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We Remember

May is a month for remembering. We honor our Mothers on the second Sunday. Many of us remember our graduations and the end of our schooling during this month. At the end of the month is the traditional remembrance of those who died while serving in the country's armed forces, Memorial Day. This day used to be called Decoration Day and its roots go back to family graveyards and gatherings to remember departed loved ones.

Our lodge remembers our Past Masters. Twice a year we have a Past Masters night to honor those still with us. On our web site we list all the Past Masters with highlights of their year of service to our lodge. The pictures of these leaders once encircled the lodge room. We are proud to honor them by once again having their pictures restored to the room. With the exception of our Charter Master, Right Worshipful William Hollowell Pierce, whose picture stands alone, the Master's pictures have been grouped in five galleries. Since we only have about 60 Past Masters, we will be able to accommodate pictures for years to come. We look forward to once again having these leaders looking down upon us in the room where they once presided.



Our lodge also remembers all members who have died. Again, on our website, is a list of those members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above. Several names stand out, each with a story, and each near and dear to those left to cherish their memory: John Woodrow Pick, who played piano in the lodge; Beryl Ray Squires, in line to be Master and was killed on his way home from lodge; and Francis Leslie Mathews, for whom the room downstairs was named. Each member of our lodge has something to contribute. Most will not serve as Master. Each one serves as a Mason.

In our degree work, we are encouraged to remember Grand Master Hiram Abiff. We look to the past for encouragement and guidance in our lives today. Let us remember and let us live lives worthy of the sacrifices of the past so that the generations to come may look back on us with gratitude.

From The East



It was good to get the month of April behind us. Thanks to all who came out and supported Brothers Roger Taylor, Dave Trzeciakiewicz and Hank Foiles at the District Ritual Schools.

They represented our lodge well.

The Grand Master's Official Visit to District 56 was also well attended. Special thanks to Brother Pat Blankenship who took off work to assist in preparing the meal and to all the brethren for assisting in setting up and cleaning up the event. These brethren certainly take the Grand Master's theme to heart by "setting a good example."

Looking ahead, it seems that there is a bit of a lull in our usual lodge work. We do not have the typical for Kempsville Lodge number of candidates working. Continue to be on the lookout for potential members and encourage them to seek membership. The good news about this lull is that it allows us to travel. This is a luxury we are not often afforded. I look forward to working with the officers is setting up a schedule to go visiting. We had a good time visiting Indian River Lodge in support of Worshipful Bill Nolan in April.

Come out in May for our stated meeting with a Master I have admired from Great Bridge Lodge who is now the District Education Officer for the 36th Masonic District, Worshipful Mike Pelletier. Also, the Grand Master will be visiting Lynnhaven Lodge on the 12th.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Worshipful Master

From The West



I am very happy to say that I have returned from sea. The trip went pretty well although I caught pneumonia and was down for a few days. The recovery period took a while

longer than I expected, I was very run down for a couple of weeks.

Thanks to my collection of Kempsville 196 polo shirts, I was able to meet a few Brothers and a lady from OES while I was out there. The shirts are a never-fail way to meet and greet at sea. It's always great to run into a fellow member especially at sea.

My other April highlight was attending the NASCAR race up in Richmond, something that Teresa and I now do every year. I am writing this article for submission prior to the race, but my prediction for the checkered flag is Kyle Busch of

Joe Gibbs Racing in the 18. During my year in the East I think I will have an 18 painted on every side of our building...just kidding.

By the way, I think Worshipful Bob Stanek should start supporting the 18 since Kyle's car is yellow and the Stanek Family apparently likes yellow cars. If you use Facebook you will see pictures of Bob in various locations in front of his new yellow T-Bird, that he's actually driven 1 time...just ask him about it.

I hope this message finds each of you well! I hope to see you in Lodge soon.

