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From The East



When I was in high school, history was one of my favorite subjects. I would attentively listen to my teacher as he shared his knowledge and told his stories about America's past. He

told it in such a way that you could feel the Jamestown mosquitoes battling each other for a piece of your flesh or feel the sweat and sticky bead up and roll down your brow as you primed t'bacca under the blazing hot Carolina sun or feel the multitude of feelings that went through one's being as Sherman marched to the sea and destroyed the labors of a lifetime of those who happened to be in his way.

I think just about everyone is intrigued by history. We have history classes, we have a history channel and heck, we even have a theme park called Historyland somewhere. We look forward to our Thanksgiving dinners, not just so we can gobble up on turkey, green beans and corn pudding, but that we may hear stories. We look forward to family reunions, not just for the renewed acquaintances that we will see, but for the stories we will rehear.

Every thought we make, every step we take, every action we partake creates history. After is it done, it is no longer in the present, it passes to realm of what was and paves the way of what will be. We are the sum of all we have thought, all we have met, all we have done and all we have dreamed. Not only is history the story of our past, it is the story of who we are.

When our next Stated is opened in due and ancient form on May 14th, it will mark the seven hundredth time it has been so done for the dispatch of business. It is being called Lodge History Night. All of Kempsville's history has been created during those seven hundred meetings and the time in between them. All the things we have talked about and all the things we have done, have made our Lodge what is today.

We have talked about bull roasts, blood drives, budgets and ball games. We have spoke of signs and summons, prayer and scripture. We have

practiced outstanding degree work and have seen degree work that could stand a bit more practice. Many tales have been told and many stories shared. We have seen serious and have heard humor. We have laughed so hard at times, that it made the belly hurt.

I invite each of you to come to the Stated and share one of your stories. It could be a story untold, or one that has been shared many times before, or maybe even a story that has been forgotten. I especially encourage all young and newly raised Master Masons to attend. It will be a great opportunity to learn of the history and the spirit that helped make us become what we are today.

Don't forget, it is also sweetheart's night so bring your wife, girlfriend, mom, aunt or sweetheart. A special program is planned for the ladies while we are upstairs. I am looking very forward to seeing everybody and a very fun and informative evening.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

From The West



Why do we have a variety of friends who are all so different in character? How do we get along with them all? I think that each one helps to bring out a "different" aspect of us. We joke with one friend, and sit down and talk about serious matters with another. We laugh with one friend, and cry with another. We listen to one friend's problems, and seek another one's advice for us. We have coffee with one friend, and share a beer with another. There are friends who understand us better than we do, who support us through good days and bad days. We all pray together and for each other.

Real Age doctors tell us that friends are good for our health. Dr. Oz calls them Vitamins F (for Friends) and counts the benefits of friends as essential to our well being. Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes. The warmth of friendship stops stress and even in your most intense moments it decreases the chance of a

cardiac arrest or stroke by fifty percent. Why not make a special effort to visit some of your old friends at our next Stated Communication, and introduce yourself to some new ones.

How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

From The South



I recently attended the Frank C. Hicks school on ritual. We've all been there, done that. Personally, it just shows me where I consistently mess something up. I still try to get it right. Really, I actually try. At the last school, I saw and heard something totally new. I wasn't alone in this observation, and have never seen or heard it done in our Lodge. The moral of the story is we're never too old or young to learn something new about Freemasonry. If you're a seasoned Mason, share your knowledge with a new member. We are in constant need of coaches, and mentors. Please practice the craft. If you're a new Mason, attend lodge school, or any district schools. Take our correspondence courses. We, as a Lodge, will only be as strong as our participation. Just a few thoughts from the South.

John Preddy, Junior Warden

Jobies Visit "The Handsome One"



The Jobies of Bethel 42 visiting Right Worshipful Bill Pierce at the Masonic Home of Virginia

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these Brethren and their families in your thoughts and prayers:

Brother Patrick Blankenship
and family – 406-6166
Brother George Boggs – 461-7939
Brother Fred Feller – 422-3219
Brother Alton McKeithan and wife – 424-2933
Worshipful Bill Nolan – 467-2252
Brother Floyd Gilbert – 467-6435

Passed to the Celestial Lodge

Brother Grady McGuire, 99, passed to the Celestial Lodge on April 14, 2013. Keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother Karl Wessler – Affiliated January 8th
Brother Bill Vahle – Raised February 26th
Brother Cliff Williams – Raised March 13th

Masonic Birthdays for May

Christopher Anders, Jr. '11	Stanley Drew Moss '96
Brandon Ray Angel '07	Gerald Wilson Nelligar '84
Kevin Thomas Cotter '11	Frank B. Nickerson '83
David Harrold Curtis '66	Joseph R. O'Leary '96
Wayne C. DeFord '93	Charley Orsargos '61
Herbert Boyd Foxwell '70	Tyler Anthony Pender '09
James Olney Freeman '74	Gregory Keith Pruitt '02
Goodwin Glassman '68	Richard Dean Rawles '92
Herbert T. Gordon '86	Ralph Wilton Rawles, Jr. '76
Billy F. Gordon, Jr. '03	Charles Allan Roys '08
Dennis Robert Harrison '83	Joseph Timothy Salt '62
Adam Hernandez '07	Jimmy Bryan Shehan '97
John Matthew Hewitt '02	Richard Miles Shibley '46
Monte Pearson Howell '70	Larry Leroy Strait, Jr. '12
Ross Owen McLeod '06	Russell Peter Tjepkema '85
Steve Taylor Miller '71	John B. Whiteman '10
Leslie Hugh Miller '72	Robert Eugene Williams '64
Larry Montgomery, Jr. '97	William O. Wyndham, Jr. '83

