



The Ashlar



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From The East



June is a time for graduation. Years of study and hard work are rewarded as one marches onto the stage with the sound of pomp and circumstance playing in the background. Books have been studied and tests have been mastered and friends have been made that will last a lifetime. One finds themselves doing things that only recently seemed to be unachievable and far beyond their capacity to do. To all who have proudly marched to that tune, and to all the parents and grandparents who supported and encouraged them, I congratulate you.

Our lodge has two similar events, contained within a shorter time span that can be likened to a graduation and the prerequisite events that must happen to allow them to be successful. The first is when a brother stands his catechism. Weeks, sometimes months, are required to learn and to be able to recite the correct answers to correct questions that will show others that he is proficient in the various proceedings within a Degree and worthy of advancement.

During this time, work will be hard, study will be long and a strong bond of friendship will develop between student and coach. After the usual bit of frustration that is experienced in all levels of learning happens, the candidate will amaze himself at the amount of information and understanding he was able to absorb, when only a short time ago, it seemed very distant. To all who have earned a favorable ballot and the esteem of their Brethren, I congratulate you. To all who have worked the many long hours with their candidate, I thank you. And to all who have not yet experienced the fellowship and camaraderie that you will find in coaching, I encourage you to give it a try.

Another lodge event of similarity is the bull roast. The bull roast is the culmination of many months of planning and many weeks of doing the necessary homework that will allow it to be entered in the books as a successful event. It is the procuring of nearly five hundred pounds of beef, cooked to tender perfection. It is the peeling of two hundred

pounds of potatoes and the cracking of over thirty dozen eggs. It is three gallons of mayonnaise and ten lbs of onions and a little bit of this and a little bit of that. It is fifty pounds of cabbage, shredded for slaw and home made baked beans just like grandma used to make. It is ice cold drinks and yummy cakes and deserts prepared by the ladies of the lodge.

History and tradition will come together on June 8th as we mark the thirtieth time we have gathered for this Kempsville celebration of fun, family, fellowship and food. It is our major fundraiser of the year and all hands are needed to ensure its success.

Brother Chris Anders is coordinating, so please give him a call and offer your help. Whether you are a slicer, dicer, peeler, roaster, baker, ticket seller or eater, I want to thank you and I guarantee you will have a great time and will not leave hungry.

No diplomas or certificates will be handed out, but the recipients of our efforts on this day will be our Scholarship Fund and the Masonic Home of Virginia. Bring a friend and invite a neighbor.

I look very forward to seeing you there and don't forget, it will be Senior Warden's Night at the June stated communication.

Worshipful Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

From The West



Saint John the Baptist is one of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, and at one time, indeed, the only one, the name of Saint John the Evangelist having been introduced subsequent to the sixteenth century. His festival occurs on the 24th of June, and is very generally celebrated by the Masonic Fraternity. Dalcho (Ahiman Rezon) says that "the stern integrity of Saint John the Baptist, which induced him to forego every minor consideration in discharging the obligations he owed to God; the unshaken firmness with which he met martyrdom rather than betray his duty to his Master; his steady reproof of vice, and continued

preaching of repentance and virtue, make him a fit patron of the Masonic Institution."

Saint John the Evangelist is the other Patron Saint of Freemasonry, who's Festival is celebrated on the 27th of December. His constant admonition, in his Epistles, to the cultivation of brotherly love, and the mystical nature of his Apocalyptic visions, have been, perhaps, the principal reasons for the veneration paid to him by the Craft.

Join us at our June stated communication and learn more about our Patron Saints.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

From The South



Recently, I became aware of a slight change or difference in the brothers that do our ritual or our catechism. Same procedure, just different faces... so what? It's happened for generations. Maybe I'm becoming a little too cynical, or maybe complacent, but brothers that I never expected are stepping up to the task, with great skills. Sometimes I see, maybe through a different perspective, a complacency in Masonry. It is so pleasant, and so reassuring, to see Brethren stepping up to the tasks of Freemasonry, "of their own freewill and accord", and serving our Lodge with Honor. In every way, support and encourage them. Find a way in your time to join them. Brethren, "leaders "in our Lodge come and go. The success of our Lodge is in our hands, more especially YOU. I encourage all to take on just a small part. All Past masters have been through the "trenches" of our craft. It's very clear to me what you've been through. I must encourage all, both old and new, to renew their skills toward the craft. Just a few comments from the South.

Brother John Preddy, Junior Warden

Thoughts and Prayers

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

Brother Bob Johns	467-8804
Worshipful Jimmie Wilder	467-1336
Worshipful Ray Connard	499-7511
Worshipful Jim Gardner	499-2816
Worshipful Bill Nolan	467-2252

