

Masonic Veterans for 2008

July	Spencer M. Rogers	60 years
October	Kermit Jordan	25 years
	Marc F. Povondra	25 years
November	Henry A. Young	50 years
	William L. Rice	25 years
	Steven Morris Gilbert	25 years
	Jerry W. Ledbetter	25 years
December	Michael Lombardo`	60 years

Health & Welfare

If you would like either a “Thinking of You” or “Sympathy” card sent from the Lodge, please contact Worshipful Roger Cort, or any of the Lodge Officers. Please leave a detailed message if necessary. Please provide name(s) and address(es), especially if they're not in our Lodge roster. We will send out a card as soon as we get the information.

Masonic Recognition Day

Don't forget, Brethren, Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of each month. Wear your Masonic paraphernalia proudly!

Get the Rough Ashlar via Email!

If you'd like to begin receiving our monthly newsletter, the ***Rough Ashlar***, via email, simply send email address to emmett@epate.com and I'll add you to the list. It's a great way to stay up-to-date on what's happening at your lodge.

Worshipful Buddy Pate

Tyson Family Raising



Only July 12th, the Tyson family took another step in their Masonic journey when all 3 were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.



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From The East



The ditch is dug and the pipe is on site. Our sewer project is coming to fruition. This could not have been accomplished without the generosity of the brethren and some other select folks. I would like to thank our Eastern Star Chapter for their donations totaling \$700. You ladies are terrific for supporting this project. To Worshipfuls Joe Thornton, Monte Howell, Bill Nolan and Bill Nelligar, and Brothers Mark Wegesin, Dave Borntrager, and everyone else, your generosity has been overwhelming. I cannot thank everyone enough. I hate to sound greedy, but we have a roof to replace, so if you have not yet donated to our Building Fund, please do so. We need as much help as we can get.

My father reminded me again that I am King this year. He just can't seem to get the Worshipful Master phrase in to his head, no matter how many times I have tried to explain. I have found out that there is a lot more to this than just sitting in a chair on the East side of the lode and preside over meetings. There is a great deal of balancing that has to occur as well. The challenges have been many, but I want to thank those brethren that have offered me VERY good counsel so far this year. Your continued support is appreciated. I can only hope to have made you all proud to have selected me as Master this year. It seems overwhelming at times, but I know that I can count on my more experienced brethren to guide my through the tumultuous times. However, I am not the only one that needs that guidance. We have many new and younger brethren that could use some masonic wisdom bestowed upon them. Some of them take a little longer to get it, but offer your guidance and support to them and they will pay big dividends to the lodge in the future. It is what makes us who we are.

In closing, I would like to thank the brethren that attended my retirement ceremony and celebration. It warmed my heart to no end when I looked out at the people in attendance for the ceremony and saw many of my masonic brethren sitting directly behind my family. And then when Jill and I counted heads at the house and I saw how many lodge members were there, it just solidified my

feelings 4 years ago when I joined. This is a place where I will be loved, and I feel it every day from all of you.

Brother Adam Green, Worshipful Master

From The West



It is good to be a brother in Kempsville Lodge #196 A. F. & A. M. Just this week I have been appreciating how much our lodge has to offer in comparison to others and am grateful for being a member of Kempsville. This came to my attention when I noticed how many other lodges across the state of Virginia are “dark” for the entire summer, whereas Kempsville remains as busy as ever. We are one of the largest lodges in the State in terms of membership; have an excellent mix of seasoned and new members; are relatively diverse with respect to the various backgrounds and professions of the brethren; offer numerous opportunities in the areas of fellowship, ritual, and community service; and are generally a fun group of guys.

The last several months has seen a frenzy of lodge activities. Not only did we initiate several entered apprentices, but we also raised numerous master masons, most notably the Tyson “brothers.” Brother Bill Rawson worked hard in putting together these degree teams and Worshipful Buddy Pate made sure that the ritual work was in fine form. Right Worshipful Tom McGowan lead us to another successful Bull Roast, resulting in us once again being able to present scholarships to two deserving VoTech students. Our Worshipful Master, Adam Green, via various avenues, generated the funds to enable us to break ground on the sewage project! I get “flushed” just thinking about it. Lastly, I was able to have an enjoyable Senior Warden’s Night and could not have done it without the help of many, many brethren.

Looking toward the third quarter of this Masonic year, we can anticipate an extremely busy August. This is highlighted by the Grand Master’s official visit to the 56th District on August 8th, and the

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Area Leadership Conference/One-Day Conferral on August 16th followed by the Parkerson School on August 23rd.

