worshipful Emmett "Buddy" Pate

Brother Secretary, Clear Your Desk!



Brethren, regretfully I report that we recently learned of the deaths of two brothers; one who passed to the Celestial Lodge early in 2008, and another who passed away over two years ago. How sad is this? Mostly, for our deceased brothers, but also for the Lodge and our beloved fraternity. These brothers, although

gone, remained listed on our rolls; we had no knowledge of their passing. My brethren, please make your family and loved ones aware of your "rights and benefits" as a Master Mason. Let be known your wishes, so that others may know, and you may be honored accordingly. Be sure to let them know to contact the Lodge in the event of any serious situation in your life, so that we may be informed, and extend our hands to sustain you accordingly.

Count and amount: '09 Dues continue to be received, but we're not there "yet". We must soon pay our Grand Lodge fees and assessments. If you

may have set your dues notice aside, intending to pay it soon, please take care of this important obligation now. (If you are in arrears, please don't hesitate to contact me personally. We can discuss the situation and I'm sure mutually arrange to satisfy your current standing).

If you know of any brother in need of special assistance for any reason, please contact the Worshipful Master or me; for as you know, one of the most important principles of Freemasonry is charity.

Coming next month: Just what is LMIP, anyway?

Please mail all correspondence for the Lodge to:

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Most Fraternally, Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Youth Corner

The last week of March the Job's Daughters will be holding their annual HIKE fundraiser at the Ocean Front. This wonderful charity raises money to buy hearing aids for children. Our Bethel had the opportunity to present one of these devices to a child last summer. Each young lady is collecting pledges so when they come around, please support this worthy cause.

The DeMolay would like to thank you for the great support of the Honest Abe Spaghetti Dinner. Over 150 plates were sold and the silent auction was a success as well. Congratulations to the officers for the upcoming term: Randal Daigle, Master Councilor elect, Nick McElroy Senior Councilor elect and Jeran Gray Junior Councilor elect. The DeMolay will be providing a program during the Father and Son night at Kempsville's March Stated. Hope to see you there.

These young ladies and gentlemen thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

Masonic Veterans for 2009

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 March

Kenneth Robert Barber '95 Thomas E. Lindner '83 Robert Craig Belda '00 Winston E. Marchman '63 Donald Ray Blair '77 Willie D. Matthews '59 William Edwain Combs '80 George W. Messinger '94 Patrick Walne Dunn '05 Robert C. Metz '92 Sidney T. Moore '69 John Angus Farrer '68 Billy George Farris '79 Gary B. Nye '06 Alberto C. Gatmaitan '96 Charlie L. Pallett III '87 George M. Harrell Jr. '70 William H. Pierce '46 William Harry Holland '57 Michael S. Polychroni '85 Christopher John Jaeger '58 Donald K. Robinson '93 William M. Johnson '93 Frederick W. Rudiger '03 John D. Johnstone '64 Raiford Scott '65 Thomas W. Lang '05 Michael R. Sheehan '96 Robert L. Lankford '72 Fredrick A. Steinmiller '01 Lester R. Lefler '89 Linwood R. West '91 Robert D. Leonard Ir. '05 James A. Widener '83

District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be March 23rd right here at Kempsville 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

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