

# Food & Fellowship at Kempsville Lodge!

Lodge Breakfast  
August 29<sup>th</sup> – 8 to 10AM

Lodge Family Picnic  
September 20<sup>th</sup> – 1 to 4PM

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## From The East



Given that it is more than halfway through my time in the East, I have spent some moments reflecting upon the key events of the past six months as well as my hopes for the remainder of the year. Much has been accomplished thus far due to the hard work, perseverance, and kindheartedness of many brethren. To date, we have had our official visit from the DDGM; helped coordinate the Grand Master's official visit to Districts 56 and 36; had several successful lodge breakfasts and blood drives; helped to sponsor many events for the DeMolay, Jobies, and Eastern Star; honored our ladies with Sweethearts' Night; hosted a most memorable Father-Son Masons' Night (that included a drop-in visit from the Grand Master and his entourage); supported numerous District events such as the Worshipful Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters Degree Team Nights; conducted our first VACHIP Child ID program event; completed Past Masters' Night/Armed Forces' Night/Senior Warden's Night; recognized an Eagle Scout, Veterans, and The Flag of Our Country; and executed yet another successful Bull Roast. The lodge website has really taken off, resulting in several additional visitors to our lodge (including from England and Germany) due to finding us on the web. Lastly, many have put forth a lot of "elbow grease" to make our meals hearty and our building/grounds functionally sound and visually appealing. Kempsville really is a beautiful lodge inside and out.

In preparing for next year, it is my hope that you will continue to give Bro. Bill Rawson as much support as you have given me. I know that he has already been busy planning for next Masonic year, including the selection of his officers and committee members. In general, we could benefit by having a larger number of brethren assisting with various lodge jobs. We could always use more coaches and assistance in the kitchen.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

## From The West



Dr. William Dodd was born in 1729. After obtaining a degree with honors from Cambridge, he taught there, and was ordained in the Church of England and appointed Canon of the Priory, Church of St. John. Dodd was a very popular preacher and in 1763 appointed one of King George III's chaplains.

However, his extravagant lifestyle was suspect. A townhome in the city, a country home, and lavish parties made it difficult to see how he could afford to have lived so well on the modest income of a clergyman. Rumors began to circulate.

In Feb. 1774, a well-endowed living became vacant in Hanover Square and Dr. Dodd, foreseeing and opportunity, sent an anonymous letter to Lady Apsley, offering a bribe of three-thousand British pounds, if she would persuade her husband to offer the position to Dodd. Offended at the letter she told Lord Apsley, who ordered an inquiry. The letter was traced to Dodd's house. Dr. Dodd turned to one of his former pupils, the Earl of Chesterfield who, being loyal to his tutor, appointed him another living in Bedfordshire, thereby allowing Dodd to escape the inquiry.

Dr. Dodd applied to join a Freemason's Lodge at St. Albans. Because he was so well liked the Brothers had no hesitation in accepting him, and the Grand Lodge of England immediately conferred him the first Grand Chaplain of Freemasons on May 1, 1775.

Dr. Dodd went off to holiday in Paris and upon his return to England was heavily in debt. Dodd contacted a moneylender and asked for a loan of over four-thousand pounds, offering a bond issued by Lord Chesterfield as security. The moneylender paid Dodd, but was suspicious. He took the bond to Lord Chesterfield who told him the signature was forged. Chesterfield was very angry at Dodd's ingratitude and insisted he be prosecuted. Dr. Dodd was tried for forgery by three judges and a jury and found guilty. He was sentenced to be hanged.

Thirty-thousand people signed a petition for his reprieve, but King George III, fearing a bad

example, rejected it. A great crowd came to Tyburn to see Dodd hanged on June 27. It is rumored that after his body was cut down from the gallows, Freemasons seized it and took it to a nearby house where Dodd, who was not quite dead yet, was revived, and smuggled to France where he lived to a ripe old age.

Fact or fiction? I leave it to you to decide.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon,

Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden

From The South

Wow, what a year we have had so far. We have been working every Tuesday since January and we still have work to do. I want to thank everyone who has participated on degree teams and everyone who comes out to watch the degree work. I am delighted to see everyone join us for our degree work. We've had several new brothers in lodge to watch the degree work and they've shared how much they enjoyed watching us work – in addition to helping them learn the catechism. I do have a request, however, and that is for coaches. We have brought in a lot of new brothers and our current coaches have taken on three or four each. As we continue to grow, we must look at our resources. Our officers are working to help each other with ritual. Our coaches are working hard to prepare our brothers for advancement, but we need your assistance. Please consider coaching our new brothers - they are eager to learn. As always, we need assistance with our degree work. Please refer to The Trestle Board for our work schedule. See you at lodge.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Junior Warden

Bull Roast Report

I would first like to thank all of the brethren who made this year's Bull Roast a success. Specifically, to Brother Bill Peterson who made my life in the kitchen much easier than expected, Brother Paul LaFond who stepped in and sliced for us, and Brother Bud Marchman, who helped get things started with the cole slaw and potato salad. After tabulating the totals from pre-sold tickets, take-outs, and folks who came in and enjoyed the fellowship in the lodge, we came out ahead. While not having as many pre-ordered take-outs as in the past, we still provided over 200 meals out the door. Thank you Worshipful Chris Jaeger and Right Worshipful Buddy Pate for keeping those going smoothly. As of July 8<sup>th</sup>, after paying all of the bills, including the Masonic Home donation and the scholarships, we cleared \$3,165. This does not include materials donated to the lodge that we did not use on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

An extra special thanks to Worshipful Don Meyer and Right Worshipful Tom McGowan for their wise counsel and guidance.

