



# The Ashlar



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**Kempsville Lodge No. 196, A.F.&A.M.**  
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## From The East



First, I want to say Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers. There were many life lessons that my mother imparted to me as I was growing up, that I will always be indebted to her for. We all have a special place in our heart for our mothers.

Spring has finally arrived. I see spring as a time of renewal; a time to start afresh with more energy and vigor. It might be due to a combination of the warm weather, the longer period of daylight or all the colors associated with new growth of trees and flowers. If it has been a long time since you have been to Lodge for a Stated Meeting or watched your Brethren conduct degree work, please stop by on a Tuesday night for fellowship and renew your interest in Masonry.

I want to thank Right Worshipful Bill Knowles, Brothers John Preddy, Greg Cort and John Thomas and the rest of the Building Committee for getting the foyer renovation project underway. The plan is to have all work completed before the May 2012 Stated Communication. Additionally, if you have recently driven by the Lodge, you probably noticed fresh mulch around the flag pole and the sign as well as a couple new shrubs. When you see Brother John Thomas, thank him for a job well done.

Our Senior Warden did a great job getting the Lodge involved in the City of Virginia Beach Adopt-A-Program. We have requested and been given the city park near Stratford Chase. We have tentatively scheduled April 28<sup>th</sup> following the monthly Lodge breakfast as our first clean-up day. So come to breakfast, spend some time with your Brethren and help the Lodge clean the park.

The Pungo Strawberry Festival is just around the corner. The Lodge has participated in the Virginia Child ID Program at the Strawberry Festival the last three years. Each Lodge in the District has been requested to provide 12 volunteers, eight on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and four on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested and have the time, I need your help. I will be there and there are several positions to be filled; assisting the parents in filling out the forms, weighing and taking height measurements, working on the laptop, etc. Come out and help for a period of time then spent the rest of the day with friends and family at the festival.

In closing, thank you all for supporting the Lodge, your home away from home. I can tell you this, nothing gets accomplished without the support and participation of you, the Brethren. Keep our Masonic Sweethearts, our sick and infirmed, and our deployed Brethren in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master



## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Roast

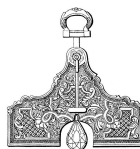
**June 9<sup>th</sup> - 11AM to 7PM**

Tender Roast of Beef

Home Made Baked Beans,  
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,  
Cakes, and Pies

Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade

## From The West



Statisticians tell us that of all the things that start more seem to start in the spring than in any other season. Grass begins to grow in the spring. Daylight savings time begins in the spring. Most lawnmowers are started for the first time in the spring. Baseball season begins in the spring. Fish spawn, birds nest, bees begin to buzz. Flowers paint the roadside with a fascinating array of color and beauty and the price of gasoline begins its annual accent higher.

They do not agree on what triggers this phenomenon. Perhaps it is the lengthening and

warming of the day. Maybe it is caused by the tilt in the earth's axis and the increase of energy showered by the sun as it climbs higher in the sky. Possibly it is caused by a need to do after a long winter of under doing. Perhaps it is something else.

For whatever the reason, I am glad it happens and is happening here at the Lodge. Several weeks ago new doors were installed and shortly after that, renovation began on the foyer that will greet all to a newer, more beautiful lodge. More upgrades are planned and I want to invite everyone to come by and check them out and more importantly, to become part of the effort that will make Kempsville more brighter and welcoming to all.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

## May Stated Communication Armed Forces Night



**Dinner at 6PM, Lodge at 7PM**

### From The South



As most of you are aware, the Lodge is in the process of making some much needed repairs to our building. As I was thinking about the upcoming repairs I began to wonder, what kinds of wood were used in the building of our Lodge? I have come to the conclusion that our Lodge symbolically consists of three types of wood, namely: Deadwood, Driftwood and Hardwood. Deadwood can be likened to a member of the Lodge who, for no good reason, never attends. Driftwood can be likened to a member who floats in and out of lodge at their leisure. Hardwood can be likened to a member who is at Lodge (when possible) every time the doors are open, working to ensure the structure and longevity of Freemasonry. Do you fit into one of these categories?

