



# The Ashlar



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No story is more romantic than the history of the growth and development of our Republic. A true Patriot need only to read the record to feel his heart beat faster, stirred by an honorable pride. From thirteen thinly settled states, united in the struggle for freedom, loyal to a newly written Constitution, our Nation has grown to be one of the greatest, strongest, more far-reaching nations on earth; a human marvel and a social wonder. Never has there been such a flowing together of peoples, such a blending of bloods, as in America; it is a fraternal achievement in which many races and many faces mingled to build a free and gentle country.

Among the creative forces by which America has been made so great are undoubtedly the influences of Freemasonry. The history of Masonry in America is likened to the genius of poetry, and its story an epic. Silent, ever-present, always active, by its constructive genius our Fraternity built itself into the very foundations of the Republic. When our fathers affirmed that Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, Masonry was present assenting to one of its own principles. What patriotic memories cluster about old Green Dragon Tavern in Boston! Called it the headquarters of the Revolution, as well as the headquarters of Freemasonry, it's where the Boston Tea Party was planned.

As in Massachusetts, as throughout the Colonies, Masonry was everywhere active on behalf of a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. It was not by accident that so many Masons signed the Declaration of Independence, or that Washington and most of his Generals were members of the Craft. Nor was it by mere chance that our first President was a Mason, sworn into office on a Bible taken from a Masonic Altar, by the Grand Master of New York.

As Freemasons we believe that the things that made our Republic great in the past are the things that will make it still greater in the future. A great Englishman once asked, what made America great? Not its rich resources, he said, other lands - Russia, for example - are equally rich. Nor is it intelligence and enterprise of our people, because others are also intelligent. No, what has made America great, he said, is its form of government. If ever, of any men, it can be said that our fathers were divinely taught and divinely led when they instituted our form of government, in which individual initiative is united with social responsibility - liberty under law, liberty founded in right and reason, modified by private duty, public obligation, and a sense of the common good.

So, once more, in memory of our national birthday, as Freemasons we ask all Americans of every race, creed, and condition to renew their vows of love, honor, and loyalty to our Constitution, our President and our flag, which is the immortal symbol of all that is sacred in our life, law, and history. We ask all to join hands and hearts on behalf of a greater America tomorrow, worthy of the mighty America of the past to which, like the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, We Mutually Pledge to Each Other our Lives, Fortunes and Sacred Honor.

## From The East



We've hit the half-way point in the year and as I look back over the past six months I am very proud of the many things we have accomplished.

Hats off to everyone who played a part in our success. I am truly thankful for each and every one of you! Our Stated and called communications have been wonderfully attended. Our Ritual has been outstanding. Our breakfasts have been a big hit. Other events and programs have been greatly supported! Proving once again that Kempsville Lodge is a great place to be!

As we look ahead to the coming months the trestle board is full. We have plenty of degree work scheduled, fraternal visits planned, and an action packed lodge school to keep us busy. Plug in when and where you can.

I am excited to announce that our guest speaker for the July Stated Communication is Brother Dave Strohsahl from Virginia Beach Lodge. He will speak on our first President and Masonic Brother, George Washington. We will also recognize Dallas Stamper, Executive Director of PiN Ministry, with the Community Builder's Award for his work in serving the homeless in Virginia Beach. It will be a great night. Get your Masonic Passports dusted off as we will make a fraternal visit to Hall Lodge No. 53 in Shawboro, North Carolina. I have been told the food is awesome. If you haven't witnessed North Carolina ritual this is your chance!

Lastly, Brethren, I want to address our elevator fundraiser. Thank you to those who have donated or pledged a donation for this important cause. It is greatly appreciated. I regret to report that we are not even half way in reaching our goal. To make matters worse, the donations have slowed greatly. I think everyone agrees that this is an important project. I ask that you consider supporting this project and make a donation or pledge in July so that we can get back on track. Hope to see you in lodge soon!

Brother Chris Anders, Worshipful Master

## From The West



One of the several responsibilities of the Senior Warden is to pay the craft their wages... which I personally consider a privilege. In order for a brother to receive his wages, he must attend lodge. That could be as part of a called meeting or a stated communication. The wages a brother receives is unique for each brother so its impossible to compare one's wages to another. As Senior Warden I feel honored to perform this task but truth be known, every brother has the ability and privilege to pay wages to any and/or every brother he so desires.

Brother Roger Taylor, Senior Warden

## From The South



It has been another very busy and very productive month here at Kempsville. We conducted our first Lodge spring cleaning, held another well-attended Saturday-morning breakfast and our annual Bull Roast, and raised two brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Our Hawaiian shirt night for the June Stated was a big hit. Special congratulations to Worshipful Jimmy Wilder, our Past Master from 1986, for once again winning the Mystic Golden Pineapple Award for the best Hawaiian shirt! I would like to personally thank everyone who came out to help with all of these events, including our own Eastern Star ladies, DeMolays, and Jobies.

