



27th Annual Bull Roast

**June 12, 2010
11AM - 7PM**

**Tender Roast of Beef
Home Made Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
Cole Slaw, Cakes, and Pies
Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade**

**Proceeds to Support the Masonic Home of Virginia
&
Kempsville Lodge Scholarship Fund**

**\$10 All You Can Eat
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\$6 Children Under 12**

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From The East



On behalf of the entire Lodge and everyone who uses our facility I would like to express our sincere "Thanks" to the Jobies for their fine "Love Gift" of a brand new vacuum cleaner.

Having beat their competition (the boys of the DeMolay) the girls raised money the fastest and presented the gift at the Stated dinner in May. It was desperately needed, as witnessed by the upstairs carpet. So thanks to the Moms, Dads, and especially the girls of Bethel 42.

And while I'm on the subject congrats to the Jobies on a very successful "42 Review." The food, show, fellowship, and pies were fantastic. A great time was had by all and I'm sure a few inches added to a more than a few waistlines.

Candidates for Freemasonry are required to declare a belief in a Supreme Being, however he is not asked to expand on, or explain his interpretation. The discussion of politics and religion is forbidden in a Masonic Lodge, so a Brother will not be placed in the situation of having to justify his belief. Therefore, reference to the Supreme Being will mean The Trinity to a Christian, Allah to a Muslim, Para Brahman to a Hindu, etc. While most Freemasons view the term to mean God, others may hold a more complex interpretation. In the ritual, the Supreme Being is referred to as the Great Architect of the Universe, which alludes to the use of Architectural Symbolism within Freemasonry.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon.
Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

From The West



We are once again in transition. The season is changing from spring to summer. College graduations have occurred and high school commencement ceremonies are quickly approaching. Our children will be on summer break; some may be working, taking classes, or just having fun. Some of us will be taking vacations or simply spending time with

our family. We have some exciting events lined up including Senior Warden's night, our famous Bull Roast, Hawaiian Shirt night in July, and the Family Picnic in September.

In the same spirit of transition our line officers are moving into various other positions within each degree and learning new parts. Come out and see what they have learned. Of course, preparations continue for Masonic year 2011. I want to thank everyone who has offered suggestions and ideas for guest speakers and other special programs for next year. Thanks to Worshipful Bill Rawson for his inspiration and ideas.

Lastly, I would like to say something about our youth activities. I am very impressed by the ritual work done by both the DeMolay and Job's Daughters. It is wonderful to watch them during their meetings and at special presentations such as "The Flower Talk" or "The Father Talk." They deserve a round of applause. Please attend one of their meetings if you are able, I think you will also be impressed. Also, I would like to thank the youth for their support of our lodge and Eastern Star Chapter. It makes for one big happy family.

See you at lodge soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Senior Warden

From The South



Hope you are all well. Just wanted to thank you for taking time from your evening schedule to support the lodge in the degree work as well as with the candidates. I know it means a lot to the candidates see the sidelines filled with their fellow Brethren. As previously stated, we have over 25 candidates in work and we are working every Tuesday night for the next several months. At the last Master, Warden and Deacon meeting, I was sharing our good fortune of having active candidates with Brother Danny Diego, the Senior Warden at Willis V. Fentress No. 296. They too have the good fortune of being busy with candidates. To cope with their situation, they have formed another degree team of non-officers that work on Thursday nights. I think it's a great idea for the Brethren to remain involved with their

lodge. I would like to form such a team at Kempsville. If you are interested please contact me.

Brother Chip Winston, Junior Warden at Willis V. Fentress # 296, is putting together a District Junior Warden team to initiate a candidate into the mystery of Freemasonry. It is currently scheduled for June 15, 2010 at Willis V. Fentress, and I will be participating. Please mark this on your calendar and try to make this event. It will be a great gesture to show our support to the other lodges within the district.

Finally, our annual Bull Roast is fast approaching, June 12, 2010. Worshipful Adam Green is working hard to set this event up and he would welcome any help you may be able to provide. This is our major fund raising event and we provide two scholarships from the proceeds as well as a donation to the Masonic Home of Virginia. Looking forward to seeing you, your family and your

Please keep our deployed military as well as sick and infirmed Brethren and widows in your thoughts and prayers. Looking forward to seeing and chatting with you in your lodge! Have a great month!

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

A Message From the Secretary...

Brethren, one of the most important duties of the Secretary is the collection of dues from the members. As you know, dues provide the financial life-blood of the Lodge. Most important though, payment of your dues is necessary to maintain your membership. A recent audit of unpaid dues reveals the Lodge has an outstanding balance of \$6,000. Please check your dues card now – it should be current (expiring December 31, 2010). If your dues card is not current, please contact me so we may settle this matter. In addition, don't forget the Grand Lodge's "Life Membership in Perpetuity Plan" as a means to avoid future annual dues payments (contact me for information regarding this). My contact information is printed in "The Ashlar" and is available on our Lodge web site.

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Revised Methodical Digest

Please be informed that the Methodical Digest is newly revised and codified, and has been completely redone. Inserts for 2009 will not be issued from Grand Lodge. In other words, those

Brethren who had a previous Digest and desire a current issue must now purchase the updated one (the last major revision took place in 2001). The cost is \$15.00 per copy, and is available through the Secretary.

Got Blood?