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Junior Warden

### Masonic Veterans for 2012

May	Joseph Timothy Salt	50 Years
June	Gerald Bernard Barham	50 Years
	Richard Walter Meers, Jr.	50 Years
July	Joseph Edward Smith	60 Years
	Jack Lee Waller	50 Years
September	David Borntrager	25 Years
October	Thomas Henry Cutchins, III	25 Years
	Henley Albert Morgan, Jr.	25 Years
November	Donald Eugene Howard	25 Years
	Raymond Russell Rowley	50 Years
December	David Howard Weast	25 Years

### Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Brother George Boggs – 461-7939
- Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson – V.A. Hospital

### 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Roast

Summer is fast approaching and that must mean it's Bull Roast Time. That's right, the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Kempsville Lodge Bull Roast Fundraiser will be June 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 take-outs 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 7<sup>th</sup>. If you travel to local Lodges please announce our Bull Roast and try and sell some tickets. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year and we really need a huge turnout to make it a success. For the bakers in the lodge there are a few boxes of cake mix left 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 8th. 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 e-mail at [chrisanders1@gmail.com](mailto:chrisanders1@gmail.com) or by phone at 635-7617, we still need volunteers.

Brother Chris Anders, Senior Steward



**Baseball Night at  
Tides Park**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Join us at Tides Park for an evening of Fellowship, Fun, and Baseball.

Contact any Lodge Officer for more information

### Masonic Birthdays for May

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Christopher Anders, Jr. '11 | Larry Montgomery, Jr. '97   |
| Joseph J. Agnoli '10        | Stanley D. Moss '96         |
| Brandon Ray Angel '07       | G. Wilson Nelligar '84      |
| Kevin T. Cotter '11         | Frank B. Nickerson '83      |
| David Harrold Curtis '66    | Joseph R. O'Leary '96       |
| Wayne C. DeFord '93         | Charley Orsargos '61        |
| H. Boyd Foxwell '70         | Tyler A. Pender '09         |
| James Olney Freeman '74     | Gregory K. Pruitt '02       |
| Brian Gay '96               | Richard Dean Rawles '92     |
| Goodwin Glassman '68        | Ralph W. Rawles, Jr. '76    |
| Herbert T. Gordon '86       | Charles A. Roys '08         |
| Billy F. Gordon, Jr. '03    | Joseph T. Salt '62          |
| Dennis R. Harrison '83      | Jimmy B. Shehan '97         |
| Adam Hernandez '07          | Richard M. Shibley '46      |
| John M. Hewitt '02          | Russell P. Tjepkema '85     |
| Monte P. Howell '70         | John S. Ward '49            |
| Ross Owen McLeod '06        | John B. Whiteman '10        |
| Leslie Hugh Miller '72      | William O. Wyndham, Jr. '83 |
| Steve Taylor Miller '71     |                             |

The Brethren shown above have a total of 2,042 years in Masonry!

### Trestleboard

- April 28 ..... Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
- April 30 ..... Ritual School, 7PM
- May 7 ..... Ritual School, 7PM
- May 1 ..... Master Mason Degree, 7PM
- May 7 ..... Ritual School, 7PM
- May 8 ..... Stated Communication  
Armed Forces Night, 6PM
- May 14 ..... Ritual School, 7PM
- May 15 ..... Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
- May 21 ..... District Blood Drive  
Bayside Lodge No. 218, 3PM-7:30PM
- May 21 ..... Ritual School, 7PM
- May 26 ..... Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
- May 28 ..... Ritual School, 7PM
- June 4 ..... Ritual School, 7PM
- June 9 ..... 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Roast  
11AM-7PM**
- June 11 ..... Ritual School, 7PM
- June 12 ..... Stated Communication  
Senior Warden's Night, 6PM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at [www.kempsvillelodge.org](http://www.kempsvillelodge.org).

### Past Masters Night



24 Past Masters attended the Spring Past Masters Night on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Youth Corner

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the DeMolay in their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Corn hole tournament. It was a lot of fun and we hope to do this again next year! We are looking forward to the competition.

COME ON DOWN...to the 4th annual Bethel 42 Dinner Theater. May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9PM the Daughters will host a fundraiser for the Grand Session Bus. For \$10 you get dinner and a show. They are serving Hamburger steak, mashed

potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll and cookie Sundae dessert. This night will be full of fun as you flash back to your favorite game shows, watch some commercials and of course there will be a dessert auction. So come on out and help support the daughters and have a great time.

Also if you are interested in "flamingoing" someone's yard for their birthday, anniversary or any other occasion, please see a Jobie or contact Mom Marta at 757-338-7220. The cost is \$20 and we will place about 25 flamingos and a sign with your personal message in someone's yard. It is a nice surprise for someone and a very inexpensive way to show your brotherly love- ask Dad Bill and Dad Jerry--they were so surprised to wake up to a yard full of pink birds.



Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

## To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in May:

Elizabeth Hutchinson – May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Bonnie Fitzgerald – May 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Jackie Stephens – May 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Margaret Fowler – May 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Sue Wright – May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Grace Jones – May 29<sup>th</sup>

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master, Secretary, or Right Worshipful Bill Knowles (757-495-0626).

