

Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Brother George Boggs – 461-7939
- Right Worshipful Richard Alfred Davis, Jr. – 497-1227
- Brother William Erekson – 340-4400
- Burt Jones – Kings Grant House
- Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Brother Leslie Miller – 420-7560
- Brother F. B. “Nick” Nickerson – V.A. Hospital.

A special request is made for donations to help offset the cost of repairing our driveways and parking lot, as well as maintaining our building fund. Please send any donation to the Lodge Secretary. Your consideration and generosity is most appreciated.

District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be at Bayside on May 23rd from 3:00 to 7:30. As usual, it’s easier to sign up online at giveblood.org, and use the sponsor code “vbmasons” for an appointment. I recently noted where a truck transporting blood overturned and caught fire in our area. That incident illustrates how the blood supply can be adversely affected. The need will always be there, but the supply can be compromised, whether it be an accident, or lack of donors. We need to participate as often as we can to do our part, insuring a constant supply for people in need of blood. Hope to see you at the next drive.

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

2011 Dues

Brethren, surprisingly, after doing an audit of the outstanding 2011 dues, I found that sixty (60) members have not yet paid their annual dues. Lodge dues are payable on January 1 of each year, and expire on December 31. Please check your dues card now; if it is not current, I ask you to please remit your dues to the Secretary.

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Father/Son Night

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr., made a surprise visit to the April Stated Communication as Kempsville Lodge celebrated “Father/Son Night”. The evening’s speaker, Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges (Grand Master in 2009), recounted how how he made a similar “surprise” visit when Most Worshipful John Quinley was the guest speaker at the 2009 Father/Son Night.



Left to right: Right Worshipful James Copeland, (DDGM for Masonic District 33), Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges (Grand Master in 2009), Right Worshipful Roger Cort, Most Worshipful Spence McMath Rogers (Grand Master in 1981), Worshipful Michael Johnstone, Right Worshipful Kerry Campbell (Grand Senior Warden), Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr., Right Worshipful Wayne Flora (Grand Senior Deacon)

By-Laws Revision

At the May Stated Communication, the following change to Article II of the By-Law will be read:

ARTICLE II

“Every member of this Lodge except the Treasurer shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of **\$77.00 (seventy-seven dollars)** plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments as annual dues, and rounded up to the next dollar.”

This is a \$21.00 increase in Lodge Dues.

Welcome to Kempsville!

- Emmett R. Reynolds – Raised April 5th
- Todd C. Moissett – Raised April 19th
- Thomas C. England – Raised April 26th

From The East



Happy May everyone. Now we may enjoy our May flowers that the April showers have produced. There is so much color from these flowers and such a sight to behold. I do enjoy driving through residential areas to

look at the flowers, since I do not seem to be able to grow any myself.

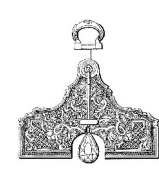
May is also our kick off for our annual Bull Roast. I know Adam Green is shifting into high gear to obtain supplies, solicit help, and promote this event. I will let him speak on those details. I will simply say that our Bull Roast Team will need a great deal of assistance from us to make the event a success. I encourage you, if able, to provide any help you can. There is no task too small or too large that needs to be tended. I have scheduled leave from work so that I may be available and ready to be put to work. Thanks in advance for your assistance in this, our major fund raiser for the year.

I feel that I must offer an apology for my recent absence from our lodge activities. The brief explanation is that I recently changed job duties at work due to a staffing shortage in one department. This position change also created a change in work hours. I am working with my supervisor to correct this and work less evening shift hours.

Lastly, brethren, our busy schedule continues so please make plans to attend our work nights to support our wonderful degree team(s) and our candidates. We have a special Armed Forces Night this month and we will initiate a sailor into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

See you soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



First, I deeply regret that I was not able to attend the April Stated Communication. Second, since I could not attend the April stated, the presentation I was prepared to deliver regarding the Lodge Dues will now be

given at the May Stated Communication. This presentation will present our actual income and expenditures for Masonic Years 2008, 2009 and 2010; the Grand Lodge recommendation for calculating Lodge Dues from the Grand Lodge Website; and anticipated cost from replacing the carpet as well as getting the heating & air conditioning system on maintenance plan rather than fixing the unit when it breaks.