Brother Greg Muir, Senior Warden

From The South



Having recently attended the C. Frank Hicks and James H. Parkerson Area ritual schools I find myself once again thinking about the beauty and significance of our ritual. Most of us entered the Craft excited about the mysterious journey we were about to embark upon. We faithfully submitted to the seemingly strange and unusual ritual. As new Masons, we found ourselves incapable of understanding its meaning. We learn that the journey takes time, commitment, and the help of many well informed brethren to realize the historical and philosophical dimensions of Masonic ritual. Our ritual certainly demonstrates that its words and floor work are fashioned with profound richness and intent. Crafted by reason and purpose is by virtue of design meant to connect us to some quality deep within ourselves. Our symbolic ritual is a legacy handed to us from our ancient past to be carried into our future with strict and caring observance. To borrow from a well-known cliché, it's about the journey, not the destination. I encourage all Masons to steadfastly pursue a deeper understanding of our ritual, its beauty and the many lessons it delivers.

Brother Chris Anders, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

April 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
May 10	Stated Communication
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
May 12	Grand Master Visit to
	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 6PM
May 28	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
June 4	33 rd Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM

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

Youth Corner

Spring has sprung, and Kempsville's Masonic Youth are springing into high gear with a very full calendar.

The young men of Kempsville DeMolay have been on the road visiting with their DeMolay brethren from far and wide as they've travelled to Raleigh, North Carolina, the Peninsula, Portsmouth, Roanoke, Norfolk and Ashburn. A heartfelt thank you to the Kempsville Lodge brethren who helped pack the house for Kempsville DeMolay's recent installation of officers. Congratulations to Jared Jackson, Heath Robinson and Robert Shrieves III who were installed as Master Councilor, Senior Councilor and Junior Councilor for the ensuing term.



In April, Kempsville's Jobies spent the day at the Masonic Home of Virginia, putting on a talent show for the residents and spending time visiting their adopted "grandparents." The young ladies were on hand to help serve our brethren, distinguished visitors and guests at Most Worshipful James Edward Litten's official visit to the 56th Masonic District.



That same weekend, several of the Bethel's members attended the statewide Leadership Weekend held at Camp Piankatank.

The Bethel has been busy practicing and preparing for what is sure to be their best annual Dinner Theatre yet. Please mark your calendars and save the date to come see Bethel 42's young ladies perform at Bayside Lodge on Friday and Saturday, May 20th and 21st.

Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

It is Good to Give Thanks

- to Right Worshipful Bill Knowles for answering the call last month for pine straw, and to the anonymous donor of the two bales of pine straw. Notice how nice it looks in the flower beds.
- to Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, Joe Salt, Dave T. and Mike Denning for travelling to Indian River Lodge No. 252 with the Master to support Worshipful Bill Nolan.
- to John Preddy for trimming the trees in front of the lodge.
- to Bill Peterson, Bob Stanek and Joe Salt for their work cleaning the park on Saturday, April 16th.

33rd Annual Bull Roast - June 4th

Brethren, it's Bull Roast Time!! Come out and enjoy an awesome meal and great fellowship as we pull together to support the Masonic Home of Virginia and our Lodge Scholarship Fund. We will of course be serving our traditional menu of slow-cooked roast beef, homemade potato salad & coleslaw, the old family recipe baked beans, dinner rolls, and delicious deserts. All active members are receiving four tickets in this issue of The Ashlar to either purchase or sell. Tickets are \$10 each, \$6 for children under 12 and for takeouts and deliveries. If you need additional tickets please let me know. Cash and checks made payable to Kempsville Lodge No. 196 can be given to me or Worshipful Bob Stanek. If you know of any businesses interested in having a hot roast beef lunch delivered please give me a contact name and number by Thursday, June 2nd. If you travel to local Lodges please announce our Bull Roast and sell some tickets. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year and in order for it to be a success we really need a big turnout. For the bakers in the lodge there are boxes of cake mix in the dining hall. It would be greatly appreciated if you take one or two to make for dessert. Please drop them off at the lodge on Friday, June 3rd. Lastly, I want to thank all the Brothers who have volunteered to help out. Your willingness to give of your time and energy to support your Lodge is simply incredible. If you haven't yet signed up to help out and are able to do so please let me know either in person, by email at chrisanders1@gmail.com, or by phone at 635-7617. We still need volunteers!