The 30th Annual Bull Roast

Summer is fast approaching and that must mean it's Bull Roast Time. That's right, the 30th Annual Kempsville Lodge Bull Roast Fundraiser will be June 8th from 11AM to 7PM. You will want to be a part of this so come out and enjoy an awesome meal and great fellowship as we pull together to support the Masonic Home of Virginia and our Lodge Scholarship Fund. We will of course be serving our traditional menu of slow-cooked roast

beef, Rt. Worshipful Don Meyer's famous potato salad, homemade coleslaw, the old family recipe baked beans, dinner rolls, and delicious deserts. All active members are receiving four tickets in this issue of The Ashlar to either purchase or sell. Tickets are \$10 each, \$6 for children under 12 and for takeouts and deliveries. If you need extra tickets, please let me know. Cash and checks made payable to Kempsville Lodge No. 196 can be given to me or Worshipful Bob Stanek. If you know of any businesses interested in having a hot roast beef lunch delivered please give me a contact name and number. Please let me know of any take-outs or deliveries by Thursday, June 6th. If you travel to local Lodges please announce our Bull Roast and try and sell some tickets. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year and we really need a huge turnout to make it a success. For the bakers in the lodge there are boxes of cake mix in the dining hall. It would be greatly appreciated if you take one or two to make for dessert. If you are baking cakes please drop them off at the lodge on Friday, June 7th. Lastly, I want to thank all the Brothers who have volunteered to help out. Your willingness to give your time and energy to support your Lodge and this important fundraiser is simply incredible. If you haven't yet signed up to help and wish to do so let me know either in person, by email at chrisanders1@gmail.com or by phone at 635-7617, we still need volunteers.

Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

Masonic Veterans for 2013

July	Joseph Francis Thornton	50 Years
October	Richard Leopold Naujoks	60 Years
November	Albert Lee Bonney, Jr.	50 Years
December	Ejnar Olaf Jorgenson	60 Years

Adopt a Sweetheart Program

I would like to thank each of you who have agreed to "Adopt A Sweetheart." Many of these ladies have no family in the area and a call from the fraternity their husbands were members of means a lot to them. They often speak of older members their husbands spoke of and participated with in many lodge activities. I encourage each of you who have not adopted a widow to look at the list and adopt one. Thanks for all you do to make our fraternity better.

Right Worshipful Bill Knowles

Past Masters Night



Twenty Past Masters attended the March 26th Past Masters Night with Worshipful Bill Nolan (1994) presiding in the East.

Trestleboard

May 5	Bethel 42 Honoring Masons & Eastern Star, 2PM
May 14	Stated Communication Ladies Night, Lodge History Night, 6PM
May 20	District Blood Drive Bayside Lodge No. 218, 3PM-7:30PM
May 25	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
June 8	30th Annual Bull Roast 11AM-7PM
June 11	Stated Communication Senior Warden's Night, 6PM
June 29	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

Grand Master's Official Visit



The District Deputies being "sworn in" by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Kerry Campbell, at the March 29th Official Visit to Districts 36 and 56.

Grand Master at Monthly Breakfast



The Grand Master with the “kitchen crew” at our March 30th monthly breakfast.

Youth Corner

Kempsville DeMolay and Jobs Daughters have been busy as usual. Over the past month they served the Grand Master at his official visit of Masonic Districts 56 and 37. The following morning at the Kempsville Lodge breakfast, Grand Master Kerry Campbell was made an honorary member of Kempsville DeMolay. Both groups attended the youth night hosted by Masonic districts 35A and 35B at Granby Temple, it was a fun event for all that attended. At the end of the month both groups will be attending the semiannual MCHQWA (Master Councilor, Honor Queen, Worthy Advisor) Ball in Fairfax, VA. It is an event to honor all of the current leaders of each youth group. For the Demolay, to wrap things up we will be heading to Luray VA the first week of June for our second quarterly meeting which ends with the DeMolay degree being performed in one of the Luray caverns. Thank you to Kempsville lodge for all of your support.

Brother Rob Worthington, Youth Advisor

On This Day...

Today, as never before, our country needs the support and loyalty of all its citizens, and I am sure that as long as there are three million Freemasons in the county, all good men and true, who believe in a system of morals, and the Constitution of the United States, we can safely face the future, no matter what it may bring.

Brother Harry S. Truman
Born on May 8, 1884

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in May:

Elizabeth Hutchinson	May 3 rd
Willie Salih	May 5 th
Bonnie Fitzgerald	May 9 th
Jackie Stephens	May 15 th
Margaret Fowler	May 18 th
Sue Wright	May 23 rd
Grace Jones	May 29 th

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 Blood Program

Brethren, thank you very much for your efforts at the district blood donation hosted by Kempsville Lodge No. 196 last month! With your help we were enabled to collect forty units of blood for the community whilst having some great friendship and brotherly love in the process. Did you know that there are about ten pints of blood in your body, which makes up seven percent of your body weight. Just think about it, if a person begins giving blood at age seventeen and gives blood every fifty-six days until age seventy-nine, the donation would approximate 46.5 gallons. Again thank you for your support to our most recent and upcoming donations.

Brother Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Jerry Hallal	472-1200
Senior Warden	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Junior Warden	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	619-7646
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
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Junior Deacon	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Senior Steward	Todd DeFord	362-4062
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Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Terry Bledsoe	589-8210
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Blood Coordinator	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Youth Advisor	Rob Worthington	464-2398

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 20th of each month to Right Worshipful Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (bob.stanek@gmail.com)