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Stated Communication

August 10th – Ladies Night

Lodge Breakfast

August 28th – 8 to 10AM

Lodge Family Picnic

September 12th – 1 to 4PM

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From The East



My Brethren and Friends, in this triple digit heat I am finding it particularly hard staying on task of finding something inspirational or motivational to write about this month. I've become easily distracted.

Waves keep lapping at the bulkhead. The distant sound of young boys jumping off the dock into the lake, arms and legs flailing as they try to impress young girls waiting on the dock, giggling at their silly antics. Young children digging holes in the sand and filling them with pails of water. Older kids building sand castles, or trying to catch minnows that are way to fast for them. Young mothers sunning in lounge chairs with one eye in a book and the other on their offspring at waters edge. Multicolor sails litter the lake as Hobie Cats and Windsurfers are blown about by the warm summer winds.

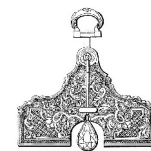
Every afternoon the brilliant sunshine is overtaken by a canvass of clouds ranging in color from snow white to as black as the charcoals in my Webber grill. At night the clouds give way to a thousand planets and stars, all conducted by the same unerring law of nature.

I ask you my Brethren, how is one expected to concentrate with all this going on around him?

Hope to see you in Lodge soon, and don't forget August is Ladies Night.

Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

From The West



President Andrew Jackson once said "Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind." These benefits are achieved through the diligent fulfillment of the duties of its members. The faithful mason seeks to live by a moral code which is expressed through the allegorical stories taught in the first three degrees and thus explained in the three charges. By our conduct, we serve as an example to others.

Our duties include abiding and supporting the

constitutions of Masonry, the laws, rules, regulations, and edicts of the Grand Lodge and the individual lodge by-laws. We are required to maintain and support the landmarks and usages and customs of the Fraternity. We are to be faithful citizens and obey civil magistrate. We are to be loyal to our lodge, pay our dues in a timely manner, and keep the obligations we undertook.

In particular, we have a duty to God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Our fraternity encourages us to seek greater understanding of our creator. We should always remember the three tenets of the order Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. We are taught to be industrious and to provide for our families. We are taught to temper our passion and zeal by keeping out passions within due bounds.

How does this apply?

That is a question we must ask ourselves.

When we, as individual masons abide by these ideals listed above our fraternity will grow and benefit humankind. However, failing to conform to these principles we debase ourselves and our organization. Our Grand Master's theme this year is "Forget not the duties." Please make this your daily practice.

Adapted from "Forget Not The Duties"
By Chip Bennett,

Area Provost-Masonic Division VI

Brother Michael Johnstone, Senior Warden

From The South



The "Dog Days of Summer" are here. I was watching 13 News the other night, and they said that this heat spell has now set a new record for the hottest minimum temperature since meteorologist have began recording temperatures in the early 1900's.

A number of Brethren of Kempsville attended the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team on July 9th, 2010. Present were Right Worshipfuls Tom McGowan, "Buddy" Pate, Worshipfuls Adam Green, Roger Cort, Steve Ridgeway and Brother Joe Salt and I. It was truly a special night for the

two candidates; one from Ocean View and one from Norview. They were presented hand made aprons that were individually numbered as well as individual number certificates. Though the ritual may have been different, the meaning and the message of being “Raised” to the sublime degree of Master Mason was not lost. The real treat was when Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, closed the Master Mason’s Lodge from the East wearing a Native American bonnet. I have sent pictures that Brother Joe Salt and I took to Right Worshipful “Buddy” Pate, who plans to post one of two on our Lodge’s web page.

I’m still looking for a few Brethren who would be willing to learn the ritual to augment the Officers in the Lodge. You do not have to be an Officer of the Lodge or get in line to become an Officer, only willing to attend ritual school on Monday night. I’m also willing to meet with you, if you cannot come on Monday nights. My intent is to get you, my Brethren, involved in the Lodge.

Finally Brethren, I have no intention of getting on my soap box. I just wanted to inform you that at our last stated, the contributions did not even cover the cost of the food. I know Brothers Bud Marchman and Hank Foiles spend a great amount of time/effort to prepare those meals. A pat on the back and words of thanks do go far, but remember your donations go to assist the Lodge in a number of ways. If we don’t even cover the cost of the food, it takes away from other Lodge programs-enough said.

I am certain we all hope this current spell goes away soon. Please lookout for yourself and others, and have a great summer! Looking forward to seeing in the Lodge.

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

Got Blood?

As the Semisonic tune tells us, “Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.” The previous Masonic year has ended and the new one has begun. We began the 2010 Masonic year as consciousness and willing supporters of the District’s Blood Drives. We ended the year as consciousness and more willing supporters who could not wait for next time the Red Cross set up shop to ask for our blood. We ended the 2010 Masonic year as one of the most prolific blood giving Lodges in the District.

A new Masonic year has begun. Our goal for 2011 is to move forward and increase our participation and to tally up 196 units from Kempsville 196.

This is a lofty number and it will require the help of all to achieve.

If you are able, and only 38% of the population is, mark your calendar now. The last Monday of every other month is the time to Mason up and become part of the story and part of the goal.

Jerry Hallal, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome to our newly raised members: Thomas Martin Beverly, July 6th and Toney Edward Brown, July 20th.

