



The Ashlar



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From The East



It seems like only yesterday that I stood here to be installed as your Worshipful Master, but here we are halfway through the year. Time flies when you are having fun.

Our work in the quarries never lets up. We work every week, sometimes three times a week. I want to thank all of you who come out to help, especially on a holiday Saturday morning. We have been trying to accommodate some of our new members' advancements by not conflicting with their military duties.

The 4th Annual Navy Night was a huge success. The members of Gates Lodge were impressed with our ritual. The Chiefs in khaki did a great job. We thank our Senior Warden for getting it all together, and our LIW for teaching them the ritual.

I want to encourage all our members, especially our newer ones, to get involved in lodge activities. There are some things you can do for the Noah Hillman Award, such as correspondence courses, learning ritual and lectures. You can help at breakfasts, special events like Ladies Nights or picnics. Most of all, you can be a sideliner but you have to attend Lodge.

Upcoming events include our July 28th Breakfast to support Project Lifesaver. The August stated will honor the Shrine. All Units please wear uniforms. The Jobies will have Grand Visitation on August 18th. The September stated will honor Public Service Workers - Police, Fire, EMS, Sheriff, etc. on the anniversary of 9-11. Our family picnic should be a fun time for all on Sunday September 16th - 1 to 4pm. The October stated will be Junior Warden Night with a special visit from the Grand Master.

All of our coaches, Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts need to keep track of their 6 month time periods and request extensions prior to the expirations. This will help prevent untimely delays in advancement. We are also in overload. Coaches and mentors are needed to handle the excess workload. Coaching school is available - contact Worshipful Buddy, our LIW.

Roger Cort, Worshipful Master

From The West



What a first half of the year we have enjoyed. Our lodge activities have continued to be fun and exciting. What a pleasure it was to sit for Navy Night once again. I feel honored to have been a part of all four, from the first year on the sidelines as an Entered Apprentice to sitting in the East last year. What a great tradition we have started. I know for a fact we will have at least one more Navy Night next year. And I bet that Right Worshipful Bartleson and Brother Joe Salt will still be able to fit in to their uniforms. Congratulations to Brother Rob Worthington for doing a fine job in the East. It is great fun to have sideliners participate in degree work. And it does not have to be a special occasion. Anytime you want to participate, all you have to do is contact the Junior Warden and come to school. You would be surprised how easy it is to learn the ritual if you just give it a chance.

I am racking my brain to come up with ideas for next year. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to call or email me with your ideas. This is our lodge. Every year good things happen. I want to continue that tradition. But I also want to get more of the brethren involved. Do you have something you would like to see us do? Have you seen something at another lodge that you would like to see Kempsville do? I am open to suggestions. Grab me at the lodge and make me write down your idea. Call me and make sure I understand exactly what you want. We can do this if we continue to work together.

I spoke with my father the other day. He is not a Mason (but he is a Friar), but his Uncle Eddie was. I was talking to him about the next year and he said to me. "That's right. You'll be King." I tried to explain Master versus King. He just kept saying King for the Year. OK, So be it. I will be representing King Solomon. Maybe that's what my dad meant. Why am I mentioning this? Because there are many people out there, including our family members, that don't always understand what it is we do and represent. Take the time to explain what we are. Include our lodge activities in your conversation when asked "How was your day?" Help them understand and maybe you will find a deeper meaning of who you are as a Mason.

Try to stay cool and enjoy the summer. We will be

working throughout and I know our Junior Warden would love some more volunteers for the degree teams. See you at the Lodge.

Brother Adam Green, Senior Warden.

From The South



Hello to all of the dedicated brethren of Kempsville Lodge. I hope that this version of the Ashlar finds your summer relaxing and Masonically rewarding. We are now wrapping up what has proven to be yet another active Spring at

Kempsville #196. The number of entered apprentices has increased greatly and several brethren have recently been raised to the sublime degree of master mason or have stood their master mason's catechisms. June has been a particularly busy month, including the district visit from our Grand Master, Senior Warden's night (terrific job Adam!!), and Navy Night.

I had the privilege of sitting in the East for the raising of Brother Bill Kemp, Jr. What made this night special was to see Brother's Kemp's father, Bill Kemp, Sr., participate in the degree work and to give a most moving speech whereupon he presented Bill, Jr., with a Masonic ring that he had since 1967. If everything works out as hoped, we will elect a father and two sons (all at the same time) to receive the degrees in Freemasonry and, possibly, get to initiate, pass, and raise them on the same evenings.

Your lodge will be as productive as ever this summer. Not only do we have a few master masons to raise but we have a number of entered apprentices to initiate. Because of the high level of activity, we will be scheduling degree work on some Mondays and Saturdays in addition to the normal degree work on Tuesday evenings. As always, I appreciate those who volunteer their time to participate on the degree teams and help preserve Kempsville's excellent tradition of being gifted ritualists.

As announced during our June Stated Communication, I am already beginning to plan for our annual family picnic (Sunday, September 16th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm) as well as for Grand Lodge (Thursday, November 8th through Sunday, November 11th). You can make requests with me anytime regarding items or planning for the Family Picnic. Additionally, I will always be carrying the sign-up sheet for Grand Lodge so that we can get an estimate of the total number of rooms that we need to reserve.

In the spirit of Masonry's tolerance of differences in beliefs, I close with this piece of Masonic trivia: The Mother Supreme Council, AASR (Scottish Rite), was formed in 1802 by five Protestants, four Jews, and two Roman Catholics.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Junior Warden

Masonic Recognition Day

Don't forget, Brethren, Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of each month. Wear your Masonic paraphernalia proudly!

