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To Travel in Foreign Countries

The ultimate goal of our ancient operative Brethren was to become Masters so that they might possess secrets and knowledge which would enable them to practice the arts of the builder wheresoever they traveled, even in foreign countries. The Brethren of the Speculative Craft still desire to travel in foreign countries, and those who feel the urge strongly enough study their Masonry diligently that they may receive proper instructions and be permitted to travel and receive Master's wages.

Foreign Countries as used in Freemasonry is a symbolic place, not connected with a particular geographical location. Nor is it a word of identification which will enable us to build material temples or earn higher wages for the work which we do. It is a symbol which has more than one interpretation.

Freemasonry itself is a foreign country to each initiate. If he is to travel in it, if he is to earn a Master's wage, he must learn its language, understand its customs and study its history. He must become a part of it to fully appreciate and enjoy its privileges and pleasures.

Becoming a Master Mason gives each man the right to travel in foreign countries in Freemasonry. He has but to learn its work and keep himself in good standing to find the doors of a hundred Lodges open to him. He will also find much pleasant traveling to be done in the writings of Freemasonry. These cover the field of history, philosophy, and branch into numerous other areas leading to countless treasures which each must discover for himself. These are some of the rewards of the Mason who travels in foreign countries.

In Masonry we are told to seek the light. Light in Masonry is knowledge and from that knowledge comes information and understanding.

2019 Installation of Officers



left to right:

- Ben Jamal – Tiler
- John Settle, III - Senior Deacon
- Dickie Cooper - Marshal
- Mike Denning - Junior Warden
- Chris Anders - Treasurer
- Scott Foxwell - Musician
- Roger Taylor - Worshipful Master
- Doug Dunn - Junior Steward
- Bob Stanek - Secretary
- Dave Trzeciakiewicz - Senior Warden
- Todd Moissett - Senior Steward
- Pat Blankenship – Junior Deacon
- Scott Sherman - Chaplain

From The East



I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to the brethren of Kempsville Lodge for electing me to lead the lodge for 2019. It is truly an honor. I will serve the lodge to the best of my ability in the coming year while preparing those that follow me to do the same.

I congratulate Wor. Chris Anders for a very successful year. I learned a lot from his leadership and will carry that forward into the coming year. He did a lot to strengthen the health of the lodge in ritual, fellowship and service to the community.

I have planned a year that will hopefully continue the tradition of exemplary ritual, warm fellowship and service to the community that Kempsville Lodge is known for. With the support of an outstanding lineup of Line Officers I am certain we will meet and exceed all expectations.

We have a busy year developing with degree work, instruction and visitation. Degree work is on the calendar for January, February and March with tentative dates extending into Spring. Instruction begins on Monday December 17 at 6:30 with our focused training followed immediately by ritual school. Visitations throughout the district are planned to support our newly installed Worshipful Masters as well at the District Deputy Grand Master.

I am very optimistic and excited to see what this year presents and what challenges we will face. I am certain, as a lodge, we will meet each challenge head-on and emerge better men and Masons.

Brother Roger Taylor, Worshipful Master

From The West



The great wheel of time has completed yet another revolution and we find ourselves at the beginning of another Masonic year. I am looking forward to another busy 12 months serving each of you as your Senior Warden. It seems like just yesterday (December 2015 actually) when I first stepped into line at Kempsville as Junior Deacon; needless to say I have learned much about Masonry - and Masonic leadership - over the past three years. My only regret is that I did not have the opportunity to become a Mason decades ago!

Although we are moving into a new year at the Lodge, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of the brothers who helped locate, transport,

and install the "gently pre-owned" pews in our Lodge room in December. Rumor has it that they were only driven to church on Sundays by a little old lady! Based on feedback I have received from a number of people they have been well-received and make the Lodge room look better than ever. Special kudos to our newest Past Master, Worshipful Chris Anders, whose Rube Goldberg-like engineering skills enabled us to hoist the pews quickly and safely up to the second floor through the emergency exit (aka "Ben's Gate"). Well done Worshipful Chris!

Brother Dave Trzeciakiewicz, Senior Warden

From The South



The open installation was a huge success. The Lodge was full and Worshipful Roger put on a finely tuned event. Thank you to Worshipful Roger Taylor for the nomination and all the brothers for your vote of confidence in electing me to fill the Junior Warden station. I also would like to thank T-Rex for all he did last year, he is a tough act to follow but I will do my best.