Masonic Birthdays for August

Robert Leon Akers '66	Jonathan Robert King '00
Allen Victor Alewine '08	Harry W. Lamer, Jr. '08
Joshua Allen Arkin '08	David W. McGowan '05
Ramon Luis Baez '08	Grady McGuire '69
Ray Leon Benton '88	Newbury E. Meader, Jr. '99
Terry Lee Bledsoe '05	Donald Edward Meyer '77
Curtis E. Brannon '65	Michael Neal Miller '05
Brian Edward Cullen '08	Edward F. Myers, III '08
Homer J. Cullifer '65	Bennell Willard Powers '93
Bruce A. Cunningham '08	Wesley Edward Powers '99
John Newton Farr '98	Thomas Patrick Reidy '05
Robert Scott Foxwell '02	Gregory Michael Remy '08
Donald McKay Fraser '06	Jeffrey Scott Rohrer '08
Moss Samuel Friedman '91	Michael G. Rylko, Jr. '05
Shawn Paul Garfield '00	Larry Duane Santos '93
Raymond Elnor Hall III '05	David Tyrone Silvey '04
Warren Robert Hard '05	Wesley C. Thompson '06
Brian Keith Headley '00	Anthony K. Turner '08
Todd Leslie Herbst '05	Walter Maher Wales '65
Walter Lee Humphries '71	Claude W. Watkins, Jr. '91
Paul Joseph Jusselin '05	Thomas G. Webber, Jr. '08
William T. Kemp, Sr. '66	William Roy Wood '77

The Brethren shown above have a total of 616 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

August 3	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
August 7	56 th District Open House Day
August 10	Stated Communication
	Masonic Home Program & Ladies Night
	Dinner 6PM
August 21	Annual Parkerson Education School
	Bayside Lodge No. 218, 8AM
August 28	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
September 12	Lodge Family Picnic, 1PM
September 14	Stated Communication
	9/11 Remembrance, Dinner 6PM

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

The Hour Is Always Now

How often we say that “Tomorrow we will do this” and so, and when tomorrow comes, it is suddenly “today.” Unfortunately, many of our best resolves go by the board because we do not recognize the opportunity of today.

A great British physician once said that a nation's

greatest asset is character—not health. Masonry has offered for more then two and a half centuries the opportunity to add to one's character building and an opportunity for spiritual freedom for every man who will knock at its doors.

Of great importance to the welfare of the Order is the attitude of each one of us toward our Lodge and the rite. Our strength depends on the enthusiasm and the loyalty which we demonstrate through our practice of the great tenets of our institution.

When we petitioned for membership, we expressed a desire to be serviceable to mankind. As we endeavor to fulfill that desire, the influence on our own life and the life of the community will be shown.

The hour is now when we should, through our own actions, demonstrate to the world at large the influence that Masonry has had on our lives. This influence can best be shown by our attitudes toward our fellowman and our interest in his welfare. By grasping the opportunities of the present we can preserve the future of Freemasonry.

Northern Light Magazine
April, 1977

Masonic Veterans for 2010

October	Daniel E. Connor	25 Years
November	Russell L. Houston	25 Years
December	Rubin Kravitz	50 Years

Bull Roast Recap

Brethren, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who were instrumental in making our 27th Annual Bull Roast a rousing success. After all of the bills were paid, including our scholarships (\$1,000) and MAHOVA donation (\$1,700), we cleared over \$3,200 for the lodge. I would like to thank WOR Bill Rawson for immediately designating \$2000 of the profit to our Building Fund. The sewer connection and new roof in 2008 put a big dent...OK, it wiped our our Building Fund. It is nice to see we are able to start rebuilding.

Below is an excerpt from the letter to Virginia Beach VOTECH, announcing our scholarships:

Kempsville Masonic Lodge No. 196, A.F. & A.M., is pleased to present two (2) five hundred dollar (\$500.) scholarships intended for the continuing education to two of your 2010 graduating students: Ms. Elizabeth Curran and Mr. Richard Carlo

Ms. Curran is pursuing a four year college education and will use her scholarship to help offset the costs of books and boarding. Mr Carlo,

who was also recognized for his performance in a statewide plumbing competition, will be pursuing a technical program and will use his finds to offset the costs associated with his certification.

There are too many of you to thank personally. You all know who you are and to ALL of you who took time out of their day to assist, I sincerely thank you. If you spent a couple of hours keeping the social hall clean, all day in the kitchen keeping the takeouts rolling, or just a few hours putting out grease fires in the grill, I thank you with all of my heart. Without your efforts, the day would not have been a success.

I do want to thank Right Worshipful Tom McGowan for his guidance and cajoling to ensure I kept on track, and Worshipful Bob Stanek for being my sanity check and guru throughout the entire process. I look forward to the continued guidance of these two fine brothers, and the support of all of you for many years to come.

Worshipful Adam Green
Bull Roast Chairman

Thoughts and Prayers

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

- George Boggs – 461-7939
- Right Worshipful Richard Alfred Davis, Jr. – 497-1227
- William Erikson – 340-4400
- Worshipful Elwood Grant – Brighton Gardens, Virginia Beach.
- Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Leslie Miller – 420-7560
- Brother F. B. “Nick” Nickerson – VA Hospital.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William H. Rawson	467-5913
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Musician	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Tiler	Bob Lankford	499-0115
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Blood Coordinator	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

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