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Brother Edward Keith “Hunyak” Andrews



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 Edward Keith “Hunyak” Andrews.

Born to Roy & Dorothy Andrews in Macomb, IL in 1942, Andrews moved to Corpus Christi, TX in his early years. During high school he became involved in equestrian sports, namely rodeo. Leveraging his rodeo skills, he would attend college at Texas A&M University on a rodeo scholarship, while supporting himself as a crewman at a nearby oilfield. While competing at a rodeo in Burwell, NE, he saved the life of another participant by throwing himself between him and a charging bull.

After college, Andrews enlisted in the Navy, where he was trained as a fighter pilot just in time for the US’ entry into Vietnam in 1965. Adopting the callsign of “Hunyak,” he served in a photo recon. squadron, which featured unarmed aircraft equipped with cameras. These squadrons acquired imagery of hostile areas prior to the advent of

satellite imagery.

In 1966, Andrews and his squadron sought imagery of a harbor at Haiphong, North Vietnam. En route, they were fired on from a hidden missile site. Advising the others to continue to the harbor, he (alone and unarmed) circled back over the site to obtain backup imagery. This subjected him to more fire and placed him within striking distance of armed enemy aircraft. His imagery necessitated an immediate US follow up strike and guaranteed the success of the Haiphong mission. His actions earned him a Distinguished Flying Cross.

After Vietnam, Andrews was stationed in Corpus Christi, where he became a father of two. Within no time, he was assigned to the Naval Attache in Mexico City, which inspired him to teach himself Spanish. After several deployments in 1978, he became second in command of the Jolly Rogers (VFA-84), wherein his aircraft was an F-14, in which he performed most of the stunt flying in the 1980 film The Final Countdown.

In 1983, Andrews took part in the US’ intervention in Lebanon. By this time, he was commanding the Valions (VFA-15), with whom he led a strike on a radar site in Beirut. During the strike, a wingman of his was targeted by an enemy missile. He heroically flew between the missile and wingman- within moments, he would eject and parachute into the Mediterranean Sea. His actions earned him a Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross. He was later retrieved and returned to the USS Independence, where he was photographed with Loretta Lynn. By coincidence, Lynn was touring internationally on US naval vessels at the time.

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From The East



At the conclusion of every Master Mason's Lodge, we are reminded of harmony, which is one of Masonry's most cherished tenets. It is further described as "the strength and support of all institutions," and causes us to value harmony as a sacred implement fueled by its status as an admirable quality. In this context, the harmony of our Lodge serves as the foundation for its sustenance and future prosperity.

As our ritual suggests, harmony is the strength of our institution. In our regular and Masonic lives, no endeavor can be initiated without strength. Typical lifetime goals, such as building a home addition, furthering a career, or raising a child, are all objectives that are unachievable without the presence of strength. In a similar manner, attending, joining, and/or petitioning a Masonic Lodge requires strength. When harmony is present in a Masonic Lodge, it facilitates strength, or the inspiration to begin.

The second half of our ritual's description of harmony completes our perception of its significance- harmony is also the support of our institution. At virtually every Masonic event, gathering, or meeting, it should be abundantly clear that we all act, decide, and speak in unison. These are coveted qualities in a Masonic and non-Masonic setting. For instance, a family, sports team, or workplace that conducts itself in such a way would inevitably experience long term praise, prosperity, and success. This behavior, which should be second nature to all of the members of our institution, cultivates a ceaseless stream of support, which serves as the motivation to remain.

Without harmony, any institution, whether it be private, public, social, or otherwise, would instantly falter. The astute reminder of the seriousness of harmony in the closing moments of our ritual was an ingenious incorporation of language by our ancient Masonic predecessors, and masterfully illustrates within the briefest volume of words that harmony, especially among Masons, stimulates membership and nurtures attendance.

Brother John Settle, III, Worshipful Master

From The West



To become a more useful member within the Lodge start by demonstrating the virtues of courtesy, kindness, and generosity of heart. The wider your service to the Lodge and to your Brethren, and the closer you adhere to the obligations and tenets of the Fraternity, the more you will grow in Masonry.

Being a good Mason does not stop at the door of the Lodge, Freemasonry always has been actuated by a broader sense of community. It has succored the helpless, aided the unfortunate, and given assistance of a broad and practical character to all classes and creeds. It promotes a genuine disposition of unselfishness, and elevates the standard of moral conduct from the Lodge to the local community.

The Brother who carries his Masonry into the outer world and expresses its tenets in his daily life, most effectually promotes the great ideals we cherish. Every Freemason should feel a sense of personal responsibility to promote the good of others, and cultivate a charitable consideration for the common good of humanity. Indeed, the highest aim of a Masonic Lodge is to so develop men that they may go out into the community and become a living force in the active arena of public life. As the WM gives us in his charge, "Every human being has claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all, recommended more especially to the household of the faithful!"

Brother Pat Blankenship, Senior Warden

From The South



One of the duties of the Junior Warden is to manage the work and degree teams. We are very fortunate to have plenty of activity in our degree pipeline so as to stay busy throughout the weeks in between stated meetings.