## District Blood Drive

Brethren, thank you for the great support for the March 26 Blood Drive. I appreciate all who assisted in the set up and serving. Most of all, the lodge and the community appreciate those of you who donated blood. Our lodge was far and away the best at donating with 20 units credited. Fentress was next with 6 units. So far this year, we are in third place behind Fentress [72] and Princess Anne [59] with 56 units.

- Our next blood drive is May 21 at Bayside.
- Plan to donate or ask someone to donate in your place.
- Ask for a flyer to post at work or on a community bulletin board.
- Publicize the event at your church and other organizations.

Brother Scott Foxwell  
 Lodge Blood Coordinator

## To Be or Not to Be (A Freemason)

Was William Shakespeare a Freemason? Check out these lines from some of his work and decide for yourself.

Now, ... Whence come you

*Merry Wives of Windsor*, Act 4, Scene 5

Let's part the word ...

*Love's Labor Lost*, Act 4, Scene 2

The singing Masons building roofs of gold.

*Henry V*, Act 1, Scene 4

You made good work, you and your apron men.

*Cariolanus*, Act 4, Scene 6

Where is thy leathern apron and thy rule?

*Julius Caesar*, Act 1, Scene 1

I will, as 'twere a Brother of your Order.

*Measure for Measure*, Act 1, Scene 4

Guard the door without, Let him not pass.

*Othello*, Act 5, Scene 2

They never meet, but they do square.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Act 2, Scene 1

## Welcome to Kempsville!

- Brother James D. Boone – Affiliated March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Brother Aaron J. Hinrichs – Raised March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Brother Christopher A. Urick – Raised April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Brother Justin A. Flowers – Raised April 17<sup>th</sup>

## Brother Hank Foiles Speaks at April Stated Communication



Brother Hank Foiles prepares to cut the cake following his presentation at the April Stated Communication. Brother Hank entertained the Brethren with stories about his professional baseball career and the friendships that developed due to his Masonic membership.

### A Mother's Walk

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. Is this the long way? She asked.

And the guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than those years. So she played with her children and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and the young mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close, covering them with her mantle and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm will

come." The morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary.

But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there."

So the children climbed and when they reached the top they said, "Mother we could not have done it without you."

And the mother when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the first, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage, today I gave them strength."

The next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children grouped and stumbled, and the mother said, "Look up and lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory and it guided them beyond the darkness.

And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks, and the months, and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent.

But her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the way was rough they lifted her, for she was light as a feather.

At last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And the mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us mother, even after you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her.

And they said, "We cannot see her but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

Your mother is always with you. She is the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street. She is the smell of bleach in your freshly washed socks. She is the cool hand on your brow when you are not well.

Your mother lives inside your laughter. She is crystallized in every teardrop. She is the place you came from, your first home. And she is the map you follow with every step you take.

She is your first love and your first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate you...not time, not space, not even death.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there!

Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, LEO



**American  
Red Cross**

### **District Blood Drive**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> - 3 to 7:30PM  
Bayside Lodge**

### **Give the "Gift of Life"**

Visit "[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)" (sponsor code "vbmasons") and schedule your appointment today!

### **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 country, 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 forth."

*Harry S. Truman*

Brother Harry Truman was born on May 8, 1884. Also on May 8<sup>th</sup> in 1843, a group of Masons met for the purpose of discussing plans for making our Masonic ritual uniform; this meeting is known as the Baltimore Convention. Nothing came of the discussion.

"Masonry aims at the promotion of morality and higher living by the cultivation of the social side of man, the rousing in him of the instincts of charity and the love of his kind. It rests surely on the foundation of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God."

*William Howard Taft*

Spoken by Brother Taft, in St. John's Lodge, Newark, New Jersey on May 13, 1911.

### **Father Attends Raising**



One of our newest Master Mason's, Brother Justin Flowers, with his father (and now, Brother), Henry Flowers. Brother Henry traveled from Texas to be with Justin on this special night.

### **Masonic Trivia**

Massachusetts lodges have no numbers. Pennsylvania has eleven lodges with numbers but no names. Georgia has two lodges identified as number 1, Social #1 and Solomon #1. Neither Maryland, Pennsylvania, or Tennessee has a lodge with the number 1.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has one lodge with a zero number - i.e. Mother Kilwinning No. 0 - it is popularly known as MK0. It also has three lodges No. 1 and two lodges No.3.

The first registered livestock brand in Montana was the Square and Compasses dating back to before May 25, 1872 when brands were first registered. It is still in use today.