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From The East



The Stated Communication is Senior Warden's Night. Please come out and support Brother Jerry Hallal while he sits in the East.

The foyer renovation is complete. Two members of the Lodge were instrumental in this task, Brother John Preddy (our Senior Deacon) and Brother Greg Cort. Right Worshipful Roger Cort and Brothers Justin Gray, and John Thomas also assisted. The square and compass in the tile looks great!

If you have driven past the Lodge lately, you probably noticed the new landscaping in front of the building. RW Bill Knowles, Brothers Wayne Deford, Todd Deford, Justin Flowers, Tim Berkhimer, Justin Gray, Jerry Hallal (our Senior Warden), and Kevin Cotter all share recognition for that project.

I want to thank all the Brethren who assisted with the Annual Virginia Child ID Program at the Pungo Strawberry Festival. This vital service is important in helping protect our children and in an event of an emergency, assist our law enforcement agencies in rapidly getting the information out on the Amber Alert System.

I would like to promote our Lodge Night at Harbor Park. Rarely do we get an opportunity to spend a Tuesday Night together outside the Lodge with our family, friends and Masonic family. We are about ten people short of the minimum 25 necessary to reserve box seats. Come and have fun!

I also request your support for the Annual Bull Roast. This is our major fund raiser for the Masonic Home of Virginia and two scholarships. Any remaining fund goes into the Building Fund for the upkeep of the Lodge. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Brother Hank Foiles is also holding a book sale at the Lodge on June 21st from 10 AM to 1 PM. His book, "A Pirates Journey", chronicles his life growing up in Hampton Roads, his professional

baseball experience, and his connection to Shriners. Two dollars of each sale will be donated to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Finally Brethren, I'm having a great year. It's all because of you. Thank you!

Brother Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master



29th Annual Bull Roast

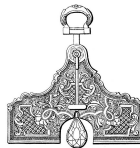
June 9th - 11AM to 7PM

Tender Roast of Beef

Home Made Baked Beans,
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,
Cakes, and Pies

Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade

From The West



More than most months, June is a month for rehearsals. A month filled with practice so the real thing goes smooth and proper. High school seniors rehearse for their graduation so that when they march in to the pomp and circumstance, everybody will be in step and in the proper order.

Brides, perhaps in tribute to the Roman goddess Juno, whom June is named after and whose Greek counterpart, Hera, was the protectress of women and presided over marriage, and their grooms engage in a night of wedding rehearsal to help insure that when the organist begins to play, everybody will be in the right spot, or getting there.

June is also the month for Senior Warden's Night. It is a rehearsal or practice for the senior warden as he continues his journey to the East. I want to take this opportunity to invite all of you to afford me the honor of your presence at our June Stated

as I open and conduct a Master Mason's Lodge for the dispatch of business.

The program for the night will be music and a narrative, which will discuss the causes of the War of 1812 and how it affected our local area and the immediate events leading up to and inspiring Brother Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner.

I am extremely excited about the evening and I am looking very forward to sharing it with you.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

From The South



The Worshipful Master's plans for a "Night at the Ballpark," on June 19th beg the following questions. Why do they sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" when they are already there?

Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting? How can a spectator sitting five hundred feet from home plate see better than an umpire standing five feet away? Are we sending the wrong message to our youth when we cheer someone for stealing bases?

Please join us on June 19th for a night of fun and fellowship.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2012

June	Gerald Bernard Barham	50 Years
	Richard Walter Meers, Jr.	50 Years
July	Joseph Edward Smith	60 Years
	Jack Lee Waller	50 Years
September	David Borntrager	25 Years
October	Thomas Henry Cutchins, III	25 Years
	Henley Albert Morgan, Jr.	25 Years
November	Donald Eugene Howard	25 Years
	Raymond Russell Rowley	50 Years
December	David Howard Weast	25 Years

Welcome to Kempsville!

A big welcome to Brother Larry L. Strait, Jr., Raised May 1, 2012.

29th Annual Bull Roast

Brethren, the Bull Roast is right around the corner and that means it is crunch time! The prep work has been done and we are putting the final touches on things as we get ready for a big day at Kempsville Lodge. I hope everyone has made plans to come out and enjoy an awesome meal, great fellowship, and more importantly support the Masonic Home of Virginia and our Lodge Scholarship Fund. A big "Thank You" goes out to everyone who has volunteered to help and to those who have sent in their ticket money! A few last minute reminders: If you haven't yet done so, please remit ticket money to either myself or Worshipful Bob Stanek as soon as possible. If you are baking cakes, please drop them off at the Lodge on Friday June 8th. If you have lined up deliveries or take-outs, please give me the contact info. If you have not yet volunteered to help, please let me know. What remains now is simply to step up the effort to get the word out and invite as many people as we can to the biggest fund raiser of the year. We really need a huge turnout to make this a success. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on June 9th.