Thanks to all of you who supported this year's event. While not quite as financially successful as recent years, it was still a great day for the lodge.

Worshipful Adam Green, Bull Roast Chairman

Welcome to Kempsville!

A special welcome to our newest members: Seth Adam Miles (raised on 7/7) and Alexander "Alex" R. Echols (raised 7/28).

Kempsville's Oldest Member



Some interesting excerpts from a January Virginia-Pilot article about Brother Joe Smith - quite likely Kempsville's oldest member.

Meet Joe Smith. He turned 105 last week. He walked into his birthday party at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Kempsville, using only a cane. His daughter had suggested one of those fourprong walking aids, but he shot her down. “It would make me look like an old man,” he told her.

He not only got himself dressed, in pants, a burgundy shirt and cardigan, but Smith washes and folds his own laundry at Marian Manor, the assisted living community where he lives.

Just before he turned 100, he asked his daughter if she’d go with him to DMV to renew his license. She stonewalled, hoping he’d drop the matter and let it lapse. Then she showed up one day and he was holding up his new license. He’d renewed it himself. He drove until he was 101, then agreed to sell his Oldsmobile, telling his daughter: “As long as it’s sitting out there, I’m going to drive it.”

Smith looks maybe 80, like he’s there for the party of some guy turning 105.

“He’s had no illnesses, has he?” a woman asks McMillan. Smith interjects: “I still have all my teeth, too.”

Trestleboard

August 4 ..... Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM  
August 11 ..... Stated Communication  
LEO Presentation, Dinner 6PM  
August 15 ..... Parkerson Ritual School  
Bayside Lodge, 8AM  
August 18 ..... Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM  
August 25 ..... Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM  
August 29 ..... Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM  
September 8 ..... Stated Communication  
9/11 Remembrance, Dinner 6PM  
September 20..... Family Picnic, 1-4PM  
September 26 ..... Lodge Breakfast  
and Open House, 8-10AM

District Deputy Degree Team



On June 30<sup>th</sup>, 6 current District Deputies along with 13 Past District Deputies from 6 local districts conferred the Master Mason Degree for Brother Robert Winn, Jr.

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 took 21 young ladies to the annual Grand Session in Ferrum this year, the largest group present. They had a wonderful time competing in many events from ritual competition to music and dance to field events winning several first place trophies. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. where we will be honoring Masons and Eastern Star members as well as initiating the daughter of our previous District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Chad White. It will be a great opportunity to see the wonderful ritual work that these young ladies perform. Come out and see for yourself.

The DeMolay Chapter attended the annual Conclave in Radford where they competed in several events as well and Kempsville's own Nick Cook was installed as the State Master Councilor. The boys also went to Washington DC to attend the Grand Master's wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during their observance of the Government Day of Obligation on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. It was a very successful event. Please congratulate

Zach Martin, Master Councilor elect; Jeran Gray, Senior Councilor elect; and Brian Foley, Junior Councilor elect for the next term.

Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

Masonic Veterans for 2009

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 August

Robert Leon Akers '66	Harry W. Lamer, Jr. '08
Allen Victor Alewine '08	David W. McGowan '05
Joshua Allen Arkin '08	Grady McGuire '69
Ramon Luis Baez '08	Newbury E. Meader Jr. '99
Ray Leon Benton '88	Donald Edward Meyer '77
Curtis Edward Brannon '65	Michael Neal Miller '05
Brian Edward Cullen '08	Edward F. Myers, III '08
Homer J. Cullifer '65	Bennell Willard Powers '93
Bruce A. Cunningham '08	Wesley Edward Powers '99
John Newton Farr '98	Thomas Patrick Reidy '05
Robert Scott Foxwell '02	Gregory Michael Remy '08
Donald McKay Fraser '06	Jeffrey Scott Rohrer '08
Moss Samuel Friedman '91	Michael G. Rylko Jr. '05
Shawn Paul Garfield '00	Larry Duane Santos '93
Raymond Elnor Hall III '05	David Tyrone Silvey '04
Warren Robert Hard '05	Wesley C. Thompson '06
Brian Keith Headley '00	Anthony K. Turner '08
Todd Leslie Herbst '05	Walter Maher Wales '65
Walter Lee Humphries '71	Claude W. Watkins Jr. '91
Paul Joseph Jusselin '05	Thomas G. Webber, Jr. '08
William T. Kemp, Sr. '66	William Roy Wood '77
Jonathan Robert King '00	

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
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Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	495-7645
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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
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