



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

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- \$6 Take Out
- \$6 Children Under 12 Years

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From The East



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

*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 right-hand 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

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 steed, 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,

Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden

From The South



Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity...I 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 committees recently, and the response to the question "why did you petition Kempsville?" has been that the