Four months ago, on the request from the District Blood Coordinator, I put out a plea that six brothers commit to donating blood at the District's blood drives. The reason being that if six lodges gave six donations each, then the District would collectively tally up a total of thirty six pints of whole blood which would be a very respectable number and one that the District could be proud of. I am very pleased and thankful to report that the request was not only answered, but exceeded all expectations. In the two blood drives since the call was put out, seventeen and eighteen members of our Kempsville family have sat in the chair, rolled up their sleeves, squeezed the ball, and helped to save the life of another.

As this article is being written prior to the District's May blood drive, I want to take this opportunity to thank those who will have given of themselves in continuing this fine and noble tradition that we are establishing.

Jerry Hallal, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Masonic Birthdays for June

James Orval Amburn Jr. '65	Daniel G. Higger '96
Sidney C. Atkinson '82	Lloyd F. Holbrook III '98
Nicholas Azaransky '00	Jonathan William Jones '05
Carl Nixon Barber '71	Lee Kelberg '59
Gerald Bernard Barham '62	William T. Kemp, Jr. '07
Theodore W. Barton Jr. '66	Paul Joseph LaFond '00
Winfred Allan Beamon '69	Kenneth Lancaster '84
James Henry Beck '57	Robert D. Lockwood '73
Richard Lewis Boyette '48	John Walter Mapes '97
John Rayos Caole '03	Thomas McGowan '66
James Cobell, III '93	Richard W. Mears, Jr. '62
John Erick Corbett '69	Owen Price Mills '67
Frank Leroy Creasy '73	Darryl R. Moyers '82
Christopher L. Crichton '07	Harold D. Nix '61
Robert Arthur Davis '82	Harold G. Noyes, Jr. '57
Richard Alfred Davis Jr. '63	Emmett "Buddy" Pate '00
Wayne Thomas Dunn '80	Fletcher B. Porter Jr. '91
William S. Erekson '50	Norman P. Powers Jr. '95
Roger Newton Farr '74	Charles Michael Rogers '70
Frederick C. Farrer '94	Clifton Essley Smith '89
John Thomas Farrer '94	Bobby Gene Spruill '81
Ira Lawson Fisk '55	John Daniel Tackett '08
Adam Trevor Ford '06	Robert B. Wadsworth '99
Floyd Morris Gilbert '56	Jason Warren White '04
Robert Lee Gunter '73	Michael Jay Willis '73
Jerry Samuel Hase '88	George R. Winn, Jr. '09

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,507 years in Masonry!

Masonic Attitude

Of extreme importance to the welfare of Masonry is the proper attitude of the individual Mason toward his Lodge and Masonry.

The strength of Masonry can never be evaluated in terms of numbers. Our strength forever depends upon the enthusiasm, the loyalty, and the steady growth of the Mason through constant study of the tenets and teachings of Freemasonry.

To speak of an indifferent Mason should be a contradiction. The man who has been honored by being elected to membership in Masonry must be conscious of his obligations--to act from honest motives, to live by the standards of Masonic teachings, and be loyal to the institution.

That the desire to be serviceable to mankind which expressed when each of us signed a Petition for the degree of Masonry should be carefully contemplated. To what degree each one works toward such a goal determines the influence of Masonry in his own life and in the life of his community.

Check your attitude toward your Lodge and Freemasonry. It can be a pathway to a unity of spirit which will be reflected in the overall progress of Freemasonry and in the solutions to grave problems which confront our nation.

By Right Worshipful Charles Sinclar Jr. 33°
Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom Mc Gowan

Masonic Veterans for 2010

June	William S. Erekson	60 Years
October	Daniel E. Connor	25 Years
November	Russell L. Houston	25 Years
December	Rubin Kravitz	50 Years

Trestleboard

June 1 Visiting Willis V. Fentress
Grand Master's Official Visit

June 8 Stated Communication
Senior Warden's Night, Dinner 6PM

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June 15 District Junior Warden's Night
Willis V. Fentress, 7PM

June 22 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM

June 26 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

June 29 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM

July 6 Master Mason Degree, 7PM

July 13 Stated Communication
Hawaiian Shirt Night, Dinner 6PM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at www.kempsvillelodge.org.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these Brethren and their families in your thoughts and prayers:

- Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson -- VA Hospital.
- Brother Richard Chrisman – at home.
- Right Worshipful Richard Alfred Davis, Jr. - at home. Give him a call at 757-497-1227
- Worshipful Elwood Grant – Brighton Gardens, Virginia Beach.

Youth Corner

Thank you to all who attend the Bethel's 42 Review and made it a resounding success. Please congratulate the Daughters for winning first place in the state wide competition for exemplifying their degree work. This is the first time that Bethel 42 has won this honor in several years. Reserve July 2nd at 6:30PM on your calendar and attend the Bethel's installation of officers and support Natasha Cook, Honored Queen elect.

The DeMolay Chapter will be competing in their state wide ritual competition at Luray Caverns. They will be competing in their initiatory degree. Please wish them luck. Additionally, Master Councilor Jeran Gray would love to have you come to one of the Chapter's meetings on the first and third Thursday at 7PM. Dinner served at the first meeting at 6PM.

Brother Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome to our newest member: Brother Terry L. Bledsoe: Affiliated on May 11th and Brother Joseph J. Agnoli: Raised on May 25th.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William H. Rawson	467-5913
Senior Warden	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Junior Warden	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	495-7645
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	Wor. Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Junior Deacon	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Senior Steward	Jack Bell, Jr.	831-0318
Chaplain	John R. Preddy, III	495-0771
Marshal	David Bortrager	404-7236
Musician	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Tiler	Bob Lankford	499-0115
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Blood Coordinator	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

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