Shut Ins...

Let's keep these Brethren and their families in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure they'd appreciate a phone call or visit.

RW Richard A. Davis III.....497-1227
Brother Grady McGuire.....494-0778
Worshipful Bobby Spruill.....466-8341

The Bull Roast



My brethren, The results of the Bull Roast this year was overwhelming. I cannot begin to thank everyone personally. There is so many people involved that it would be impossible to do so.

Whatever success there was, is contributed to many many people. I am pleased to report that as of this date, June 20th, we have netted over \$6200.

Congratulations to all hands.

Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, Chairman



4th Annual Navy Night

Masonic Veterans for 2007

October	Michael J. Orman	25 years
	Larry C. Nelson, Sr.	25 years
	George E. Fausel	25 years
November	Richard D. Diffie	25 years

Health & Welfare

If you would like either a "Thinking of You" or "Sympathy" card sent from the Lodge, please contact Worshipful Bob Stanek, or any of the Lodge Officers. For you "Cyber Brothers", you may send your request by email to:

kville196.send.card@cox.net

You may also call Worshipful Bob Stanek at 495-7645 (home) or 619-7646 (cell). Please leave a detailed message if necessary. IMPORTANT - Please provide name(s) and address, especially if not in our Lodge roster. We will send out a card as soon as we get the information.

Yes, We Lost Another

Yes, my brothers, that shiny streak on my cheek is what is appears. I just heard the news Another of my lodge brothers is gone. As I listened, the memories crept back in. His smile was so genuine. He was happy to be there.

As I think back, I can never remember him complaining. Nor criticizing. He was there to enjoy. The work? The company? The ritual? Does it matter? He won't be there anymore. We won't see his smile at dinner, at collation.

So many years! So many hellos. We'll be less personal, one less brother on the sidelines for the candidates to meet and see.

Am I going to the memorial service? No. There won't be one. Not yet.

Oh I don't mean he died! He didn't lay down his working tools. No, not that kind of loss. You see, his vision isn't so good. His reactions getting suspect. Wisely he doesn't drive at night. There is no public transportation at the time of our meetings. And we don't have the time for him.

With so few on the sidelines, there were few to call on. Among the officers, these come from a different direction. This one barely gets out of work on time. This one has to deal with his kids getting home before coming to lodge. That one gets here too early to prepare for refreshments. All legitimate excuses.

And so we lost another member. Maybe more for other reasons. They may attend another lodge. They may affiliate elsewhere. But we have lost them. They will find a place to fit in. Or they will stay home with the TV and the paper. And the ritual and the FELLOWSHIP will fade. That's the sad part, The

fading of the FELLOWSHIP. Both sides have lost and Masonry is diminished.

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan
Lodge Educational Officer

Get the Rough Ashlar via Email!

If you'd like to begin receiving our monthly newsletter, the **Rough Ashlar**, via email, simply send email address to emmett@epate.com and I'll add you to the list. It's a great way to stay up-to-date on what's happening at your lodge.

Worshipful Buddy Pate



**Brother Bob Lankford Prepares
for Some Serious Eating!**

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Roger Cort	467-5349
Senior Warden	Adam M. Green	615-1659
Junior Warden	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Senior Deacon	Jonathon Jones	535-1241
Junior Deacon	William H. Rawson	467-5913
Chaplain	Ross O. McLeod	343-0332
Senior Steward	Meade E. McCubbin	716-2590
Junior Steward	Todd L. Herbst	965-9489
Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. "Buddy" Pate	404-8594
Education Officer	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Blood Coordinator	Steven Sorano	

Trestle Board

July 24.....	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
July 28.....	Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10AM
	Proceeds to benefit Project LifeSaver
August 14.....	Stated Communication
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
	Shrine Night, Wear your Uniforms!
August 18.....	Jobie Grand Visitation, 7PM
August 25.....	Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10AM
September 11.....	Stated Communication
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
	Public Service Night
September 16.....	Family Picnic, 1 to 4PM
September 17.....	District Blood Drive
	Bayside Lodge, 3 to 7:30PM
September 29.....	Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10AM
September 25.....	Past Masters Night
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
October 9.....	Stated Communication
	Grand Master's Visitation

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our first blood drive for the 2007-2008 Masonic Year will be September 17th at Bayside Lodge (3 to 7:30PM). In an effort to increase attendance and improve service, we're using the American Red Cross scheduling web site. Simply visit www.givelife.org and use the sponsor code "vbmasons" to choose your

time.

If you donate blood or platelets outside of our blood drives, please be sure to let me know.

Brother Steve Sorano, Lodge Blood Coordinator

From the Junior Deacon

Good News! Our Fall Past Masters' Night is fast approaching – September 25th is the big night. This time we will be raising a Master Mason and the lodge will be opened and closed by our affiliated Past Masters while the degree work will be "skillfully" performed by Kempsville's Past Masters. As tradition holds, Worshipful Don Meyer will be cooking so plan to attend. Dinner at 6PM, lodge at 7PM

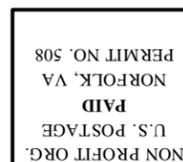
Brother Bill Rawson, Junior Deacon

Coaches Needed

As usual, Kempsville Lodge is going to be busy in quarries during 2007. And with all these new members, comes the need for coaches and mentors. If you're interested in coaching, contact our Master or any of the lodge officers and let them know.

We're also holding "Coaching Clinics" every Saturday morning around 9:30AM. Come on out brush up on your ritual.

Worshipful Buddy Pate, Lodge Instructor of Work



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