Finally, here is an article I found in Blaire’s Book of Folklore. “Driver or Hitchhiker, Which are you?”

With a thumb, a hitchhiker says, “You’ll furnish the car, the gas, attend to the car’s repairs and upkeep, supply the insurance, and I’ll ride with you. But if you have an accident while I am in your car, I’ll sue you for the damages.

The above sounds a little one –sided, but one wonders just how many hitchhikers there are in our organization. Many members seem to say, “You go to the meetings, serve as an officer or on a committee, do the paperwork, study the issues, and take care of the things that need doing, and I’ll go along for the ride. If things don’t suit my fancy, I’ll complain and criticize, and will probably get out and hitchhike with another group.”

Hitchhiker or driver—which kind of member are you?

We need candidate coaches, members willing to learn and participate on degree teams, help in the kitchen during the Stated Communication, and participate in the Lodge fund raising opportunities, etc. What are you willing and able to contribute once each week, once bi-weekly, once a month, once each quarter or once a year?

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South



Several days ago, my neighbor and I met for our weekly chat along the hedgerow. She shared with me her worry about the movement of the tectonic plate along the Pacific rim of Asia and of the possibility of it causing a piece of the continental shelf to dislodge, fall to the ocean floor, and in that process, cause an Atlantic tsunami.

After doing my best to assure her that the chances of that happening were slim, she mentioned that everyone in her family had begun to take lessons. Her daughter was taking singing lessons and her son was taking batting lessons. Even she and her husband were getting instruction in the fine art of ballroom dancing.

Being nosy, as I can sometimes be, I wondered out loud how much this pursuit of knowledge, improvement and perfection was stressing the family budget. I was astounded by her answer.

Everybody wants to become better at the things they enjoy doing. Everyone wants to perform for their team as well as they can. Everyone wants to reach the high notes and hit a home run. And they are willing to pay for the opportunity of receiving instruction to better themselves.

We in the Masonic fraternity are very lucky. That we may better ourselves and improve in Masonic knowledge and become the best we can be, we have well informed Brethren who will always be ready to give, when we are wanting to receive, instruction. And it's free.

I want to encourage all to get with a Brother and let him share his knowledge of Masonry with you. Learn the ritual and offer to be part of a Degree team. In a short while, you will be knocking it out of the park and having a lot of fun doing it.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

April 30 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
May 3 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
May 9 Ritual School, 7PM
May 10 Stated Communication
Armed Forces Night, 6PM
May 6 Ritual School, 7PM
May 17 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
May 23 District Blood Drive
Bayside Lodge No. 218, 3PM
May 23 Ritual School, 7PM
May 28 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
June 11 Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM
June 13 Ritual School, 7PM
June 14 Stated Communication
Senior Warden's Night, 6PM

To our Dear Masonic Sweethearts

Ladies, in this edition of the *Ashlar*, you should find one *Complimentary* ticket to our 28th Annual Bull Roast on June 11th from 11AM to 7PM. Please come out and join with your Masonic family for a day of fun and fellowship. If you have some family and would like to purchase more tickets so they can join you please contact me at the phone number listed under my signature. If you would like to attend but need a ride, again, contact me and we can work out arrangements to get you to the lodge and home. If you are unable to attend, but would like to have lunch or dinner delivered to you that day, please let me know. You are an important part of our family and we would love to see you at the lodge, even if for a brief visit. We look forward to serving you on that day, and every other day as well.

