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From The East



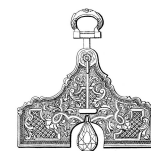
My time is the East has gone by very quickly, as we are now more than halfway through the Masonic year. Because the officers and brethren have put so much heart and effort to better the lodge, I already deem this year a success. Thanks to all of you for your time, ideas, and contributions. Once again our Bull Roast was a big success, particularly given the deluge we had along with the changes in the economy which have resulted in people spending less money. What I most noticed at the Bull Roast was a very high level of a cooperative spirit. I especially appreciate Worshipful Adam Green for taking over the reins for our biggest fundraiser and working closely with Right Worshipful Tom McGowan to make it run so well.

Brother Bill Rawson, my friend and right hand man, you had a GREAT night in the East for Senior Warden's Night. You seem almost too comfortable with that gavel and hat. Kudos to you for a job well done!

For Kempsville Lodge, the month of July will be relatively quiet. Our biggest scheduled event will be Hawaiian Shirt Night at the Stated Communication on July 14th. The mainstay of the dinner will be Pork BBQ, so come on out for some good eating and lighthearted fellowship.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Well ya'll, summer is upon us, and as the temperature gets hot outdoors, so are things heating up in your Lodge. Initiations, passings, raisings, breakfasts, picnics, it's all happening in Kempsville. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship. If you have not been in Lodge recently, I encourage each and everyone of you to stop by and see what's taking place. You'll be surprised!

Here's a little test...

Quiz #1

1. Name the three wealthiest people in the

world.

2. Name the last three Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last three Miss America's.
4. Name the last three Pulitzer Prize winners.
5. Name the last three Academy Award winners.
6. Name the last three World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, no one remembers the headliners of yesterday. And these are no second-rate achievers--they are the best in their fields. But the applause dies, awards tarnish, accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Quiz #2

1. Name three teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name three people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Name three people who made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Name three people you enjoy spending time with.

The Lesson...The people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They simple are the ones that care the most.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon,
Brother Bill Rawson, Senior Warden

From The South



We are now more than half way through our Masonic year and what a busy year it has been. We have been working every Tuesday night and will continue degree work. Please check the Trestle Board for details. Our Bull Roast has come and gone and was another success. Plans are underway for our Hawaiian Shirt Night July 14th. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the degree and invite those interested to join us in the work. We have school on Mondays and there are plenty of

parts available to be filled. We will have a special treat on July 21st. Please come out to find out what it is.

Senior Warden's Night was a big hit. Bill did a great job. The bar has been set high for Junior Warden's Night.

The 26th Annual Bull Roast was quite successful under new direction of our Junior Past Master, Adam Green. He did a great job, even without me to make him look good. Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen, on the serving line, those who welcomed our guests, those who cooked outside with the grill and, of course, our clean-up crew.

Recently I had the opportunity to participate in the degree work for a co-worker who was initiated in the mysteries of Freemasonry. It was truly an honor to be invited to fill a chair. Thanks to Oriental Lodge No. 20. Of interest: our two lodges shared space in the most recent publication of The Virginia Masonic Herald. I would like to invite anyone who has vouched on a petition or has a special connection to our candidates to participate in the degree work. I will be calling to personally extend an invitation. We do this for the candidates and it means so much to them.

Lastly, there are two big events upcoming that require some attention. August 2 though 5 is the Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership in Fork Union. If anyone is interested please talk with our LEO, Adam Green. Also, The Grand Annual Communication is quickly approaching and we need to look at making reservations. Please contact me for details and room rates. We need to begin planning this event now as it a major expense on our lodge.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

June 30 DDGM Degree Team Night
Master Mason Degree, 7PM
July 7 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
July 14 Stated Communication, Hawaiian Shirt
Night & DEO Visit, Dinner 6PM
July 19 VACHIP Child ID Event
Holland Road Baptist Church, 4-6PM
July 21 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
July 25 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
July 27 District Blood Drive
Kempsville Lodge, 3-7:30PM
August 11 Stated Communication, Masonic
Humor Night, Dinner 6PM

Youth Corner

The DeMolay Chapter has been exceptionally busy the past month. Weeks of hard work and practice paid off as the sword team performed flawlessly during the Grand Master's wreath laying ceremony at the MacArthur Memorial. Additionally, they assisted in serving dinner for the Grand Master's official visit to District 35A/B and helped the Shrine put on their annual rodeo. Please wish the boys luck as they prepare to compete in various sporting competitions in their annual Conclave. Kempsville's own Nick Cook will be installed as the State Master Councilor pending a favorable ballot during the Conclave.

Bethel 42 thanks all those who attended their Installation of Officers last month. The ladies have been busy as well assisting in operating the children's games during the Shrine rodeo and helping Suffolk's Bethel 28 with their installation. The annual Grand Session will be July 9-12. The girls will be competing in several individual and group events so please wish them well.

Both groups thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

Masonic Veterans for 2009

September	Harold R. Brenneman	60 years
	Archie R. Nobles	25 years
October	Edward K. Andrews	25 years
	Robert H. Foxwell Jr.	50 years
	Harold A. Young	50 years
November	Curtis Raeford Eure	50 years
	Franklin M. Gamage	50 years
	James G. Moore	50 years

Masonic Birthdays for July

Julius C. Anongos '99	William T. Peterson '07
William Lacy Barkley '96	Joseph Andrew Posey '79
David Lewis Cline '91	Michael E. Richards '01
David C. Davenport '76	James E. Robenolt '93
Darin Matthew Ely '04	Spencer M. Rogers '48
James C. Gardner '70	William K. Sheppard '08
Brian Keith Goodwin '90	Brian Michael Smith '01
Richard Terry Huling '75	Dale Edward Smith '79
George D. Johnston Jr. '72	Joseph Edward Smith '52
William R. Knowles Sr. '71	Tee Brumley Smith '73
Ovey Eugene LeJeune '90	Joseph F. Thornton '63
Ronald Lawrence Levy '04	Dennis G. Tompkins '02
Louis Edward Luke '94	Richard L. Tyson '08
Andrew J. McMenamain '02	Robert L. Tyson, Jr '08
Melvin S. Mizelle '67	Robert L. Tyson, Sr. '08
Russel Ernest Myers '92	Freddie M. Veraque '97
Edward F. Myers, Jr. '76	Jack Lee Waller '62
William T. Parks III '89	Charles E. Willman '69

Desiderata

The following poem, "Desiderata," by Max Ehrmann from 1927, while not purely Masonic, has Masonic values and ideals, is inspirational, and worth sharing. I hope you enjoy it.

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Submitted by Ron Jacobson
Worshipful Master

Welcome to Kempsville!

A special welcome to our newest members: Thomas Webber, Sr. (affiliated on 6/9) and Robert Winn, Jr (raised on 6/30).

District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is Monday, July 27th, here at our Lodge, 3-7:30PM. We are trying to streamline and make our drives more time friendly for our donors, so please set up an appointment online at givelife.org, using sponsor code "vbmasons". We really try to accommodate appointment times. The heartfelt comments from Worshipful Bobby Spruill concerning our last drive should be more than enough reason for us, as Masons, to make our drives a priority. Just one more example of putting our words into action. Look forward to seeing you at the drive.

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

26th Annual Bull Roast



The preparation,

the chefs,

the beef,

and the guests!

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Senior Warden	William H. Rawson	467-5913
Junior Warden	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	495-7645
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Senior Deacon	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Junior Deacon	Steven V. Sorano	321-0392
Chaplain	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris J. Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Wor. Adam Green	615-1659
Blood Coordinator	John Preddy	439-3225
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

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