



The Ashlar



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Kempsville Lodge # 196 A.F. & A.M.

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From the East:



I certainly hope you were able to attend our February Stated. It was an outstanding evening. We had over 150 Brethren in attendance with the Grand Master plus five other Grand Lodge officers. It was definitely a night that I'll cherish and remember. The Grand Master wrote in a letter to the Lodge, "it's rare to have that much fun in a tiled meeting". I think that sums it up pretty well. The evening would not have been possible without the help of many people and I could not have asked for better support – from our renowned chefs, Hank & Roger, to the Eastern Star, Jobies, Demolay, and all the officers – your support was incredible and extremely appreciated.

Our next big event is going to be "Navy Night" on April 26th. If you missed last year's event, you don't want to miss this one. Your regular officers are once again going to abandon ship and turn over the helm to a group of active-duty sailors dressed in their "summer whites". They'll be conferring the Fellowcraft's degree on a fellow sailor in his dress "blues". This is a unique opportunity for our Navy Brethren to take the stage and show their stuff.

In March we had a little fun with our Potentate and Past Master – Illustrious Ray Hall – at our "Pote Roast" dinner. The May Stated Communication will be his turn to get even as we have

"Shrine Night" at Kempsville. Our chefs have a few surprises of their own as they plan a special "Wild Game Feast". Come on out and learn what Illustrious Ray and the Khedive Shrine Center are all about.

Although the theme this year is "A Tradition of Fellowship", a few brethren have suggested "The Year of The Coin" may be more appropriate. Remember, if you can't attend during your Masonic Birthday, just drop me a note and I'll be glad to send you one of our 50th Anniversary Commemorative coins. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fraternally,
Brother Emmett "Buddy" Pate, WM

Masonic Veterans

April	Thomas A. Neidermeier	25 Years
	Larry E. Watts	25 Years
May	Robert O. Sykes	50 Years
	Morris D. White	25 Years
	Oscar J. Quintin	25 Years
June	Carl W. Nolan	25 Years
	Ira L. Fisk	50 Years
	Wayne T. Dunn	25 Years

From the South:



Greetings. Our monthly Saturday morning breakfasts are doing well. It seems to be a hit with young and old alike. I was questioned last week if it was only for the Brethren – certainly not! It is open to all family, friends, and especially our youth. The revenues not only pay for the food, but buy some needed equipment for the kitchen. By doing so, we plan to diversify the menu somewhat – along with the usual, we will have hot cakes, corn beef hash, and if we can find bulk meat, some good old Navy favorite "chip beef". If anyone has suggestions or desires, let our head chef, Hank Foiles, know. We

also plan on starting a bit earlier for those that arrive before daybreak.

For your information, following the March breakfast, the kitchen fund contributed one hundred dollars to help pay for the our new table coverings. They look good, don't they?

Fraternally,
Brother Roger Cort, JW

BLOOD
The gift from the heart



Blood Coordinator

The annual blood drive sponsored by Kempsville Lodge #196 will be held on May 16, 2005 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm at our lodge building. Your participation is greatly appreciated, both as a donor and as a worker. You do not need to spend the entire time we are open but we could use any help you can offer. "Chef Roger" has agreed to prepare the food for the donors and he promised to put some ingredients in the fixin's too, not just broth. The two other blood drives this year have been successful but we would like to excel well above those and demonstrate that Kempsville is still number one.

Our Worshipful Master is District Blood Coordinator and we certainly want to support him as well. Please mark your calendar for May 16 and come out!

Brother Bob Foxwell, SD



Past Master's Corner

Masonic History in the Making

As tradition continues, on April 9th, 2005, at 2:00 PM, the Deputy Grand Master in Minnesota will be installed as the new Grand Master. The ceremony will take place at the Double Tree Hotel in Saint Louis Park and will be open to the public.

This time, however, something out of the ordinary will take place. The new G.M. will be Brother Andy Rice who is a British citizen.

Just before he is installed, his young son, Ben, will post the English Flag to the left of the altar. Brother Andy Rice will then take the obligation of the Grand Master. He will remain standing at the altar as Ben then posts the American Flag to the right of the altar. Our new Grand Master will then be sworn in as an American citizen by our Sr. Grand Steward, Judge Tom McCarthy.

I'm sure that there will not be a dry eye in the house when Father and Son then will recite the Pledge of Allegiance for the first time ever.

It will be a great day for Masonry and a great day for America

Rt. Wor. Tom McGowan



Bull Roast

Enclosed with this ASHLAR, all active members of the Lodge will find four (4) tickets to our annual Bull Roast. Each of our Widows will find one ticket enclosed. For our Widows, these tickets are complimentary. You are all invited as our guests. Everyone please try to come out and enjoy the best meal in town. We will have the same excellent menu we have had each year. Delicious Roast of Beef, cooked outside on the grill until perfect, the old family recipe baked beans and potato salad from Wor. Don Meyer. Cole Slaw, rolls, and various cakes and pies. All you can eat for just \$8.50, \$5.00 for children under 12 or for a take out meal. If you cannot come out, support your Lodge and buy the tickets anyway. Give them to a friend and/or neighbor. The proceeds from this endeavor go to support the Masonic Home and Kempsville Lodge's Scholarship Program. Please help us make this a banner year for our Bull Roast.

Rt. Wor. Tom McGowan
Chairman