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Patriotic Music

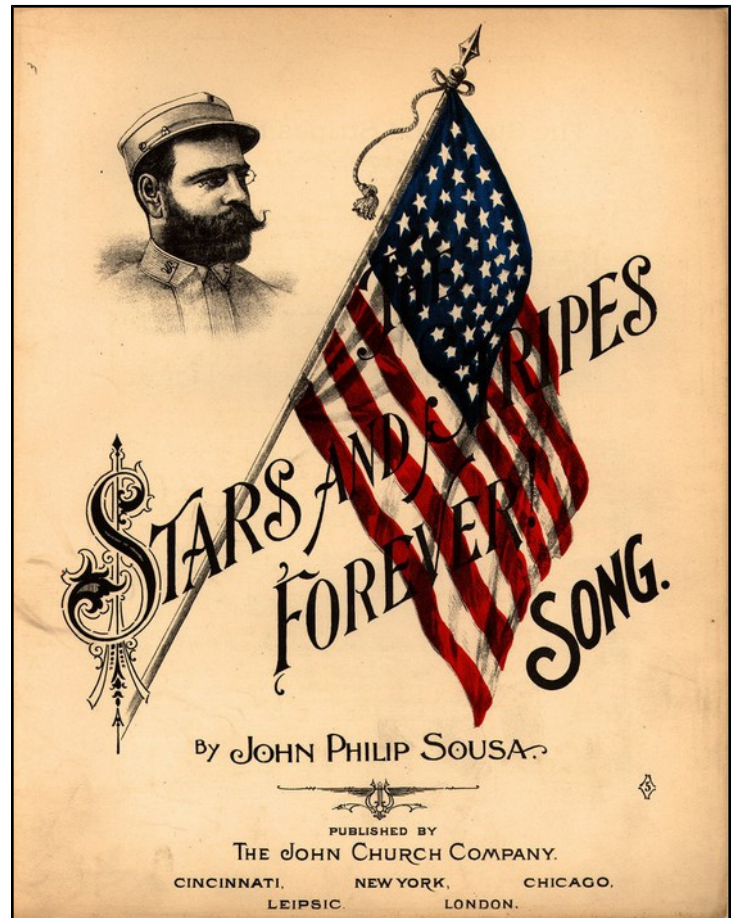
It is hard to imagine the Fourth of July without music. Even worse, is watching a parade without music. Both of these events bring to mind marches, and that leads us to "The March King," John Philip Sousa. There are many masonic musicians, but few are as patriotic as our brother Sousa.

John Philip Sousa was born in Washington, D.C. on November 6, 1854 and studied music at an early age. He entered the U. S. Marine Band as a Junior at age 13 and after serving 7 years was discharged. He continued as a musician and conductor. By 1880 his fame was established and he was appointed conductor of the U. S. Marine Band, a position he held for twelve years.

Brother Sousa's father was a Mason. Sousa realized that following his appointment as Conductor of the Marine Band, it would benefit his career to follow in his father's footsteps. Sousa petitioned Hiram Lodge No. 10 in the District of Columbia and was initiated on July 15, 1881. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on September 2, 1881 and raised a Master Mason on November 10, 1881. It wasn't until April 21, 1922 that he became a Shriner in Almas Temple in DC. Three of Sousa's best known marches have Masonic origins: "The Crusader" (1888), "The Thunderer" (1889), and "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" (1923).

Masons have always been patriotic but few more so than John Philip Sousa. Sousa loved his native country with a passion seldom demonstrated more eloquently, and he took every opportunity to let the world know. If asked about his occupation, he was quick to answer, "I'm a salesman of Americanism." Some of Sousa's marches have strictly military titles, but his colors show through clearly in his patriotic titles. Consider these examples: "America First," "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty," "The Invincible Eagle," "The Messiah of Nations," "Liberty Bell" and, of course, his most famous composition, "The Stars and Stripes Forever." If we take a look at other titles, we'll see that he was actually telling the story of his beloved country through his music: "The American Maid," "The National Game," "Boy Scouts of America," "Washington Post," "High School Cadets," "New York Hippodrome," "Northern Pines," "Dwellers of the Western World," "Fairest of the Fair," and "Daughters of Texas." The list goes on and on.

