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Brother Roland Dorer



In keeping with “The Lifesavers” theme for 2022, the Worshipful Master has requested each issue of The Ashlar to feature an article honoring a deceased member of our Lodge who has preserved life in addition to being a distinguished community member. “Distinguished” could mean anything from notable military service, an esteemed political career, or virtually any other qualifying instance elevating that member to recognition on a local, statewide, and/or national scale.

For this month’s article, we feature Brother Rowland Dorer. Dorer was born in 1907 in East Orange, NJ. In 1932, he graduated from Rutgers University and thereafter married his wife Dorothy. After moving to Virginia in 1933, Dorer began a 50 year career with the Health Dept. (VDH), while moonlighting as a consultant with other public health and sanitation groups.

In 1934, he worked on a salt marsh ditching project where he was first exposed to the study of mosquitos. These studies culminated in his roles as a founding member and officer of at least five state, regional, and national mosquito control groups. Furthering his career with VDH, Dorer eventually became its Insect & Vector Control Director. In this role, Dorer was heralded for his implementation of gypsum insecticide briquettes and ULV fogging against mosquitoes. Aside from his papers on those topics, Dorer is known to have published papers on Rocky Mt. spotted fever. By 1979, Dorer had become the Norfolk Regional VDH Office Director, and had been awarded by numerous state and national mosquito control groups.

Dorer is best remembered for his service on the Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation Commission, on which he proposed the conversion of a 50 acre landfill into a public park in 1967. By compacting and burying refuse under 6 feet of soil, Dorer believed it would be safely contained, and would result in the creation of a popular park. Dorer noted that great care would be taken during the park’s construction to alleviate the accumulation of harmful gases therein. A lengthy debate ensued regarding the name of the new park. Many suggested it be named “Mt. Dorer” in his honor, but the sentiment in the adjacent Windsor Woods subdivision prevailed- the park would be named “Mt. Trashmore” instead. When opened in 1974, Mt. Trashmore was the first landfill in the US to be converted into a park, and is presently frequented by 1 million annual visitors.

Dorer was initiated in 1947, passed and raised in 1948, and affiliated from Owens Lodge No. 164 to Kempsville Lodge No. 196 in 1958. His Kempsville signers were Worshipful Thornton Bernard and Brother Francis Paxton. A Mason for 39 years, Dorer died at age 79 and was survived by his wife, daughters, and several grandchildren. At least one annual mosquito control award is named in his honor. Dorer’s lifelong devotion to mosquito and vector control, public health, and public sanitation distinguish him as a scholar and unwavering stalwart for human welfare. For decades, he applied his experience and knowledge alongside the efforts of numerous businesses, governments, and organizations to assist in the preservation of the health and safety of his fellow man. These selfless efforts secure Dorer’s commendation in this series as an undeniable lifesaver.

If you’re aware of a deceased member of our Lodge who may fit “The Lifesaver” criteria, please email johnrs4@vt.edu.

From The East



It is an honor and a privilege to finally have the opportunity to welcome you all to a new year at Kempsville Lodge No. 196! As I start this important and exciting role, I want to thank you all for the ceaseless support that I have received from you in my journey to the East.

My journey began in 2016 when Worshipful Scott Foxwell asked me to be his musician- I was overjoyed to be retained as an officer for the role of Chaplain in 2017, which was the same year that Worshipful Greg Muir named me "Mason of the Year." Each successive year since has been more than a step forward- they have been milestones in Masonic education and fellowship!

Our ritual requires us to lead and mentor the Brethren who follow in our footsteps. Worshipful Mike Denning has done exemplary work in fulfilling this obligation. His leadership and dedication were imperative as we emerged from the fog of the pandemic and returned to our cherished tradition of in-person fellowship. I am wholly indebted to Worshipful Denning's leadership, and am eager to sustain his momentum in the upcoming year.

The theme for 2022 is "Masonry, the Life Savers," which I have selected because of our Fraternity's historical interests in the preservation of human life. From Shriners' hospitals, to blood drives, or to the Masonic Home of Virginia, each of our charitable traditions' punchlines are identical: save life.

As your latest Worshipful Master, I am excited to carry the responsibility of leading our Lodge, and ever ready and willing to face the challenges that this year may hold for us. A collection of confident and skilled officers stand behind me, suggesting that we can all expect continued excellency in our Lodge's Masonic undertakings.

I will wear my title of Worshipful Master with constant reverence and delight.

Brother John Settle, III, Worshipful Master

From The West



Welcome to Kempsville Lodge 196 for the 2022 Masonic year without Covid! We have continued to work together as the strong lodge we are in a most efficient manner. Staying strong with advancements and in masonic proficiency. As we approach this new year, Worshipful John would like to focus on getting Past Masters more involved with conferrals, mentoring candidates, and coaching. Your experience and knowledge are extremely valuable assets that are not being used to their fullest potential. Many hours in training have been invested in you by your coach and Lodge instructor of work, to help you become proficient in your ability to assume the Oriental chair. What have you done for Your lodge lately?

