

Food, Fun, and Fellowship
at the Family Picnic!



September 20, 2009

Coming Up at Kempsville

Stated Communication
Junior Warden's Night
October 13, 2009
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

Final Lodge Breakfast of the Year
October 31, 2009
8-10AM

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From The East



Hello Brethren. I recently had a very nice outing to Charlottesville with my family and some neighbors to visit my old Alma Mater, University of Virginia, and to see a football game (not happening this year for my beloved 'Hoos). After the game all of us were walking the grounds and happened upon a remarkable mural in the Music Department. This mural consists of seven sections and depicts a young woman progressing through her life at various ages and stages. Each section includes a particular theme – Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy – the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences!!! Having just finished preparing to give the Fellowcraft's Lecture, this all came rushing to my head and was coupled with a great deal of excitement. It was gratifying to make a connection, in a direct and profound way, between something that I had been studying in masonry and an experience outside the lodge. Our DDGM, Right Worshipful Buddy Pate, has repeated the message of going beyond the four walls of our own lodges to have fellowship with other lodges. My hope is that we will also extend that fellowship and sharing with the world at large and to remember that ... every human being has a claim upon our kind offices.

There are two events for the month of October that I would like to promote - one within the lodge and one without. Our October Stated Communication is Junior Warden's Night. Brother Michael Johnstone has worked extremely hard to get to this point in his Masonic journey. He has done much to help Kempsville lodge and for me personally during my year as worshipful master. Please attend the October Stated for updates on your lodge and to support this good brother. Secondly, the Masonic Home of Virginia Family Day will be held on Saturday, October 10th. The festivities will begin at 9AM and end in the middle of the afternoon. The celebration will include a parade, lunch on the MAHOVA grounds, a dedication of a WWII Memorial Stone in honor of Masonic

Veterans, and a Masonic Procession. For those not traveling with families and wishing to attend, the lodge will arrange for brethren to carpool to the event.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

From The West



I found myself recently, having turned sixty-two years old in September, reminiscing about the way things used to be. But instead of longing for the good old days, I looked from a different angle. Suppose some things had never changed. How would life be today. I've compiled a short list, for your consideration, of changes that were, well, not so bad after all.

Imagine if we still had to look at black and white T.V., listen to transistor radios. Play 45,33, and 78 records on phonographs. What if we still had to wind our wristwatches and push rotary blade lawn mowers. Wash clothes on a washboard and dry them through a wringer. Play golf with wooden shaft clubs. Leave the windows open and use fans to cool our homes and work places, and Pot Bellied wood burning stoves for heat. Ride in cars without seatbelts, head restraints, or airbags. And worst of all, no indoor plumbing.

As you can plainly see Brethren, had some of these changes not been made, life surely would be different today. Yet for some unknown reason we tend to resist change. We become complacent with the way things have always been done, comfortable with the way we used to do it.

I personally resisted cell phones for many years, and now don't know how I got along without it. I must admit, I still can't Text or Twitter, and have yet to set up a Facebook page, but give me time. You never know what you can accomplish when you set your mind to it.

A body of water that does not move becomes stagnate. A crop that does not grow, wilts. And an organization that does not look for new ways to interest it's members runs the risk of waning

attendance, and dwindling membership. We needto guard the West Gate and Close the Door, but, let us keep our minds open to new ideas and suggestions.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden

From The South

Another season has fallen on our Masonic year. School has started, there is a slight chill in the air, the leaves are changing colors, and we are moving to close of our year.

We here several big events left. Junior Warden’s night for the October Stated, which I would like to use as Bring a Mason to Lodge night. Visitation between lodges is always encouraged. The final lodge breakfast for 2009 is October 31st. Grand Lodge is scheduled for November 4 though 7 in Richmond. Lastly, our Annual Stated and Installation of officers is in December.

I would like to thank the brethren from Owens Lodge No. 164 who assisted with raising Brother Zardeskas on September 1st. It was a great night.

It was also wonderful to have the Tyson trio and their traveling brothers at our last stated. The senior Tyson was examined in the Master Mason catechism and did great.

I must confess brethren that I have been struggling with this article as I was not sure what to write. One thought that continues to cross my mind is the following question. What would I miss if I stopped going to lodge? I will answer that in a moment. At our last stated Right Worshipful and Grand Chaplain E. Clifton Whitlock gave a heart-felt and inspiring talk on Remembrance. He spoke about his father and his efforts to obtain his father’s approval in whatever activity he was involved. This struck a chord for me. I have always wanted my father to be proud of my efforts in sports, Boy Scouts, church elder, and now in Masonry. I know he is proud of me as is my great-uncle. It is reflected in their voice and by their actions. I have enjoyed working with our degree teams and occupying the East during some of our degree work because of the support given to me. From the approving head nodding from the treasurer when I look to the right, the thumbs up and the comment “you’re golden” from the secretary, the question “did I hear you say...?” from the LIW, and a “that was fine” statement from my dad. I am proud of everyone who has

assisted with the degree work and look forward to working with you in the future.