Adam Green
Bull Roast Chairman
615-1659

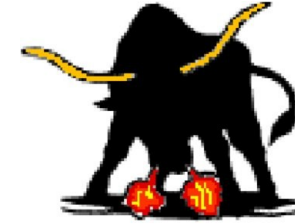
Youth Corner

Bethel 42 thanks all who came and supported the “mystery” dinner. The show was amazing with many laughs and a great meal enjoyed by all. Your support made this event a resounding success. The Bethel will be holding their semiannual Grand Visitation with Bethels 11 and 37. The meeting will be held on May 21st at Lake Drummond Lodge at 1PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kempsville Chapter was honored to present the Father Talk to the Lodge at the April stated. Please come and see the Flower Talk, (a program honoring mothers) at Fentress Lodge's May stated or at our Lodge's May stated.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

The Bull Roast - June 11th



Brethren and friends, It is that time of year again. Our 28th Annual Bull Roast Fundraiser is scheduled for June 11, 2011 from 11am - 7pm. Enclosed with this edition of *The Ashlar*, you should find 4 tickets. These tickets are for you to purchase or sell. If you sell and need more, please let me know. If you buy and need more, please let me know. If you work for a company that has folks working that day and they would be interested in having a hot roast beef lunch delivered, let me know. Tickets are \$10 for all you can eat, \$6 for takeouts and children under age 12. If your company is interested in buying lunch or dinner for its employees on that day, there is a discount for 20 or more (\$5 per meal). I will need a count of takeouts by Thursday, June 9, for planning purposes. All monies can be given to myself, or Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary. All checks should be made payable to Kempsville Lodge No. 196.

We will have our traditional fare of slow-cooked roast beef, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, slow cooked baked beans (my own special, super-secret bull roast recipe) rolls and desert. For those eating in, iced tea (sweet and un-sweet) and lemonade will also be available. Last year many of our wives pitched in and assisted with the desserts. I hope they will again pitch in and help out. Cake mixes and icing are available at the lodge for pickup. Desserts can be delivered to the lodge the day before. If other arrangements need to be made, please let me know. If any of your wives would like to donate their own homemade desserts, that would be wonderful.

This is our only fundraiser of the year, brethren. It supports our Scholarship Fund and the Masonic Home of Virginia. If you are able to lend a hand on Friday (potato peeling) or Saturday with preparation, serving, putting together take-outs, or cleaning up (the *biggest* need) please let me know that you are able and what time you will be available. Last year was a tremendous success with many brethren pulling together to make things happen. I hope that this year can be bigger and better. Please, do your part to help.

Worshipful Adam Green
Bull Roast Chairman

Masonic Birthdays for May

Joseph J. Agnoli '10	Larry Montgomery, Jr. '97
Brandon Ray Angel '07	Stanley D. Moss '96
Andrew S. Barnard '90	G. Wilson Nelligar '84
David Harrold Curtis '66	Frank B. Nickerson '83
Wayne C. DeFord '93	Joseph R. O'Leary '96
H. Boyd Foxwell '70	Charley Orsargos '61
James Olney Freeman '74	Tyler A. Pender '09
Brian Gay '96	Gregory K. Pruitt '02
Goodwin Glassman '68	William H. Rainey '87
Herbert T. Gordon '86	Richard Dean Rawles '92
Billy F. Gordon, Jr. '03	Ralph W. Rawles, Jr. '76
Dennis R. Harrison '83	Charles A. Roys '08
Adam Hernandez '07	Joseph T. Salt '62
John M. Hewitt '02	Jimmy B. Shehan '97
Monte P. Howell '70	Russell P. Tjepkema '85
Ross Owen McLeod '06	John S. Ward '49
Leslie Hugh Miller '72	John B. Whiteman '10
Steve Taylor Miller '71	William Wyndham, Jr. '83

*The Brethren shown above have a total of 845
years in Masonry!*

Past Masters Night



22 Past Masters and Affiliated Past Masters attended the March 29th Past Masters Night.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Senior Warden	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Junior Warden	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	495-7645
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	Terry L. Bledsoe	288-5928
Junior Deacon	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Chaplain	Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Musician	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Marshal	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Tiler	Thomas Beverly	496-3499
Instructor of Work	Wor. Adam Green	615-1659
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Blood Coordinator	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

Articles for the next next Ashlar should be submitted by 5/20/10 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)