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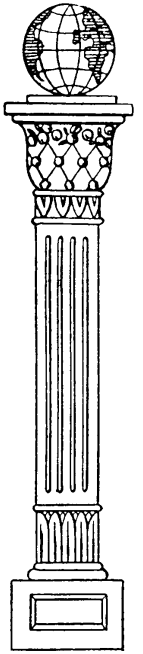
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Brethren, it's the first week of April and I am wondering where the first quarter of the year has gone, if any of you have it stashed in your pocket I would appreciate you giving it back. During the last three months, we have had our official visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, a program on Freemasonry in American History, and a Past Master's Night with an open program by Bethel 7 Job's Daughters. All this at our stated meetings, if you missed a stated you have truly missed out. We have been ramping up toward the Child Id Day at Tanglewood Mall, which is taking place Saturday, April 18 from 10 to 5 on the lower level of the mall.

During the preparation we have had some ups and downs and a few hang ups but we are putting the final touches on the event and we need your help. While I have heard from several of the brethren we need more volunteers to be able to make this event a success. To give you an idea of the scale we may be working with at the event, 11,000 (yes ELEVEN THOUSAND) fliers about the event were distributed to Roanoke City schools and Roanoke Catholic so that one went home with every student and faculty member in the elementary and middle schools. In addition, fliers have been posted at Tanglewood Mall, area businesses, radio and TV stations, local Internet message boards and Facebook. Within 24 hours of the fliers being delivered to the schools, we began receiving phone calls from parents. This is an unparalleled opportunity for our Lodge and Freemasonry in Virginia to get out in the community and show the general public who we really are and what we are about, that we are not some myth or conspiracy theory bent on taking over the world but a group of men from different walks of life with the purpose of living as equals and improving the communities in which we live. As a result in the overwhelming response we have received so far and the difficulty in scheduling with Grand Lodge to secure systems for such events (they currently own only 4), we have made the decision to purchase a Child Id System for our Lodge. This will insure that we will have a system at our control as we plan future events. If you or your wife can spare a couple of hours that Saturday call or email me so we can have enough people to staff the event.

Lodge Statistics - March 2009

Deaths: 1	Demits: 0	Petitions: 2	Degrees performed: 0	Raised: 0
Attendance:	Schools/Degrees: Average 4.5	Stated: 22 - March		
Total membership: 147 plus 1 candidate = 148				
EA Working: 0	FC Working: 1	MM Working: 0		
Members in arrears (2009 Dues): 8	Life Members: 11	50 Year Members: 17		
Honorary Members: 5	Remitted Members: 3	Members cited NPD: 0		

While the Child Id Program is on the forefront of our minds at the moment, do not forget our stated on the 20th, Worshipful David Wells will be providing a program on Masonic Education. In addition, Relay for Life is just around the corner in May as well as the Ladies Night we will be having at our Stated Meeting in May. You will receive more information on this in two weeks. Finally brethren, support your Lodge, it may be My year in the East, but it is OUR LODGE, take pride and ownership in what we are striving to accomplish. Help me and all of your officers make not just this year but Our Lodge a success. If we do not grow and work together then we become stagnant and fall in a rut, if this happens we can not survive to see this Lodge celebrate another century of Freemasonry.

Forever your Brother and Friend
 Duffy "Digger" Ferguson

April 18 will be the Child ID Event at Tanglewood Mall, 10AM to 5PM

April will be a program on Masonic Education given by Wor. David Wells, DEO/LEO and Training Administrator for Grand Lodge.

May will be a Ladies Night and a presentation by the DeMolay young men.

Birthdays

Robert Glen Bishop	Apr 2	Fred Marion Burns	May 1	Claude Daniel Kittinger, III	Jun 2
Wayne Culver Stanton	Apr 5	Calvin Peter Keister	May 2	Mark Wayne Minter	Jun 6
James Hardie Lawrence	Apr 11	Joe Jackson Hatcher	May 2	Donald Dean Gates	Jun 14
Michael Kevin Riley	Apr 20	Paul Gary Black	May 4	Kenneth Earl Bentz	Jun 15
Curtis Neil Dickerson	Apr 24	Robert Denny Tucker	May 9	Barry Dale Light	Jun 15
William A. Seymour, Jr.	Apr 26	Sidney Fulton Baker	May 12	Major Nicholas Reed	Jun 17
Jerry Wayne McMillan	Apr 29	David Bruce Baumgardner, Jr.	May 14	Stephen Kendrick Sprague	Jun 21
		J. Edward Conner	May 19	John Robert Gibson	Jun 26
		Roger Sedgewick Pendrey	May 20		
		Anthony Todd Holland	May 20		
		Lloyd Marion Holfield	May 23		
		Charles Henry Stowe	May 24		
		Harry Kenneth Shelton	May 27		