Brother Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in May:

Elizabeth Hutchinson	May 3 rd
Willie Salih	May 5 th
Bonnie Fitzgerald	May 9 th
Barbara Ambrose	May 11 th
Jackie Stephens	May 15 th
Margaret Fowler	May 18 th
Sue Wright	May 23 rd
Grace Jones	May 29 th

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

Masonic Birthdays for May

Christopher Anders, Jr. '11	Leslie Hugh Miller '72
Brandon Ray Angel '07	Steve Taylor Miller '71
Kevin Thomas Cotter '11	Larry Montgomery, Jr. '97
David Harrold Curtis '66	Stanley Drew Moss '96
Wayne C. DeFord '93	Gerald Wilson Nelligar '84
Frank Filippone, Sr. '15	Joseph R. O'Leary '96
Herbert Boyd Foxwell '70	Daniel Fidel Oliver '14
James Olney Freeman '74	Charley Orsargos '61
James T. Freihofer '15	Gregory Keith Pruitt '02
Goodwin Glassman '68	Ralph Wilton Rawles, Jr. '76
Herbert T. Gordon '86	Joseph Timothy Salt '62
Billy F. Gordon, Jr. '03	Jimmy Bryan Shehan '97
Adam Hernandez '07	Richard Miles Shibley '46
John Matthew Hewitt '02	Larry Leroy Strait, Jr. '12
Monte Pearson Howell '70	Russell Peter Tjepkema '85
Ross Owen McLeod '06	John B. Whiteman '10
Joseph W. Miechle '09	Joshua Nathaniel Wright '15

The Brethren shown above have a total of 835 years in Masonry!

Blood Program

Hospital demand for blood products from the American Red Cross has increased recently. In fact, right now, blood is being sent to hospitals as quickly as donations come in. Thank you for donating during the Red Cross blood drive at this critical time. Giving blood is vital to meeting patient needs. The donation goals anticipated to be collected in each drive are already earmarked for hospital patients.

It is critical to some patient that you do your best to make your appointment or just show up to donate in our drives or by donating apheresis at a Red Cross collection center to give the gift of life. I am very proud of my Masonic brothers in District 56 for the participation and donations they have

been making. Already this donation year of 2016 District 56 has had a 37 percent increase in donations over this time last year. Keep up the good work brothers! Our next District Blood Drive is June 20th at Bayside Lodge.

Patrick Blankenship, Blood Coordinator

Meet Your New Marshal



Brother John Robert Settle, IV is the son of our Musician, whom we met last month, and was raised a Master Mason in June of 2012, almost three years before his father. He was attracted to Masonry because of his grandfathers, both Master Masons. His paternal grandfather passed to the Celestial Lodge

earlier this year. "J4" has not been in Lodge that often because he has been away attending school. He is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington ('14) with a B.A. in Historic Preservation, and a Double-Minor in Urban Studies and Museum Studies. He graduates this May from Virginia Tech with an M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning, and a Graduate Certificate in Public History. Look for him to be in Lodge more often (unless he goes off for another degree).

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Senior Warden	Greg Muir	676-3761
Junior Warden	Chris Anders	635-7617
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	619-7646
Senior Deacon	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Junior Deacon	Dave Trzeciakiewicz	620-8311
Senior Steward	Dennis Eaton	499-6720
Junior Steward	Todd Moissett	604-3085
Chaplain	Mike Denning	651-0712
Musician	John Settle, III	478-7149
Marshal	John Settle, IV	478-7149
Tiler	Ray Baez, Jr.	285-2611
Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Steve Ridgeway	270-7338
MAHOVA Ambassador	Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Patrick Blankenship	406-6166
Youth Advisor	Cliff Williams	870-2539

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