As my journey toward the East grows shorter, I find myself becoming more excited about finishing this year strong and building toward next year. I am grateful to the large number of brethren who have offered to help the lodge by continuing in their current positions of service, or who have given me advice about how to make next year memorable and meaningful for the “Grand Lodge of Kempsville.” While the “line” for next year is almost completed, a couple of positions remain available. Because so many people recently have offered to step in, the lodge may be in the fortunate situation of having more people available to help than there are actual spots! Nonetheless, there is always an opportunity for each brother to contribute in his own way. I promise that your efforts will be duly recognized.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Senior Warden.

From The South

I am beginning to make some notes for this article shortly after returning home from an Alaskan cruise, something I would wholeheartedly recommend to anyone considering taking such a trip. It was like walking through the pages of a National Geographic. The different sights, terrain, animals, folk lore, people, and the shipboard experience was all it was supposed to be. While spending an entire afternoon floating in front of the massive Hubbard Glacier I spotted Masonic jewelry on a fellow passenger and after exchanging tokens so that one Mason may know another in the dark as in the light, I found out he came all the way from Beirut, Lebanon. Here we had met halfway around the world and were instant friends, a warm feeling indeed.

This meeting has inspired me to read about Masonry on a world wide basis and the following is something I came across and thought I would share with you: In some countries anti-Masonry is often related to anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. For example, in 1980, the Iraqi Legal and Penal Code was changed by Saadam Hussein's ruling Ba'ath Party, making it a felony to "promote or acclaim Zionist principles, including Freemasonry, or associate (themselves) in Zionist organizations." Professor Andrew Prescott, of the University of Sheffield, writes: "Since at least the time of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, anti-Semitism has gone hand in hand with anti-Masonry, so it is not surprising that allegations the September 11th was a Zionist plot have been accompanied by suggestions that the attacks were inspired by a Masonic World Order."

Brethren, it is truly a wacky world we live in...

Brother Bill Rawson, 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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Trestle Board

August 12 Stated Communication
Hawaain Night,
Open 6PM, Dinner 7PM
August 16 One Day Conferral
Granby St Temple
August 19 Degree work as needed
August 23 Parkerson School, Bayside Lodge,
Registration/Breakfast @ 7:30am
August 26 Degree work as needed
August 30 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10 AM
Proceeds to benefit our Building Fund
September 2 Degree work as needed
September 9 Stated Communication
9/11 Remembrance
September 16 District Blood Drive
Bayside Lodge, 3-7:30PM
September 27 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
September 21 Family Picnic
October 14 Stated Communication
Senior Warden's Night
October 18 Hoe Down at Khedive Temple

Most Worshipful Mac Rogers 60th Masonic Birthday Visit



Seventeen Kempsville Brethren make the trek up to Onancock on the Eastern Shore to visit Chesapeake Lodge and help celebrate Most Worshipful Spencer MacMath Roger's 60th Masonic Anniversary. (Not shown: Worshipful Bobby Spruill and Brother Richard Naujoks)

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be September 16th at Bayside 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

Bull Roast Recap

My Brethren, once again I would like to take the time to thank everyone who participated in and supported the Bull Roast. The hard work, generosity and dedication to our annual project is a tremendous thing to behold.

This year we netted over \$4,600.00, which after our pledges to the Masonic Home and Scholarship, we had over \$2,100 to add to our sewer project.

I would like to personally thank everyone who participated, your support in preparing the food, selling the tickets, serving and cleaning up after the meal, and also those who supported it with financial aid. It is appreciated by your officers and members.

Thanks again for making it a success

Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, Chairman

Mystery Chef



You never know who you'll find working in the kitchen during the Lodge Breakfast!

Youth Corner

Both the Job's Daughters and the DeMolay attended their respective state wide gatherings in July and both met with resounding success. The Bethel took 19 girls to Grand Session where they won the Spirit award for being an outstanding Bethel. They also won several other competitions including the group dance competition and the Bethel that traveled the most. Several girls won individual competitions in ritual, dance, music and original writing. Additionally, Dana Grabowski (PHQ) won scholarships from the Grand Court of the Amaranth, Shrine Club and the Order of the Eastern Star. Caitlin Hendley (PHQ) received the Job's Daughters Grand Guardian Council scholarship and Lauren Grabowski (PHQ) received a scholarship from the Grand Commandry available for college juniors and seniors.

The DeMolay Chapter brought 30 boys to Conclave comprising one third of all boys at the annual meeting. The chapter was awarded the Chapter of the Year for the state of Virginia and the Traveling Gavel. They competed in several events with Sean Walsh winning the billiards tournament. Kempsville Chapter's own Nick Cook was elected as Deputy State Master Counselor and will serve as the State Master Counselor next year becoming only the second boy from our Chapter to be elected to this office. Additionally, Nick McElroy won the State Representative DeMolay competition. Congratulations to Zach Martin for being elected as Master Councilor for the term beginning in September.

All of the youth thank you for your continued support and participation in their work. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

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