We will hit the ground running with our continued ritual practice. Every Monday evening we will continue our focused training topic at 6:30PM followed by our usual 7:00PM ritual practice. Pending favorable ballots, we should begin degree work immediately following our first Stated Communication in January. If you are interested in any of the floor positions, let me know and I will get you scheduled in our practices.

Kempsville Lodge is very fortunate to have a steady stream of petitions and candidates. With this good fortune also comes the necessity and responsibility to mentor and coach our new brothers. With that being said, we are always in need of coaches. If you have ever thought of being a coach or would like to know more about being a coach, please give me a call and we can begin working to that end.

I look forward to a full, successful, and rewarding year ahead.

Brother Mike Denning, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

January 8	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
January 9	DDGM Official Visit to Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274
January 10	DDGM Official Visit to Lynnhaven Lodge No. 22
January 26	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
February 6	DDGM Official Visit to Princess Anne Lodge No. 25
February 7	DDGM Official Visit to Bayside Lodge No. 218
February 12	Stated Communication DDGM Official Visit Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

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

Masonic Birthdays for January

L. Douglas Dunn '17	Matthew D. Pilgrim '11
Onrubio L. Florendo, Jr. '10	David W. Poirier '18
Henry L. Foiles, Jr. '59	John R. Preddy, III '07
Lucian A. Gunter, III '58	Bill Rensko '96
Gerald T. Hallal '08	G. Frank Roberts, III '96
Robert A. Hughes '18	William B. Ross '03
Ronald S. Melton, Jr. '04	Marvin L. Spruill '57
Francis G. Mielkey, II '98	Richard B. Temple, Sr. '55
James E. Pearsall, Jr. '79	Scott C. Vaughn '15

The Brethren shown above have a total of 415
years in Masonry!

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in January:

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
Wanda Webb	January 27 th
Dorothy Sykes	January 28 th
Doris Flannigan	January 28 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.

From the Secretary

The 2019 Annual Lodge dues are now payable. If
you have not done so, please remit your dues now.
An electronic payment option is available for you
on the Lodge web site. Contact the Secretary if
you have questions concerning your dues.



The Finer Points

Masonic etiquette is simply the rules of good
manners which make Lodge meetings pleasant for
everyone.

The position of Worshipful Master in the East
occupies the most exalted position within the
Lodge.

A Lodge which does not honor its Master, no
matter how they personally feel about the man
himself, lacks Masonic courtesy.

The honor conveyed by the Brethren in electing
him and the historical men who have gone before
him, must be given the utmost respect, if the
traditions of the Fraternity are to be observed and
proper Masonic etiquette is to be maintained.

Masonic etiquette comprises two main themes,
Lodge courtesies and proprieties. The correct
courtesies will lose favor if given out of order.
Know your sequences as well as your actions to
ensure you are representing the Craft correctly.

Good manners imply observance of the formal
requirements governing man's behavior in polite
society and a sense of what is appropriate for a
person of good breeding with high morals and
good taste. Personal relations, fellowship, and a
touch of humor will add depth to a Lodge's
atmosphere and will foster unity.

The spirit of brotherly love and affection, by which
we are bound together, will be exemplified in our

conduct, our carriage, and our behavior at all times.

We should all use our trowel to cement the stones of brotherly love for the "More Noble and Glorious Purpose" of exhibiting these rules of Masonic Etiquette toward one and all within the Brethren.

Brother John Settle, Senior Deacon

Meet Your New Junior Deacon



Pat was born in Peoria, Illinois and raised in Wildwood, Illinois. He joined the military in 1972 and retired after a very successful career in 1994. He is married to Sue, his wife of 43 years, they have one son and 2 grandchildren. He

became a Deputy Sheriff in 1996. In 2002 he became a Regional Magistrate for Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Eastern Shore.

He was Raised in Kempsville Lodge No.196 November 20, 2012. He served as Lodge Blood Coordinator from 2014 - 2017 and 56th District Blood Coordinator from 2016 - 2018.

2018 Mason of the Year



Congratulations to Brother Karl Wessler on being named Kempsville Lodge's 2018 Mason of the Year.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Senior Warden	Dave Trzeciakiewicz	620-8311
Junior Warden	Mike Denning	651-0712
Treasurer	Chris Anders	635-7617
Secretary	Bob Stanek	255-8336
Senior Deacon	John Settle, III	675-9695
Junior Deacon	Pat Blankenship	406-6166
Senior Steward	Todd Moissett	604-3085
Junior Steward	Doug Dunn	781-389-6557
Chaplain	Scott Sherman	597-1150
Musician	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Ben Jamal	553-2635
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
Youth Advisor	Eddie Foley	581-8144



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