We are planning some exciting talks and meetings this year. Kempsville Lodge is also getting strongly involved with the community. We are expanding out from the lodge more so this year so local residents can see masonry in action and our involvement in our community. Worshipful John is very committed in supporting our youth groups and helping them reach their full potential in life. We look forward to another banner year in Kempsville Lodge with the assistance of the brethren.

Brother Pat Blankenship, Senior Warden

From The South



This month marks a major milestone in my personal Masonic journey as I move into the role of a stationed officer. Our lodge is blessed in so many ways, none more so than the depth of experience from so many active Past masters. In my short tenure so far I have received much advice and wisdom from many whom have already made this journey. I remain thankful for it and am always open to hear thoughts I am also excited to be following Brother Pat Blankenship through the chairs.

I Look forward to this and next year together as well as having two men of exemplary character right behind me in the line. Brothers Michael Turner and Keith Ingram. We have a strong line of men committed to continuing the excellence for which Kempsville Lodge No. 196 is known and I am honored to be a link in this chain.

Brother Doug Dunn, Junior Warden

Trestle Board

January 5	..... Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master Princess Anne Lodge No. 25, 7:30PM
January 6	..... Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master Bayside Lodge No. 218, 7PM
January 8	..... Potentate's Installation of Worshipful Scott Foxwell Khedive Shrine Center, 12PM
January 11	..... Stated Communication Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
January 15	..... Past Masters Breakfast, 8AM
January 29	..... Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
February 1	..... Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master Willis V. Fentress No 296, 7PM
February 5	..... Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master Victory Daylight No. 1778, 9AM
February 8	..... Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
February 10	..... Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 7:30PM

Meet your Mason of the Year 2021!

Brother Leandro Filipe De mello Herculano is from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He served in Brazilian Army of the Brazilian Armed Forces. He is married to Raquel and they have two beautiful daughters, Manuela and Melissa. Brother Herculano became a Mason in 2021 and hit the ground running. Assisting with our monthly breakfasts, stated dinners and pitching in with lodge maintenance and ritual work. Brother Herculano is also a constant face at our Saturday morning coffee social and weekly training sessions at the lodge. It is abundantly apparent Brother Herculano loves everything Masonic!



Masonic Blood Program

The very real EMERGENCY shortage in blood supply (that is less than ½ days requirement) from all that has happened including Covid pandemic shutdown of over 3,000 blood drives and kept volunteers locked down from going out in public for over a year. Now, going to the hospital needing surgery, they may have trouble giving you the blood products you need. Besides trauma, we still have serious chronic illness, and families depending on blood products to live. Blood cannot be artificially created; it must come from volunteers who give of their lives so others can live. So, when you give blood, you give time to others. One day it could probably be you. Please realize that the future needs your help. Please do our community a favor and go to RedCrossBlood.Org and encourage family and friends to do the same to help save lives.

Our 1st of 6 blood drives for 2022 will be at Princess Anne Lodge No. 25 on February 21st.

Brother Mike Blankenship
56th District Blood Coordinator

From the District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren, a new year, with all new Worshipful Masters installed in our 56th District lodges. The Official visits of the District Deputy Grand Master are scheduled with 3 in January and 3 in February, as follows:

- Princess Anne Lodge No. 25: January 5, 2022
- Bayside Lodge No. 218: January 6, 2022
- Kempsville Lodge No. 196: January 11, 2022
- Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296: February 1, 2022
- Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778: February 5, 2022
- Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220: February 10, 2022

Please join me if your time and schedule permits.

Fraternally and most respectfully to all
Bob Stanek, District Deputy Grand Master

Masonic Birthdays for January

L. Douglas Dunn '17	James E. Pearsall, Jr. '79
Onrubio L. Florendo, Jr. '10	Matthew D. Pilgrim '11
Henry L. Foiles, Jr. '59	David W. Poirier '18
Lucian A. Gunter, III '58	John R. Preddy, III '07
Eric J. Hallal '17	Bill Rensko '96
Gerald T. Hallal '08	William B. Ross '03
Robert A. Hughes '18	Richard B. Temple, Sr. '55
Ronald S. Melton, Jr. '04	Scott C. Vaughn '15
Francis G. Mielkey, II '98	Yancy M. Woodard '20

These Brethren have a total of
485 years in Masonry!

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in January:

Ethel Ward	January 6 th
Shirley Salt	January 6 th
Donna Andrews	January 14 th
Ruth Hodges Fraser	January 15 th
Barbara Cole	January 16 th
Carol Barber	January 20 th
Bonnie Jordan	January 22 nd
Dorothy Sykes	January 28 th
Teresa Spruill	January 29 th
Deborah Foxwell	January 31 st

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.

Worshipful Frank Creasy

It is much sadness that we report the passing of Worshipful Frank Creasy on December 22, 2021.

Frank was an expert ritualist and his degree lectures were always well received by all. When most active, he was a holder of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work "Gold Card", certifying his knowledge and proficiency in the work as taught by the Committee.

He was also our third most senior Past Master.



Lodge Officers

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Junior Steward	Scott Sherman	597-1150
Chaplain	James Boone	515-0131
Musician	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
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