His patriotism was manifested in his music, but, more importantly, he lived it in his everyday life. A patriotic thought could bring tears to Sousa's eyes, and his inspired melodies have brought tears of joy to the eyes of millions of his fellow Americans. Be especially proud this year when you hear our National March, "The Stars and Stripes Forever." When we speak of John Philip Sousa as one of our Masonic Brothers, we can all stand a little taller.



From The East



After the fireworks of the last week of June, the fireworks of the Fourth of July are upon us! We finished last month with our lodge breakfast on Saturday, Choral Evensong on Sunday, Masters/Wardens/Deacons meeting and training on Monday, Degree work on Tuesday and a get together on Wednesday. My, what a string of events. Yet, looking ahead the work continues. There is no summer vacation for Kempsville Lodge!

Our lodge will be recognizing the Conductor of the Tidewater Winds, Maestro John Brewington with the Community Builders Award in August. Meanwhile, get out and support the Winds at one of their concerts. Their season begins on the 3rd and concludes on the 27th with performances around the Tidewater area.

I look forward to having Wednesday evenings free from choir rehearsals this month and next and plan to attend our sister lodges, Princess Anne No. 25 and Virginia Beach No. 274 on the 6th and 13th respectively. We will also get to visit Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 on the 27th. Please join me if you are so inclined.

The Guest Speaker for our July Stated Meeting is Right Worshipful [and Illustrious Sir] Randy Murphy. I always enjoyed hearing Randy speak and admired him as he moved up the line and served as Potentate. I did not know him as Master and District Deputy Grand Master and have asked him to speak about his experiences as such.

You are all to be applauded for your continued support of the lodge. We had an excellent Bull Roast and have enjoyed strong attendance at our meetings and work nights. Keep up the good work and come on out if you have missed being at lodge.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Worshipful Master

From The West



Thank you all for attending the Senior Warden Night in June. It was great to sit in The East and to be there when so many prestigious awards were presented. I personally enjoying presenting Brother Floyd Gilbert with his 60 Year Veterans pin; it was also a pleasure to have his son Tracy with us for the occasion. I am thankful to say that Floyd has been my neighbor for over 15 years and he is the person who sponsored me into Kempsville Lodge back in 2010.

Another personal highlight in June was representing the Lodge at our 2016 scholarship presentations. Masonry is a very enjoyable fraternity to be part of and that joy is manifested during opportunities such as this, when a Brother is able to go out and represent the Lodge in the community. The students and their families were certainly grateful of our Lodge's generosity as we rewarded their collective achievements.

Recognizing achievement within our own lifelines, I'd like to recognize Brother Dennis Eaton for his diligence in managing our monthly breakfast. We were a bit shorthanded in help at the June breakfast and Dennis had to take on additional duties to ensure the success of our event. I am sure that everyone of us and our guests enjoyed the morning thanks to Dennis. If you see Dennis around the Lodge please give him a pat on the back. I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Senior Warden

From The South



As we enter the second half of 2016 I am happy to report that we have been very busy with degree work at Kempsville Lodge. So far, we have initiated five Entered Apprentices, passed five Fellowcrafts, and raised three Master Masons. It also appears that our calendar will remain busy in the weeks to come. I want to thank everyone who participated in degree work thus far. Especially the first time brothers. It means a lot to see your eagerness to learn and willingness to participate. It is your dedication to your lodge that makes Kempsville No. 196 great. But, that greatness does not happen by accident, it takes practice. And by practice I mean coming to lodge school on Monday nights. Attending school will help sharpen your skills, give you confidence, and a rewarding opportunity to serve your lodge. Let's continue having a busy year!

Brother Chris Anders, Junior Warden

Welcome to Kempsville

Brother Asa E. Sawyer and Brother David J. Dutton, who affiliated at our June Stated Communication and Brother Jeran M. Gray, raised on June 7, 2016. Welcome to Kempsville Lodge!