This has allowed me The opportunity to not only work on advancing existing officers knowledge and abilities but also to draw on much of the Reservoir of knowledge we have in our past masters. We have also been utilizing some of the many talents of some of our affiliated past Masters. Much of the credit I wish to give our lodge Instructor of Work, Worshipful Dave T-Rex. Through Dave's commitment to advancing the education in our lodge both myself and our Senior Warden Pat Blankenship have already received our wardens

certificates qualifying us for the East. These were presented to us during the march stated meeting. Pat and I worked with Dave during the shutdown. Therefore we are now able to remain focused on the future by utilizing so much talent from our past masters. Between the beginning of January and the middle of March we have seen an affiliated Past Master sit in the East during second section of the Master Mason degree. Right Worshipful Bob Stanek also sat in the East for that same role. We have seen our Worshipful Master, John Settle, III, initiate pass and raise a candidate. We have also witnessed many Past Masters sitting in various chairs and roles as well as stations during work meetings. I would have to say the hardest duty I have found so far as Junior Warden is how to manage so much talent who are willing and wanting to contribute to the continued desire to achieve excellence in our ritual work at Kempsville Masonic Lodge. I sincerely thank each and every pass master still willing to come out and participate in the continued growth of our lodge.

Brother Doug Dunn, Junior Warden

Brother Edward Keith “Hunyak” Andrews *(cont’d from page 1)*

After Lebanon, Andrews was stationed at NAS Oceana, where he trained new fighter pilots. His instructorship was unrivaled, and would earn him the Legion of Merit prior to his retirement as a Captain in 1993. As luck would have it, he inadvertently met Lynn a second time while on a motorcycle trip in Las Vegas. In 2010, he met his wife Donna, and would later marry her in 2013. Their time together was spent in White Stone, VA, where they would read, ride motorcycles, sail, and congregate at White Stone United Methodist Church. In his final years, he was instrumental in the formation of the Marsh Children’s Homes in Tucson, AZ and Acapulco, Mexico.

A member of our Lodge for 29 years, Andrews was initiated, passed, and raised in 1984. His signers were Brothers Deke Miner & Wilmot Sewell. He died suddenly in 2014, survived by his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Andrews’ prevailing dedication to aviation, combat leadership, and military education and training demarcate him as a stellar role model and hero. In both his civilian and military lives, he affected his courage, stamina, and battle readiness alongside the skillsets of his cohorts inside and outside of his

military career- safeguarding the liberty and welfare of his fellow servicemen, countrymen, and allies at large. These bounteous endeavors guarantee Andrews’ commendation in this series as a proven lifesaver. If you’re aware of a deceased member of our Lodge who may fit “The Lifesaver” criteria, please email johnrs4@vt.edu.

Trestle Board

May 10 Stated Communication
 Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
 May 14 Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM
 May 28 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
 June 14 Stated Communication
 Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
 June 25 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

Masonic Birthdays for May

Christopher Anders, Jr. '11	John M. Hewitt '02
Brandon R. Angel '07	Monte P. Howell '70
George R. Bunch, Sr. '82	Ross O. McLeod '06
Kevin T. Cotter '11	Joseph W. Miechle '09
Wayne C. DeFord '93	Leslie H. Miller '72
Frank Filippone '15	Steve T. Miller '71
James O. Freeman '74	Larry Montgomery, Jr. '97
J. Timothy Freihofer '15	Stanley D. Moss '96
Billy F. Gordon, Jr. '03	Daniel F. Oliver '14
Herbert T. Gordon '86	John H. Phillips '18
Adam Hernandez '07	Gregory K. Pruitt '02

These Brethren have a total of
 523 years in Masonry!

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special lady in May:

Elizabeth Hutchinson	May 3 rd
Willie Salih	May 5 th
Bonnie Fitzgerald	May 9 th
Lorrisa Ambrose	May 19 th
Deborah Smith	May 22 nd
Barbara Marchman	May 24 th
Barbara Waller	May 28 th
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.

38th Annual Bull Roast



Well we start the count down this year earlier than normal. On May 1st we will be two weeks away from our annual fund raiser, the Bull Roast. Worshipful John Settle, III wanted to move the date earlier than normal to allow for a more spring like event. So the team of brethren have been

working away planning and preparing. The tickets and posters were printed and are out! Please support Kempsville Masonic Lodge No. 196 in our main fund raiser. Buy some tickets, bring some friends. The menu will be the tasty beef just like last years, brisket baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, pies and cakes. Senior Warden, Pat Blankenship heads this year's event with Senior Steward, Todd Moissett heading up the kitchen. This year, as has been done in years past, we will also be aided by the boys of DeMolay and the girls of Jobs Daughters.

Come out that morning and have a cup of coffee as some of the brethren start to prepare the food. Stories from years past have provided laughs to this day and you don't want to miss out on any new ones! From Right Worshipful Stanek lighting the cooker, and himself, to Junior Warden Doug Dunn setting boiling water on fire! Yes, you read that right! The fellowship is always the highlight for

many so don't miss out. Come be a part of this special day!

Make sure you are with us on May 14th!

Brother Doug Dunn, Junior Warden

Grand View

By now you may have heard that the Grand Lodge of Virginia has adopted Grand View as its membership management system. In fact, if we already had a valid email address in Grand View, you may have already been invited to activate your account.

Although we're still in the early stages of the Grand View implementation, we encourage you to activate your account as soon as possible. By doing so, you'll be ready as additional features are roll out such as online dues payments,

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correspondence courses, virtual dues card, and more.

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