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Worshipful Master Bobby G. Spruill

From The East:

Masonry can bestow great honors upon its members, but none as great as that of serving as Worshipful Master of this great Lodge of ours. Many challenges and decisions lie ahead for our Lodge. We will meet these challenges as they arrive and decisions will be made based on what is in the best interest for our Lodge. One person cannot run a Lodge but, rather, it must be run by a combination of the Officers, committees, Past Masters, and you who sit on the side lines. You decide who sits in the chairs as Officers. You decide who comes through the West Gate seeking Freemasonry, decisions that only you can make.

I know that it is impossible for you to come every Tuesday but, I ask you to come to your Stated each month and enjoy the Friendship and Brotherly Love that our Lodge has been noted for in the past. So many times have I heard how friendly Kempsville Lodge is and how good our work is. Since January we have been quite busy with new candidates and the outlook is still bright for us with new candidates each month.

We are in need of Coaches. If you can help with any of the coaching, please see me or any one of the Officers. Our Saturday morning school is slowly building back up but it is going to take time for it to reach its full capacity. If anyone needs to learn a lecture or any of the floor work, that is why we started our Saturday school, to help anyone who wants to learn and to assist new members with their degree work. I have attached our current Trestleboard through the July Stated. The agenda is subject to change, of course, according to work load as it comes up.

Bobby G. Spruill
Worshipful Master

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From The West:

First, thank you for electing me to serve as Senior Warden for 1991. It is indeed a pleasure and distinct honor to serve you.

We are well into 1991 and we have been busy, and will continue to be busy with present candidates and new candidates coming through. This means we could use more assistance with coaching the degree work. Every Monday evening we practice the degree we will perform on Tuesday evening. Every Saturday morning we have Masonic school for coaching, floor work, and lectures. Come out and join us in good fellowship and Masonic learning. If you want extra help in learning any degree work contact any school committeeman or call me: Don Meyer 471-6937.

Mark your calendar, July 9th is Senior Warden's Night. Dinner, Guest Speaker, and Fellowship.

Don Meyer
Senior Warden
471-6937

From The South:

This year has started quickly and now is one-fourth gone. Our trip to Grand Lodge was interesting and was "laid back" and easy this year. Our travels with the DDGM, RTWOR George Ganter, provided a few extra pounds for some of us, but most important was that with the help of some of the Brethren we brought home to the Grand Lodge of Kempsville the Traveling Gavel. It takes your support my brothers and I am soliciting your help in our Educational programs and in particular, our schools. We have one on Monday evenings from 7:30 until we are finished and we practice for the next evening's work. We have had only 4 or 5 brethren show up so far this year for this, and consequently we are the only ones doing the floorwork. Come on out and join with us. I'm sure you will enjoy Wor. Tom McGowan's sure fire teaching methods. Our Saturday Morning school is also suffering from lack of participation. Please come out and enjoy participating in our beautiful ritual.

Junior Warden: Denny Harrison

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From The District Education Officer:

Don't forget our three District Education Conferences coming up:

1. At Norview Lodge, April 29, 1991, 6:30 P.M.
2. At Kempsville Lodge, July 29, 1991, 6:15 P.M.
3. At Berkley-Doric Lodge, Sept 30, 1991, 6:15 P.M.

Remember also, all brethren and members are invited to attend. Help make these conferences meaningful, give the Lodge Education Officer or the District Education Officer your suggestions. Help make the difference between a good conference and one that could be dull or boring.

Thank You

George J. Wallace
D.E.O. 56th Masonic District

From the Junior Steward:

Education is a very important part of all of our lives. When we are children we are schooled on the world around us, and how to co-exist. When we are a bit older, we are schooled in the art of governing and supporting a family. When we become adults, some of us decide to become Freemasons. Hand in hand with becoming Masons, we obligate ourselves to help each other and our communities. To do this effectively, we must be schooled in the very difficult task of better understanding ourselves.

We of Kempsville Lodge # 196 are very lucky in that we have a very knowledgeable teacher, and a fine group of Brethren who are willing and well qualified to help us in this education.

So please come out to school and participate in learning about yourself and your Brethren on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. I'll have the coffee on, and will hope to thank you.

Guy W. Nolan
Junior Steward

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From the Blood Committee:

Our first Blood Drive was a success. Thank you for your participation and a special thanks to the Phone Committee.

The next Blood Drive is at Bayside Masonic Lodge on April 15th from 3:00 to 9:00 P.M. Mark your calendars and help. We always need blood.

Are you aware that if you are scheduled for elective surgery you can have the Red Cross take your blood and store the units that might be needed for your surgery ? You can actually donate to yourself. Consult your physician first.

For more information on this or any questions about the Red Cross Blood Program, call me, Don Meyer: 471-6937, and get the right information the first time.

Don Meyer
Blood Committee Chairman
471-6937

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ANNUAL BULL ROAST:

Brethren,

The Kempsville Annual Bull Roast will be held on the grounds on 15 June 1991 from 11:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. This meal is all prepared at the Lodge. In other words, its home made food.

Tickets are enclosed and are self-explanitory.

My Brethren, please support this dinner as best you can as the proceeds go to the Masonic Home and the Lodge Building Fund. We are in need of some repairs in the building and we need help.

If you are not going to use the tickets, please send them and the money back to help support our Widows Program. They are invited free of charge to attend and this will help to defray the cost. If you need more tickets please call me or contact any of the Lodge Officers.

Fraternally,

Wor. Tom McGowan
Chairman
Bull Roast Committee

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TRESTLEBOARD APRIL - JUNE 1991

APRIL 2	MM DEGREE	7:30 PM
APRIL 6	DEMOLAY INSTALLATION	7:30 PM
APRIL 8	M.W.D. MEETING (LYNNHAVEN)	7:00 PM
APRIL 9	STATED	
APRIL 15	BLOOD DRIVE (BAYSIDE)	3:00 TO 9:00 PM
APRIL 16	DARK (GRAND MASTER VISIT-BAYSIDE)	
APRIL 22	56TH DISTRICT SCHOOL (BAYSIDE)	7:30 PM
APRIL 23	PAST MASTER'S NIGHT - EAT 6:15 - LODGE	7:00 PM
APRIL 30	WORK IN DEGREE	
MAY 6	OFFICER'S MEETING	7:00 PM
MAY 7	WORK IN DEGREE	
MAY 13	MWD MEETING (LYNNHAVEN)	7:00 PM
MAY 14	STATED - D.E.O VISIT	7:30 PM
MAY 21	WORK IN DEGREE	
MAY 28	WORK IN DEGREE	
JUNE 1	WORK DAY FOR THE LODGE	
JUNE 3	OFFICER'S MEETING	7:00 PM
JUNE 4	WORK IN DEGREE	
JUNE 7, 8, 9	SHRINE CIRCUS	
JUNE 10	M.W.D. MEETING (LYNNHAVEN)	7:00 PM
JUNE 11	STATED (SENIOR DEACON NIGHT)	7:30 PM
JUNE 15	KEMPSVILLE ANNUAL BULL ROAST	11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
JUNE 18	WORK IN DEGREE	
JUNE 25	WORK IN DEGREE	
JULY 2	WORK IN DEGREE	
JULY 8	MWD MEETING (LYNNHAVEN)	7:00 PM
JULY 9	STATED (SENIOR WARDEN NIGHT)	