



28th Annual Bull Roast

**June 11, 2011
11AM - 7PM**

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

\$10 All You Can Eat
\$6 Take Out
\$6 Children Under 12

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From The East



The Bull Roast is coming. The Bull Roast is coming. Sorry, the Bull Roast is here. Our annual event has arrived and all are invited to attend. The Bull Roast committee has made

their preparations and the grills will be fired up at O'Dark thirty on June 11th. Worshipful Adam Green and his hard working crew have been working to make this year's Bull Roast the best on record. Thanks to everyone who has assisted thus far. Please remember that we will need help with the clean up and there is always a great deal of fellowship that occurs when we work together.

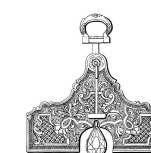
The change in my work schedule has given me an opportunity to visit some of our members and our extended Masonic family. I have been able to make hospital and home visits and have enjoyed each of them. I am hoping to schedule more such visits in the coming months.

June will be a busy month for us and our Masonic family. We have our business meeting which is Senior Warden's Night, degree work, and Bull Roast. Eastern Star is preparing for their annual hoagie sale fundraiser, and their Grand Visitation. Our Jobbies will usher in a new term starting with officer installation on June 19th. The DeMolay are working on various activities in the region.

Of course this month would not be complete without high school graduations and Father's Day. To our graduating seniors congratulations on your milestone. A special congratulations goes to my daughter Michelle who I am very proud of and who is a member of the Class of 2011 from Cox High School. Great job to all. Happy Father's Day to all our fathers, enjoy this special day.

See you soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



First, again I deeply regret that I was not able to attend the May Stated Communication. My Government job had me travel to FT Campbell, KY for meetings.

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 June 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 HVAC system on maintenance plan rather than fixing the unit when it breaks.

Third, June is Senior Warden's Night. I hope to see as many as you there that can afford to attend. I have invited Right Worshipful Pete Gill from Ocean View to be my guest speaker. He was my guest speaker at last Year's Junior Warden's Night and provided a terrific presentation. Therefore, I am looking forward to his presentation this year.

Finally, I want to share something from my daughter Alicia's graduation from Longwood University on May 14th. The speaker was the President, Patrick Finnegan, a West Point Graduate and retired Brigadier General, who retired from the Army as Superintendent of West Point in 2010. His speech centered on being a citizen of stewardship to the country, selfless service to the country by serving your country or community and giving back to society from which you took from. His simple words were, "... if you take something, give it back..." He also stated "it's not how much money you make, but what you give back" and your "integrity and honesty define your character." As Masons, I am proud that we have a heritage to uphold these principles which has helped shape this great Nation of ours.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South



Time flies when you're having fun and time races even faster when you are busy. Both these adages have been constant through out history and are certainly true in our Lodge. Believe it

or not, we are almost at the mid-point of the year 2011 and I thought it would be proper to give a half-time report and to thank everyone who has been part of a degree team during the past six months.

So far this year we have had the honor and pleasure of raising ten Master Masons, passing five Fellowcrafts and initiating three Entered Apprentices. Every time a candidate is initiated or advances to another degree in Masonry, a good number of good people are needed to assist in advancing those candidates. To advance the number of candidates mentioned above required 287 people or what I will call participation units. A participation unit could be King Solomon, the conductor, a first ruffian, the lecturer, or even the sea-faring man or any of the components required to do a Masonic degree or enact a Masonic drama.

But the number I am most proud of and most thankful for is the fifty-six different Brothers who gave of their time in support of their hoodwinked Brethren as they circled around the Lodge in pursuit of the mysteries of Freemasonry. Degree team members included everyone from the Worshipful Master of the Lodge forty-three years ago to the newest raised Master Mason.

Some did great, some forgot, some stumbled, all tried. All had fun.

And all are appreciated. Thanks again.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

By-Laws Revision

At the June 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.

Masonic Birthdays for June

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

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

Trestleboard

May 28	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
May 31	Degree Work As Needed, 7PM
June 11	Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM
June 13	Ritual School, 7PM
June 14	Stated Communication
	Senior Warden's Night, 6PM
June 20	Ritual School, 7PM
June 25	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
June 27	Ritual School, 7PM
July 11	Ritual School, 7PM
July 12	Stated Communication
	Hawaiian Shirt Night, 6PM

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

The Lodge parking lot re-surfacing is now complete. Your donations to help pay for this project were needed and much appreciated. Any special donations to support and maintain our building fund are always welcome; please send donations to the Lodge Secretary. Your consideration and generosity is most appreciated.

Masonic Veterans for 2011

June	Harold Nix	50 Years
September	Charles Forbes	25 Years
	John Lassiter	50 Years
October	Lawrence Greene	25 Years
November	David Dutcher	25 Years
	Tommy Haste	50 Years
	Willie Hudson	50 Years
	Charles Lund	25 Years
December	Robert Shelburne	50 Years

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
- Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Brother Leslie Miller – 420-7560
- Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson – V.A. Hospital.

Past Master's Corner

Brethren, I would like to submit this article originally from the Scottish Rite Journal. The names are omitted as not to embarrass anyone or any lodge.

To Whom It May Concern:

█████ died on May 20, 2010. Please do NOT send any more items from the Scottish Rite or anything else from the Masons. At this time I have bitter feelings for anything Masonic. I notified the blue lodge and Scottish Rite both that he was ill and in the V.A. nursing home.

NO ONE EVER CAME TO SEE HIM while he was alive. Also, I was not contacted even after they knew he died. DO NOT TELL ME YOU ARE ABOUT BROTHERHOOD. As far as I'm concerned, if you are not in a clique, you are nothing.

█████ happened to be a gentle man who helped many people but did not brag about it. All I and he heard at the meetings was the big shots bragging about what they had done. Yes, I'm very bitter and I want nothing Masonic coming to my home again.

Brethren, I have submitted this article because of the poor attendance at the funerals of our brethren and the poor communications with our shut-in brothers.

Brethren, the last few funerals were very poor attended. It was almost an embarrassment to be there. I know we have a lot of commitments but to take time out to attend a funeral of a brother should be treated almost like Masonic Duty.

Also in our monthly Ashlar we have a list of shut-in brethren of whom very few have received any phone calls or visitations even on their Masonic birthdays. My brethren, please find time to call or visit these brethren.

Thank you & Fraternally,
Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in June:

Adean Wyatt - June 8th
Clare Krell - June 12th
Catherine Benjaminson - June 13th
Mary Walker - June 27th

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother Chris Anders, Raised on May 3rd,
Worshipful Bob Jones, Affiliated May 10th, and
Brother Kevin Cotter, Raised May 24th..

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
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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 6/20/11 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)