Masonic Birthdays for June

James O. Amburn, Jr. '65	Lloyd F. Holbrook, III '98
Sidney C. Atkinson '82	Jonathan William Jones '05
Nicholas Azaransky '00	Robert Walter Jones '55
Carl Nixon Barber '71	William T. Kemp, Jr. '07
Gerald B. Barham '62	Kenneth Lancaster '84
Theodore Woodward	Robert D. Lockwood '73
Barton, Jr. '66	John Walter Mapes '97
Richard Lewis Boyette '48	Thomas McGowan '66
John Rayos Caole '03	Richard W. Mears, Jr. '62
James Cobell, III '93	Owen Price Mills '67
John Erick Corbett '69	Harold G. Noyes, Jr. '57
Frank Leroy Creasy '73	Emmett M. Pate, Jr. '00
Robert Arthur Davis '82	Fletcher B. Porter, Jr. '91
Wayne Thomas Dunn '80	Norman P. Powers, Jr. '95
Roger Newton Farr '74	Simone Scigliano '11
Frederick C. Farrer '94	John Robert Settle, IV '12
John Thomas Farrer '94	Clifton Essley Smith '89
Ira Lawson Fisk '55	Bobby Gene Spruill '81
Adam Trevor Ford '06	John Daniel Tackett '08
Floyd Morris Gilbert '56	Robert B. Wadsworth '99
Robert Lee Gunter '73	Jason Warren White '04
Jerry Samuel Hase '88	Michael Jay Willis '73
Daniel G. Higger '96	George R. Winn, Jr. '09

The 30th 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 7th. If you have lined up deliveries please give me the contact info. If you have not yet volunteered to help, please let me know as we can sure use your assistance. 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 8th.

Brother Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

Youth Corner

The Kempsville DeMolay and Jobs Daughters continue into the summer with the DeMolay continuing their Luray Quarterly trip where some lucky candidates will have the ceremony performed for their degree in the Luray Caverns as has been done for many decades. The Job’s Daughters completed their successful Dinner and a show which supports their session and other events. In their last stated meeting, the Job’s Daughters held their term elections and Congratulations go to the newly elected Honored Queen, Miss Tori Sorensen. Tori will be installed on June 22nd at 5PM at Kempsville Lodge and all are invited to come and congratulate Tori and her new officers. The DeMolay are hosting a Flower talk at their stated meeting on June 6th with a dinner at 6PM and will also perform the flower talk for Lynnhaven Lodge’s stated. Both the DeMolay and Jobs Daughters are looking forward to supporting this year’s Shrine Rodeo which is scheduled for the 14th and 15th of June. And both the DeMolay and Jobs Daughters invite you to their stated meeting scheduled for DeMolay: June 6th at 6PM and June 20th at 7PM and Job’s Daughters on June 2nd at 2PM and June 22nd at 5PM. All of these young men and women enjoy the love and support afforded them from the Kempsville Family.

Brother Ray Baez, Youth Advisor

Trestleboard

- June 8 30th Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM
- June 11 Stated Communication
Senior Warden's Night, 6PM
- June 29 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
- July 9 Stated Communication
Ladies Night, Hawaiian Shirt Night
Speaker: Wayne Flora, 6PM
- July 27 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
- August 13 Stated Communication
Speaker: Buddy Pate, 6PM
- August 19 District Blood Drive
2:45PM-7:00PM, Kempsville Lodge No. 196
- August 22 Bring A Friend Night
6PM, Bayside Lodge No. 218)
- August 31 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in June:

Jessica Squires	3 rd
Shirley White	9 th
Clare Krell	12 th
Cathy Benjaminson	13 th
Mary Walker	27 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.

We'd also like to remind all our ladies that if you are considering any major repairs to your home and want to make sure they're needed, feel free to contact us. We'll be glad to offer advice and assistance.

Masonic Veterans for 2013

July	Joseph Francis Thornton	50 Years
October	Richard Leopold Naujoks	60 Years
November	Albert Lee Bonney, Jr.	50 Years
December	Ejnar Olaf Jorgenson	60 Years

Masonic Blood Program

Brethren, to emphasize the importance of giving blood year-round, and timed with World Blood Donor Day on June 14th, the American Red Cross is appealing to those eligible to become regular donors, especially during the summer. The summer season is a challenging time for a resort area such as Virginia Beach to collect enough blood donations to meet patient needs, especially since our population is nearly doubled by out-of-town visitors.

Unfortunately our next Masonic blood donation effort scheduled for July 22nd has now been rescheduled for August 19th; thereafter 56th Masonic District blood donation efforts will occur in even number months vice the traditional odd numbered months. The August event will be held in our social hall and the brethren of Willis V. Fentress No.296 will act as hosts.

In the interim I ask that you continue your blood donating efforts through other community

organizations such as your churches. As always, I am very grateful for the support you continue to lend to this vital community program.

Brother Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Do You Know These Guys?



They're members of every Lodge and they attend every meeting. Look closely and you'll find them chatting away, usually in the back row, probably sitting near the door or west gate. They think they're whispering but their conversation is clearly heard throughout the Lodge. From the opening prayer to the closing charge, there's no part of the meeting too important to silence them.

Next time you're in Lodge, look around and see if you can spot them. More importantly, make sure somebody else doesn't mistake **you** for one of **them**.



30th Annual Bull Roast

June 8th – 11AM to 7PM

Tender Roast of Beef

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

Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Jerry Hallal	472-1200
Senior Warden	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Junior Warden	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	619-7646
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	R. Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Junior Deacon	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Senior Steward	Todd DeFord	362-4062
Chaplain	Chris Anders	635-7617
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Terry Bledsoe	589-8210
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	646-5878
Education Officer	Wor. Jimmie Wilder	467-1336
MAHOVA Ambassador	Wor. Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Youth Advisor	Ray Baez	285-2611

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 20th of each month to
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