The greatest reward I have as an Officer of this Lodge is to see all of our events well attended by our brothers and their families and everyone having a good time. I appreciate all of the positive comments that we have received from members and visitors alike - that is the best reward any of us could ask for our labors. I would strongly encourage those of our brothers who may have not been to the Lodge in a while to come out and join us.

Brother Dave Trzeciakiewicz, Junior Warden

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Roast Report

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Roast is in the books. We had a steady stream of folks come by and enjoy great fellowship and awesome food! Thank you so much for your support. I also want to express my thanks and appreciation to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this year's Bull Roast a success. Without you this would not and could not happen. It was so amazing to see the Brethren of Kempsville Lodge No. 196 working together in support of our Scholarship Fund, MAHOVA, and the Elevator Project!

Here are the numbers:

Total Donations:	\$8,664.40
Less Expenses:	\$2,175.79
Less Scholarships:	\$500.00
Less MAHOVA:	\$1,200.00
To The Elevator Project:	\$4,000.0
To the General Fund:	\$788.64

Worshipful Chris Anders  
Bull Roast Chairman

## Masonic Birthdays for July

Ramon L. Baez, Sr. '97	Carl William Nolan '80
Thomas M. Beverly '10	William T. Parks, III '89
Rickey Peter Brooks '16	William T. Peterson '07
Toney Edward Brown '10	Joseph Andrew Posey '79
David Lewis Cline '91	William K. Sheppard '08
Alexander R. Echols '09	Scott F. Sherman '17
Darin Matthew Ely '04	Dale E. Smith '79
James Charles Gardner '70	Joseph F. Thornton '63
Brian Keith Goodwin '90	Dennis G. Tompkins '02
Nazim K. Jamal '16	Richard L. Tyson '08
Littleton Kirkpatrick, IV '10	Robert L. Tyson, Jr. '08
William R. Knowles, Sr. '71	Robert L. Tyson, Sr. '08
Ovey Eugene LeJeune '90	Jack L. Waller '62
Seth Adam Miles '09	Karl W. Wesseler '78
Melvin Sherwin Mizelle '67	Johnny D. Whitley '64
Edward F. Myers, Jr. '76	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 770 years in Masonry!

## Welcome to Kempsville!

Join us in welcoming three newly Raised Master Masons to the Lodge: Brother John Phillips, raised May 15<sup>th</sup>; Brother Nate Cook, raised June 5<sup>th</sup>; and Brother Sean Bray, Raised June 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Trestleboard

June 30 .....	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
July 3 .....	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
July 10 .....	Stated Communication Community Builders Award Presentation Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
July 28 .....	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
August 1 .....	Fraternal Visit to Hall Lodge No. 53 Shawboro, North Carolina
August 7 .....	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM

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

## The Finer Points

If a Lodge member believes that he has good cause to object to something that is occurring, or believes that something said or done wrongs himself or another, or questions the appropriateness or legality of something said or done; there is a specific way that rules of Masonic etiquette and the practice of decorum would have him act:

- He rises, salutes the Master, and patiently waits until the Master recognizes him.
- He states his objection, criticism, etc., in as few words as possible.
- He salutes smartly and is seated.
- The Master makes a reply or takes action.
- The proceedings are resumed.

In any event it is not for the member himself to decide or to take action, for that responsibility belongs to the Master. He merely states his objection and does not elaborate or discuss it, unless requested to do so by the Master. The member himself is finished with the episode when he has spoken and re-seated.

It is essential to exhibit a gentlemanly behavior at all times, especially during Lodge activities. If you disagree with the Master's decision, you may appeal the action by elevating it, in writing, through the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Master.

Mike Denning, Senior Deacon

## To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in July:

Ouida Young	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Guarino	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
Dolores Davenport	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
June Lockwood	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Wanda Van Fossen	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Austin	July 31 <sup>st</sup>

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

Thank you for supporting the Bayside Lodge blood drive on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Kempsville Lodge has qualified for the Dr. Seymour Jonas Levy award with 111% of contribution to date. Although we will be receiving this award, there will always be a need for lifesaving blood donation in our community.

Please give at our next scheduled drive, scheduled on August 20<sup>th</sup>, at Kempsville Lodge and sponsored by Willis V Fentress Lodge No. 296.

Brother Mike Blankenship, Blood Coordinator

We now accept electronic payments for annual dues and donations. Accessible on the Lodge Web Site.



## Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Chris Anders	635-7617
Senior Warden	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Junior Warden	Dave Trzeciakiewicz	620-8311
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	255-8336
Senior Deacon	Mike Denning	651-0712
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Senior Steward	Todd Moissett	604-3085
Junior Steward	Doug Dunn	781-389-6557
Chaplain	Justin Gray	338-7218
Musician	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Marshal	Scott Sherman	597-1150
Tiler	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	William Rawson	724-4867
MAHOVA Ambassador	Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Michael Blankenship	438-2862
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