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26th Annual **Bull Roast**

June 13, 2009 11AM – 7PM

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

Proceeds to Support the Masonic Home of Virginia & Kempsville Lodge Scholarship Fund



June 2009

From The East



There is a lyric from an old Bill Withers' song, "Lean On Me," that

So just call on me brother, when you need a hand We all need somebody to lean on *I just might have a problem that you'd understand* We all need somebody to lean on

These words capture a couple of things that are right about Freemasonry – the ideals of being there to help out those in need or to simply listen with compassion. I saw this spirit of kindness manifested in several brothers at a recent lodge meeting. One of those brothers, our Lodge Blood Coordinator, John Preddy, did two things of which I took particular notice. First, he stood up and suggested that our next blood drive be held in honor of Wor. Bobby Spruill's son who has leukemia. Secondly, he offered to paint the exterior doors of the lodge after noticing they seemed to be in dire need of a makeover. It is these types of actions, taken collectively, that make Kempsville lodge special.

There are three lodge events in the month of June to which I want to call your attention. My righthand man, Bill Rawson, will be sitting in the East for Senior Warden's Night on June 9th. Our primary fundraiser, the Bull Roast, will be on June 13th (please see Worshipful Adam Green to offer your assistance). Lastly, on June 30th, current **District Deputy Grand Masters and Past DDGMs** will be sitting in the chairs to confer the Master Mason's Degree in our lodge.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Brethren, recently I have been reminded of a story I would like to share with you. One evening at dusk in a heavily wooded forest through which poachers were known to travel, two Knights happened upon each

other. Drawing their swords a pitched battle

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	ensued, each surprised at the ferocity with which the other defended his ground. Finally an opening occurred and one struck the other with a fatal blow, felling him dead upon the spot. Dismounting from his stead, he removed the head gear of his fallen foe to discover, to his horror, the face of his beloved brother. If only there had been more LIGHT If only they had not been hiding behind their armor If only there had been a WORD or a TOKEN surely this tragedy would have been avoided.
	Brothers, as Master Masons I believe we should let our LIGHT so shine, not only with our hats, belt buckles, and rings but also in our words, deeds, and actions. Our charge is to do good unto all, especially to the household of the faithful.
	Hope to see you in Lodge soon,
I	Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden
	From The South
e	Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unityI trust that you remember this line from our ritual work. This phrase has been on my mind for some time
	recently, and I would like to share with you the reasons why. We have had a very active year thus far as evidenced by our degree work every Tuesday night since January. Those on the degree teams have done outstanding and we have had several people join in the work (we love that by-the-way). We have even been able to give Worshipful Ron the opportunity to sit on the sideline and watch us work. We still need assistance, as our work continues in June we have 3 people ready for initiation, several brothers are ready for the next degree(s), and we may have 3 more candidates after the June Stated meeting. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with our degree work and strongly encourage others to join us. The second reason is that I have had the pleasure of being on several investigating committoes

of being on several investigating committees recently, and the response to the question "why did you petition Kempsville?" has been that the people there seem to get along and are very friendly. Kind words that I thought should be shared.

Lastly, I recently had a conversation with a good brother who reports wanting to join us in lodge, but is unable to drive as he is legally blind. He says he has called some people he knows but they are not going to lodge on that particular night and so he stays home. I informed our brother that when he wants to attend lodge, transportation will be available. I wonder how many other brothers need this type of assistance and are not sure how or who to ask...food for thought.

Dedicated to Worshipful Morris...you will be missed.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

June 2 Entered Apprentice Degree,	7PM		
June 9 Stated Communic	ation		
Senior Warden's Night, Dinner	6PM		
June 13 The Bull Roast			
11AM to	7 PM		
June 16 Entered Apprentice Degree,	7PM		
June 23 Degree Work As Needed,	7PM		
June 27 Lodge Breakfast, 8-1	.0AM		
June 30 DDGM Degree Team	Night		
Master Mason Degree,	7PM		

Youth Corner

The Honored Queen Elect Jessyca Bradshaw invites you to attend the installation of officers and bethel choir June 26 at 7:00 pm. Thank you to everyone who attended the Mystery Dinner. The kids put on a wonderful show.

The DeMolay Honor Guard and Sword Team will be forming the "Arch of Steel" for the Grand Master during the wreath laying ceremony at the MacArthur Memorial on June 20th. Please come out and participate in this event. Thank you for your continued support of the Chapter.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

Masonic Veterans for 2009

June	Lee Kelberg Kenneth Lancaster	50 years 25 years
September	Harold R. Brenneman	60 years
	Archie R. Nobles	25 years
October	Edward K. Andrews	25 years
	Robert H. Foxwell Jr.	50 years
	Harold A. Young	50 years
November	Curtis Raeford Eure	50 years
	Franklin M. Gamage	50 years
	James G. Moore	50 years