The answer to the above question “What would I miss if I stopping going to lodge”, is I would miss our fellowship and opportunity to become better men and masons.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Junior Warden

From the Senior Deacon

Brethren and your families, I would like to say it was great seeing all of you at this year’s Family Picnic. The weather was perfect and it was a delight seeing everyone enjoying the food, fellowship and games. There are a number of reasons why this year’s picnic was so successful, and there are many Brethren and their families/friends who made it a great event. Allow me the opportunity to give thanks and recognition to those in front of the curtain and behind the scenes who made my task easy. First I want to thank Worshipful Ron Jacobson for the opportunity and trust to plan, organize and execute this year’s picnic. The two people who I consulted and leaned on very heavily were Worshipful Bob Stanek and Brother Hank Foiles, as they did the bulk of the shopping and a good portion of the cooking. I want to thank Right Worshipful Tom McGowan for purchasing all the sodas. Additionally, I want to thank Shirley and Tommy White for donating the assorted chips. A special thanks goes out to the following Brothers and family members who worked Saturday and Sunday: Worshipfuls Bob Stanek, Bobby Spruill, Roger Cort, Ridgeway, Bill Nelligar, Chris Yeager, Denny Harrison, Ron Jacobson; Brothers Hank Foiles, Jack Bell, Dave Borntrager, Quentin Reger, Bill Rawson, Joe Salt, Michael Johnstone, Chip Mielkey, Jerry Hallal, Ray Baez, and Bud Marchman. A special thanks goes to Worshipful Bob Stanek for bringing his corn hole boards, Brother Bill Rawson and his wife Carol for donating the ping pong table to the lodge, Brooke Baez (Ray Baez’s daughter) for organizing the ping pong tournament, Worshipful Shawn Garfield and his girlfriend Rebecca Bags for the delicious Masonic cake and Worshipful Tommy Haste for the beautiful blessing of the food. Finally, I want to thank Worshipful Joe Thorton and the Shrine Hillbilly band for that great entertainment. It was a distinct pleasure and I hope everyone truly enjoyed themselves.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Deacon

Trestleboard

October 1 DeMolay Installation of Officers
October 3 Eastern Star Yard Sale
October 6 Fellowcraft Degree
October 13Stated Communication
Junior Warden's Night
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
October 20 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
October 27 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
October 31..... Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

Brethren, please consider making a donation to the Lodge Building Fund. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. (Submit donations to the Secretary.) Thank you!

Masonic Birthdays for October

Kenneth Robert Allen '96	John W. Hamilton '56
Sherwood Lee Allen '76	Michael John Harvey '00
Robert Lee Alley '02	Edward French Hooks '73
Eugene Milton Ambrose '76	Kermit Jordan '83
Edward Keith Andrews '84	Anson T. Knowles Sr. '76
Ronnie Wayne Anglin '71	Andrew Louis Levy '99
Robert Hall Barton '90	George H. Lewis III '70
Joseph Samuel Bloise '03	Robert William Lewis Jr. '71
George Ray Bunch Jr. '80	Ian Woodcourt Marks '96
Richard Donald Cedola '79	Thomas Ed. Monahan '96
Melvin Waverly Chaffin '68	Henley A. Morgan Jr. '87
Richard Allen Chrisman '00	Richard L. Naujoks '53
Thomas A. Collins '93	Michael Joseph Orman '82
Daniel Edwin Connor '85	Marc Fred Povondra '83
Thomas H. Cutchins III '87	Michael William Pulju '96
Robert H. DeFord Jr. '54	David Scott Roughton '02
Mitchel Roy Delong '96	James Boyd Seymour Jr. '97
Harold C. Dickerson Jr. '90	Clyde Shannon Sheely '69
David Eugene Dodson '76	James E. Sheppard Jr. '03
Thomas F. Doering Sr. '92	Steven Vincent Sorano '06
Gerardo R. Enerlan, Jr. '05	Robert Wesley Stanek '77
George Edward Fausel '82	Thomas Norman Thomas '88
Fredrick Henrick Feller '67	Timothy C. Van Fossen '96
Frederick Ferguson Jr. '03	Michael J. Webb '00
Marc Lee Foiles '96	David Allen White '00
David Hughes Foxwell '07	Terry Lee Whitehurst '92
Robert H. Foxwell Jr. '59	Jimmie Wilder '75
Adam Michael Green '04	Robert J. Worthington '04
Lawrence V. Greene '86	

Masonic Veterans for 2009

October	Edward K. Andrews	25 years
	Robert H. Foxwell Jr.	50 years
November	Curtis Raeford Eure	50 years
	Franklin M. Gamage	50 years
	James G. Moore	50 years

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother Matthew H. Zardeskas, raised on September 1st and Brother Harold G. Noyes, Jr. affiliated at the September Stated Communication.

Family Picnic



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

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