Coming Up at Kempsville Lodge!

Stated Communication



July 30th – 8 to 10AM

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The Ashlar



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From The East



Well the gas grills have been turned off, the "bull" has been cooked, and our 28th Annual Bull Roast is duly recorded in the archives. I would like to thank Worshipful Adam Green, his

committee, and our officers for a job well done, no pun intended. I am sure that Adam will have more to say on the matter as he completes his final report and more people to thank. I would also like to thank everyone that attended our Bull Roast and supported it by other means. This may have been the best Bull Roast to date.

On June 13th, I had the great honor to present our scholarships on your behalf to two students at Vo-Tech. A special thank you is extended to Worshipful George Fausel for his assistance with coordinating these presentations with Vo-Tech. We had the opportunity to meet and congratulate one of the students and his family at our Bull Roast.

Our work schedule is heating up as we have now moved into summer. We have several events planned for July. Remember to view the Trestle board for details and check your email for events notices. Please remember to break out your Hawaiian shirt for our Luau in July. Our guest speaker is our locally raised Grand Line Officer Wayne Flora. Our ladies are invited and encouraged to join us for dinner. We will not have a ladies' program that night, but are always pleased to welcome them.

I would like to extend a special congratulation to all of our graduates. Enjoy your summer as school and/or work will begin shortly. Great Job Class of 2011, you are the ones!

There is still a lot to do and I will be seeking your assistance in these endeavors. Thank you for your help thus far.

See you at lodge, Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



First, I want to thank all of you who were there for Senior Warden's Night. Right Worshipful Gill gave a thought provoking patriotic speech on "what are you doing to contribute to

bettering society" within your sphere of influence. I also appreciated the support of the Brethren who took time from their busy schedule to attend my night in the East.

Second, the majority of the Lodge members present voted on increasing the Lodge Dues by \$6, from \$56 to \$62. Combined with the Grand Lodge Assessment increase, total dues will be \$100. The motion to change Article II of the By-laws will be read and voted on during the July 2011 Stated Communication.

Third, I attended the installation of Stephanie Dawson as the Honored Queen and her new officers for the ensuing term. It was a great ceremony and the outgoing Honored Queen Kaitlynn Gray performed the installation from memory. I also observed Right Worshipful Roger Cort, DDGM for the 56th Masonic District, give the Slipper Presentation to HQ Stephanie Dawson. I have never heard of that ceremony and it was deeply touching. If you have time on a Sunday afternoon, to come watch these girls in their business meeting or conducting ritual work.

As the summer season passes, be mindful of the heat and humidity. Please look out for yourself, your family, neighbors and our elderly widows and Brethren. Hope to see you in your Lodge.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South



When the history of Kempsville Lodge is written, I am sure that Bull Roast 2011 will one of it's finer chapters. Worshipful Adam and his crew did an outstanding job. It was truly a team effort and all can be proud.

All of the usual stuff happened: The planning, the shopping, the baking, the peeling, the mixing, the cooking, the set up, the delivering, the eating, the cleaning and the fun. But two things impressed me the most. The first was seeing the ladies, and at least one guy, who brought home boxes of cake mix return them as finished products of savory delight. The second was seeing newly initiated and raised Masons eagerly taking an active role in Lodge activities.

Equally impressive was my realization that the kitchen is indeed the epicenter of the Lodge. It is here that great ideas are thought of and first discussed. It is here that great minds converse and share their thoughts on the proceedings of the universe. It is here that the seismic needle occasionally jumps, but after whispers of quiet counsel always returns to the flat line. It is here that great bonds of friendship and brotherly love are formed and strengthened. Become a part of it. There is always room and need for you.

Looking forward to Bull Roast 2012.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

By-Laws Revision

I accordance with Article VII of the by-laws, at the June 2011 Stated Communication a motion was made and passed to amend Article II of the by-laws as related to annual dues. Article II now reads: Every member of this Lodge except the Treasurer shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of \$56.00 (fifty-six dollars) plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments as annual dues, and rounded up to the next dollar.

Article II is proposed to be amended as follows:

Every member of this Lodge except the Treasurer shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of \$62.00 (sixty-two dollars) plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments as annual dues, and rounded up to the next dollar.

If approved, it is a \$6.00 (six dollar) increase to the annual Lodge dues. The approval or rejection of

this matter will take place at the July 2011 Stated Communication.