Masonic Birthdays for June

James O. Amburn Ir. '65 Sidney C. Atkinson '82 Nicholas Azaransky '00 Carl Nixon Barber '71 Gerald B. Barham '62 Theodore W. Barton Ir. '66 Winfred Allan Beamon '69 Rov Lee Berkley '66 Colin Kelly Blair '77 Richard Lewis Bovette '48 John Rayos Caole '03 James Cobell III '93 Arthur R. Cole Jr. '72 John Erick Corbett '69 Frank Leroy Creasy '73 Christopher L. Crichton '07 Robert Arthur Davis '82 Richard A. Davis Jr. '63 Wayne Thomas Dunn '80 William S. Erekson '50 Roger Newton Farr '74 John Thomas Farrer '94 Frederick C. Farrer '94 Ira Lawson Fisk '55 William Roy Fitzgerald '88 Adam Trevor Ford '06 Flovd Morris Gilbert '56 Robert Lee Gunter '73

Jerry Samuel Hase '88 Daniel G. Higger '96 Llovd F. Holbrook III '98 Jonathan W. Jones '05 Lee Kelberg '59 William T. Kemp '07 Paul I. LaFond 00 Kenneth Lancaster '84 Robert D. Lockwood '73 John Walter Mapes '97 Thomas McGowan '66 Richard W. Mears Jr. '62 Owen P. Mills '67 Darryl R. Moyers '82 Harold D. Nix '61 Carl W. Nolan '80 Emmett M. Pate Jr. '00 Fletcher B. Porter Jr. '91 Norman P. Powers Jr. '95 Charles M. Rogers '70 Clifton E. Smith '89 Bobby G. Spruill '81 John Daniel Tackett '08 Raymond E. Talley '62 Robert B. Wadsworth '99 Iason W. White '04 Michael J. Willis '73

Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

On May 21, 2009, our good friend and brother, Worshipful Morris White, passed to the Celestial Lodge Above. As Past Master of Kempsville Lodge #196 in 1999, and beloved leader of many other Masonic appendant bodies, Worshipful Morris left an indelible impression on numerous people from several places and stations in life. He worked passionately as a Mason while remaining steadfast as a husband, father, and friend. Worshipful Morris—we both miss you and salute you.

From the Archives



chives If you were a Mason in the 60's, there's a good chance you had one of these little guys on your dashboard. They were also available for Shriners and had a magnet on the base to hold it in place.

Courtesy of Worshipful Joe Thornton.

District Blood Drive

Brethren, first things first - our next drive is right here at Kempsville Lodge, Monday, July 27th, 3 to 7:30PM. Make it easy on yourself and sign-up online at givelife.org using the sponsor code "vbmasons".

Secondly, a brother approached us with a particular need--his son has leukemia. We know there will be major challenges for this person and his family. Cards, calls, money, and concern are always appreciated, and it would be great if we all could chip in \$20 to make problems like this go away - but that will not work. One thing that is so critical to this and other similar families we can supply-blood and our prayers. A small effort on our part can make a tremendous difference to the these people. Brethren, please give both. Participate in our drive.

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Welcome to Kempsville!

A special welcome to our newest members: Brother David H. Curtis (affiliated from Maryland) and Brother Tyler A. Pender (raised 5/26/09)

6th Annual Armed Forces Night



Twenty uniformed Brethren attended Kempsville's 6th Annual Armed Forces Night.

Attention On Deck!

Brethren, in cooperation with the request from
Most Worshipful Jeffrey Eugene Hodges, and in
conjunction with Flag Day, June 14, 2009, I am
pleased to announce a presentation entitledInstructor of Work
RW Tom McGowanRW Tom McGowan
497-3881
Education Officer
Blood Coordinator
John Preddy439-3225
338-7218"World War II Commemoration...Remembering our
Masonic Heroes" on June 9th at our Stated
Communication. This informative, educational, andArticles for the next next Ashlar should be submitted by 6/20/2009 to RW Buddy
Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)

motivational presentation is sure to touch the hearts and minds of all Masons, especially with our concentration of active duty, retired, and prior military members. And it will be my pleasure to present this to you on Senior Warden's Nite.

Be sure to muster early and get a good seat, as this is sure to be a Sold Out performance. Chow will be at 1800 hours and Lodge at 1900 hours, (that's 6PM and 7PM respectively for all you civilians). Don't forget June 9th.

See you there...AND THAT'S AN ORDER!

Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden

Too Fast...

Many of our most accomplished Masons do their work and lecturing too fast. A solemn and stately motion is appropriate in Masonry. Every word in the lectures should have the weight and sobriety of a prayer to Deity. Not only should all levity be strictly forbidden, but the very opposite, the profoundest gravity should be cultivated by the officiating Masons. We believe in "memorizing" one's part, but not in repeating it a*s if from memory*. The nearer it sounds like extemporizing the more impressive it will be to the candidate. Avoid the error, then, of working *too fast*.

> Robert Morris American Freemason, Oct 15, 1845

Lodge Officers

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