Trestleboard

July 5	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
July 6	Fraternal Visit Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
July 12	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
July 13	Fraternal Visit Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274
July 19	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
July 26	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
July 27	Fraternal Visit Great Bridge Lodge No. 257
July 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
August 2	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
August 9	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

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

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in July:

Ouida Young	July 6 th
Barbara Guarino	July 18 th
Dolores Davenport	July 22 nd
Susan Austin	July 31 st

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 July

Ramon Luis Baez, Sr. '97	William T. Parks, III '89
Thomas Martin Beverly '10	William T. Peterson '07
Toney Edward Brown '10	Joseph Andrew Posey '79
David Lewis Cline '91	James Edward Robenolt '93
James CoBell, III '93	William Karl Sheppard '08
Alexander R. Echols '09	Dale Edward Smith '79
Darin Matthew Ely '04	Joseph Francis Thornton '63
James Charles Gardner '70	Dennis G. Tompkins '02
Brian Keith Goodwin '90	Richard L. Tyson '08
William R. Knowles, Sr. '71	Robert Lowell Tyson, Jr. '08
Ovey Eugene LeJeune '90	Robert Lowell Tyson, Sr. '08
Seth Adam Miles '09	Jack Lee Waller '62
Melvin Sherwin Mizelle '67	Karl Wolfgang Wessler '78
Edward F. Myers, Jr. '76	Johnny DeBerry Whitley '64
Carl William Nolan '80	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 749 years in Masonry!

Bull Roast Wrap-up

The 33rd Annual Bull Roast is in the books. We had a steady stream of folks come by and enjoy great fellowship and awesome food! Thank you so much for your support. I also want to express my thanks

and appreciation to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this year's Bull Roast a success. Without you this would not and could not happen. It was so amazing to see the Brethren of Kempsville Lodge No. 196 working together in support of our Scholarship Fund and the Masonic Home of Virginia!

Here are the numbers:

Total Donations:	\$7,048.00
Less Expenses:	\$1,916.68
Less Scholarships:	\$1,000.00
Less MAHOVA:	\$1,400.00
To The Building Fund:	\$2,000.00
To The General Fund:	\$ 731.32

Brother Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

America's Greatness

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and ample rivers, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public school systems and in her institutions of learning, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution, and it was not there.

Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.

America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.

Alex DeTocqueville
S.R Bulletin, Duluth, MN 1848
Submitted by Worshipful Jim Wilder

Youth Corner

Members of Kempsville DeMolay travelled to Luray Caverns to fulfill a statewide tradition spanning many years by putting on the degrees of DeMolay in the caverns. More than 35 young men from across Virginia and Delaware were initiated into

the Order on Saturday, June the 4th. Congratulations to Kempsville Lodge's own brother Edward Foley who was selected by unanimous vote of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay to receive the Active Legion of Honor. Established in 1925, the Active Legion of Honor is the highest degree and honor that can be conferred upon a Senior DeMolay and evidences success in fraternal life and a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for the Order and its ideals. Brethren and friends are invited to attend Brother Foley's investiture Saturday, July 9th at 7PM at the Norfolk Masonic Temple on Granby Street.

Kempsville's Jobies packed the house on Saturday, June 11th as the Bethel's officers were installed into their new stations for the ensuing term. A heartfelt thank you to all Kempsville brethren who shared the evening with these amazing young ladies. The Jobies honored dads during a special ceremony held at their stated meeting on Father's Day. Dads in attendance were celebrated with warm wishes and poetic prose, and each was presented with a "Bethel 42 Dad" coffee mug. Bethel 42's Jobies will travel to Ferrum, Virginia on July 14th to attend the Job's Daughters statewide Grand Session, and many thanks to the brethren of Kempsville Lodge and our Masonic family for making this trip possible through your generous support of the Bethel's annual Dinner Theatre production.

Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

Worshipful Robert Walter Jones

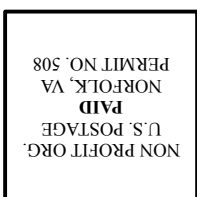


Our affiliated Past Master passed to the Celestial Lodge on June 21, 2016. He was Worshipful Master of Copestone-Ophir Lodge No. 108 in Kearny, New Jersey in 1975. He attended our lodge many times before joining in 2011. Bob was extremely proud to be in lodge this month when his grandson,

Jeran Gray was raised a Master Mason. He will be remembered for the collection of pins he wore on his lapels and for his support of our youth organizations. Our Job's Daughters named him "Bethel Beau Emeritus."

It is Good to Give Thanks

- to Chris Anders, Roger Taylor and all of the brethren who gave of their time to support the Bull Roast
- to Worshipful Bill Peterson and Worshipful Bob Stanek, Brothers Dennis DiMaggio and Mike Denning for their Community Service work cleaning the Stratford Chase Park on the 18th
- to Brother Eddie Foley for his expertise in refrigerator repair



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