If approved by the brethren, the total annual dues of the Lodge for 2012 will increase from \$84.00 to \$100.00. (\$62.00 Lodge dues - \$38.00 Grand Lodge dues and assessments). Please remember, Grand Lodge dues and assessments were increased from \$28.00 to \$38.00 at the 2010 Grand Communication.

Masonic Birthdays for July

William T. Peterson '07
Joseph A. Posey '79
Michael E. Richards '01
James E. Robenolt '93
Spencer M. Rogers '48
William K. Sheppard '08
Brian M. Smith '01
Dale Edward Smith '79
Joseph E. Smith '52
Joseph F. Thornton '63
Dennis G. Tompkins '02
Richard L. Tyson '08
Robert L. Tyson, Jr. '08
Robert L. Tyson, Sr. '08
Freddie M. Veraque '97
Jack Lee Waller '62
Charles E. Willman '69

The Brethren shown above have a total of 788 vears in Masonry!

Trestleboard

June 25 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
June 27 Ritual School, 7PM
June 28 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
July 5 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
July 11 Ritual School, 7PM
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July 12 Stated Communication
Hawaiian Shirt Night, 6PM
July 14 Grand Master's Official District Visit
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 5PM
July 18Ritual School, 7PM
July 25District Blood Drive
Kempsville Lodge No. 196, 3PM-7:30PM
July 25Ritual School, 7PM
July 30Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
August 8Ritual School, 7PM
August 9Stated Communication, 6PM
August 15Ritual School, 7PM
August 20Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
August 22Ritual School, 7PM
August 27State-Wide One-Day Conferral
Norfolk Scottish Rite Temple, 9AM-5PM
Morroik Scoulish late Temple, SAM-St M

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

The Lodge parking lot re-surfacing is now complete. Your donations to help pay for this project were needed and much appreciated. Any special donations to support and maintain our building fund are always welcome; please send donations to the Lodge Secretary. Your consideration and generosity is most appreciated.

Masonic Veterans for 2011

Charles Forbes	25 Years
John Lassiter	50 Years
Lawrence Greene	25 Years
David Dutcher	25 Years
Tommy Haste	50 Years
Willie Hudson	50 Years
Charles Lund	25 Years
Robert Shelburne	50 Years
	John Lassiter Lawrence Greene David Dutcher Tommy Haste Willie Hudson Charles Lund

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 Leslie Miller - 420-7560 Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson - V.A. Hospital.

Lodge Of Sorrow

These Brethren have finished their earthly labors and have passed to the Celestial Lodge above.

Darryl Raymond Moyers - 01/06/2011 John Angus Farrer - 01/12/2011 Selby Ray Ballance - 01/30/2011 Julius C. Anongus - 02/16/2011 Elbert Louis Lane, Jr. - 03/17/2011 William Andrew McPherson, Jr. - 03/31/2011 Robert Melvin Ohman - 04/23/2011 Lee Kelberg - 04/25/2011 William Stephenson Erekson - 06/04/2011 Richard Alfred Davis, Jr. - 06/13/2011

Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in July:

Mary Matthews, July 2 Ouida Young, July 8 Shirley White, July 9 Mrs A. J. Guarino, July 18

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome Brother Simone Scigliano, raised on June $21^{\rm st}$.

Masonic Thought

Take Time TO PLAY...

It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take Time TO READ...

It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take Time TO PRAY...

It is the greatest power on earth.

Take Time TO LOVE AND BE LOVED...

It is a God-given privilege.

Take Time TO LAUGH...

It is the music of the soul.

Take Time TO GIVE...

It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take Time TO WORK...

It is the price of success.

Take Time TO BE A MASON...

Anonymous

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master Senior Warden Junior Warden Treasurer Secretary Secretary Emeritus Senior Deacon Junior Deacon Chaplain Musician Marshal Tiler Instructor of Work	Michael D. Johnstone William T. Peterson Gerald T. Hallal Wor. Bill Nelligar Wor. Bob Stanek RW Bill Pierce Terry L. Bledsoe John R. Preddy Scott Foxwell Robert H. Johns Gregory C. Muir Thomas Beverly Wor. Adam Green	237-5249 472-1200 456-0034 619-7646 804-226-4181 288-5928 495-0771 490-2797 467-8804 676-3761 496-3499 615-1659
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