Brother Chris Anders, Senior Steward

At the May Stated meeting of the lodge, a proposal to amend Article III of our by-laws was read suggesting to increase the total petition and degree fees. The proposal is to raise the total amount from \$150 to \$200. If approved, this will only effect new petitioners and candidates. At the next Stated meeting, on June 12, this by-laws amendment will be considered for discussion, approval, or rejection. The by-laws require the membership to be notified, which is the reason for this notice.

Lodge Phone Tree

The Lodge has set up an automated phone tree calling service for an easy and effective way to communicate with members for important or "need to know" information. This service will even leave a message on answering machines at your home or on your cell phone voice-mail, so you can listen to it anytime if you miss a call. The "Caller ID" will

let you know the call is from the Lodge (not an unknown number), and the message will be recorded from a member of the Lodge. If you prefer to receive messages at a particular phone (home or cell), please let the Secretary know (and this is a great time to be sure we have your current-contact phone number). We're hoping this service will provide members with even more information of current activities or emergent information.

Masonic Birthdays for June

James O. Amburn, Jr. '65	Lloyd F. Holbrook, III '98
Sidney C. Atkinson '82	Jonathan W. Jones '05
Nicholas Azaransky '00	William T. Kemp, Jr. '07
Carl N. Barber '71	Kenneth Lancaster '84
Gerald B. Barham '62	Robert D. Lockwood '73
Theodore W. Barton, Jr. '66	John W. Mapes '97
Richard L. Boyette '48	Thomas McGowan '66
John R. Caole '03	Richard W. Mears, Jr. '62
James Cobell, III '93	Owen P. Mills '67
John Erick Corbett '69	Harold D. Nix '61
Frank L. Creasy '73	Harold G. Noyes, Jr. '57
Robert A. Davis '82	Emmett M. Pate, Jr. '00
Wayne T. Dunn '80	Fletcher B. Porter, Jr. '91
Roger N. Farr '74	N. Preston Powers, Jr. '95
Frederick C. Farrer '94	Simone Scigliano '11
John T. Farrer '94	Clifton E. Smith '89
Ira Lawson Fisk '55	Bobby G. Spruill '81
Adam T. Ford '06	John D. Tackett '08
Floyd M. Gilbert '56	Robert B. Wadsworth '99
Robert Lee Gunter '73	Jason W. White '04
Jerry S. Hase '88	Michael Jay Willis '73
Daniel G. Higger '96	G. Robert Winn, Jr. '09

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,261 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard


May 26	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
May 29	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
June 9	29th Annual Bull Roast
	11AM-7PM
June 11	Ritual School, 7PM
June 12	Stated Communication
	Senior Warden's Night, 6PM
June 19	Baseball Night at Tides Park, 7PM
June 26	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
June 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
July 10	Stated Communication
	Hawaiian Shirt Night
	Right Worshipful Wayne S. Flora, 6PM

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

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 F. B. “Nick” Nickerson – V.A. Hospital
- Brother Burt Jones



Baseball Night at Tides Park

June 19th

Join us at Tides Park for an evening of Fellowship, Fun, and Baseball.

Contact any Lodge Officer for more information

Youth Corner

The Daughters would like to invite you to their installation of officers on June 30th at 6 PM, dinner is being served at 4:30. The Daughters participated in an amazing service project, Stop Hunger now where they packaged 10,000 rice meals for the orphans of Honduras, please check out <http://www.stophungernow.org> to see who these daughters helped. Kempsville DeMolay also participated in an amazing service project in May. They served dinner and played games with the youth from the Seton Youth Shelters in Virginia Beach. If you are interested in seeing who the Demolay are helping please check out <http://www.setonyouthshelters.org>. Your youth are doing great things! Please continue to come out and support them so they can continue to support their community. Thanks for everything you do!

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in June:

- Adean Wyatt, June 8th
- Clara Krell, June 12th
- Catherine Benjaminson, June 13th
- Mary Walker, June 27th

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master, Secretary, or Right Worshipful Bill Knowles (757-495-0626).

Brother Joe Salt Receives Veteran Award



Brother Joe Salt, accompanied by his lady, Shirley, receives his 50 Year Masonic Veteran's Award from Right Worshipful Tom McGowan.

Words I Wish I Wrote

Life! Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there... to serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson or help figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be but when you lock eyes with them, you know that very moment that they will affect your life in some profound way. And sometimes things happen to you at the time that may seem horrible, painful and unfair, but in reflection you realize that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential, strength, will power or heart.

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of good luck. Illness, injury,

lost moments of true greatness and sheer stupidity all occur to test a smoothly paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. Safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

The people you meet affect your life. The successes and downfalls that you experience can create who you are, and the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are probably the most poignant and important ones. If someone hurts you, betrays you or breaks your heart, forgive them because they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious to whom you open your heart to. If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love you, but because they are teaching you to love and open your heart and eyes to little things.

Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from it everything that you possibly can, for you may never be able to experience it again. Talk to people you have never talked to before, and actually listen. Let yourself fall in love, break free and set your sights high. Hold your head up because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself, no one else will believe in you. Create your own life and then go out and live it.

Love never ends... So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, LEO

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