



The Ashlar



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From The East



humor.

I want to thank everyone who attended Senior Warden's Night. The Lodge was nearly full, and Brother Scott Foxwell made it a very entertaining evening with his wit and

The Worshipful Master from Willis V. Fentress #296, Worshipful Andy Armarillo and Right Worshipful Victor Baker, also of Willis V. Fentress, made the evening especially nice by presenting a gavel honoring Kempsville's 60th Diamond Anniversary. The plaque on the gavel says: "Presented to Kempsville Lodge No. 196, 60th Anniversary 1955-2015, From Willis V. Fentress No. 296. With Brotherly Love & Affection. The gavel itself is unique in that the wood is stripped in a light and dark pattern. I plan to use this gavel at the remaining Called and Stated Communications. A very special thank you goes to Willis V. Fentress' Worshipful Master, Andy Armarillo, Right Worshipful Victor Baker, the Officers and Brethren alike.

The Lodge needs your help in the following areas: coaching new candidates, serving and cleaning after Stated Communication dinners and the monthly breakfast. Some of the current coaches, like Right Worshipful Roger Cort and Tom McGowan have two candidates. Regarding the meals, it's been the same three Brethren serving and cleaning. On some occasions, only one Brother has either remained downstairs or gone down before the meeting is over. If you can arrive little early and serve, or stay downstairs during part of the meeting and clean, your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated.

Please support the youth organizations (Job's Daughters and DeMolay) with your presence at their meetings and fund raising opportunities. They are greatly appreciative seeing you on the sidelines.

Summer is fast approaching and we'll all be planning time with friends and family. If you are in town, and not busy, stop by the Lodge any time. On most Monday and Tuesday nights the Lodge is working. Each Saturday (not including the last

month Breakfast), Brethren are usually present by 8AM and are having lively discussions over coffee and donuts. We haven't solved the world's problems, but we are close. Perhaps with your input we may get closer.

Please keep in mind, our widows, sick and infirmed, and our deployed Brethren. Thank you Brethren for the small and large things you do to support your Lodge.

To date, I have received 36 of 64 contributions to the Masonic Home of Virginia Morlock Award. In order to attain this award, I need individual Brethren to personally donate \$5. If you haven't had a chance, please contact me in person, E-mail, or telephone.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



It has been a joy to see so many Master Masons raised in our lodge during the past weeks. I think we have done six [6] in a row! Three of them did their Fellowcraft's catechism together. One of the recently raised brothers just stood his Master's catechism at the May stated meeting. It does an officer and anyone who cares about our lodge proud to see the growth of a brother Mason and these brethren in particular.

If you have not been in the lodge to see the work going on, you have missed one of the best parts of masonry. You would also notice the comradery of these newly raised brethren. How lucky for them to be present at each subsequent raising. How lucky for us to hear these words and be reminded of these lessons each week.

As a lodge, we are grateful for the mentors/coaches that have encouraged these brethren. How wonderful for us that we have so much work going on each week. Other lodges go months or more before they get a chance to raise a Master Mason. Come, take advantage of the many benefits of membership in Kempsville Lodge.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



It is with great pleasure that I report to each of you how well the month of May went for the Lodge and for me personally. Our Lodge raised a Master Mason during each week of May save the week of our Stated Communication. We had a packed sideline during Senior Warden's night and Scott did a fantastic job in the East (from both perspectives: well honed ritual, and timely humor). We also elected Brother Larry Maple into the Lodge (which was a HUGE acquisition); Larry has been a cornerstone of our 2015 ritual team and bringing him into the Lodge means that we have picked up a heck of a nice guy and a person who is very proficient in floor work and lectures.

From a personal standpoint, I was able to drive to Lynchburg, VA to attend my youngest son's graduation from Liberty University. Liberty is a first class organization and the graduation weekend and ceremonies did not disappoint. There was an aggregate university commencement and then the separate colleges each had a ceremony. The Word was delivered in each ceremony and each time it was clear, crisp, and spot on. Secondly and not nearly as important as my son's graduation was Kyle Busch's return behind the wheel of the number 18 in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. I bring his return up because his replacement driver David Regan is a Master Mason. Subsequent to Kyle's return, David signed on with Michael Waltrip's team and is now behind the wheel of the 55.

Regarding Degree work, we have 4 Brothers in the pipeline and the Worshipful Master expects us to ballot on at least 3 petitions at the June Stated. That said, there is room on the degree teams for anyone who would like to join us as a participant and room on the sideline for anyone who would like to come out, watch, and eat some free ice cream afterward. I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Bull Roast – June 13th

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 12th by noon or early Saturday morning. If you have lined up deliveries please give me the details. 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. Also, please spread the word that the District Child I.D. team will be on hand. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on June 13th.

Brother Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

Trestleboard

May 30	Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
June 9	Stated Communication
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
June 13	32 nd Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM
June 15	District Blood Drive
	Bayside Lodge, 2-7PM
June 23	Affiliated Past Masters Night, 7PM
June 27	Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

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

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in June:

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

Welcome to Kempsville

Please welcome the Brothers raised during the month of May: J. Timothy Freihofer, Joshua N. Wright, and Frank Filippone and Brothers Larry M. Maples and Cornelius J. McBreen who affiliated at the May Stated Communication. Welcome to Kempsville Lodge!

Community Service

I would like to recognize the following Brethren who assisted me with this May's clean-up at Stratford Chase Recreation Park: Worshipful Bob Stanek, Brother Dave Trezeciakiewics, and Brother Larry Maples.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

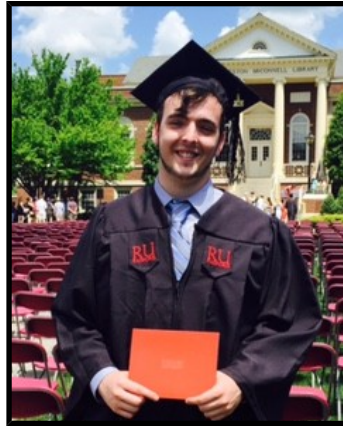
Community Builders Award

Brethren, I'm still pursuing a well deserving member of our community for the Grand Lodge Community Builders Award. If you know a teacher, first responder, Boy Scout, Girl Scout that has made an outstanding accomplishment or significant contribution to our community, please contact me in person, E-mail, or telephone.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

Around the Lodge

Congratulations to Kempsville's own Senior DeMolay, Jeran Gray, who graduated from Radford University with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science.



Youth Corner

Kempsville DeMolay travelled to Northern Virginia and stopped in Quantico to visit to the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Members marveled at the many displays, including one of the two flags flown over Iwo Jima. Topping off this memorable and rewarding experience, the young men had the honor of meeting and speaking with an Iwo Jima veteran, who was pleased to share with them his wisdom and insight. Back here at home, Kempsville assisted the newly-instituted Portsmouth DeMolay Chapter with the initiation of several new members and Portsmouth's first-ever installation of officers.

Several of Kempsville's Jobies also travelled north on May 2nd to compete against some of the state's best ritualists. Congratulations to Mary Robinson, Tori Sorensen, Rebecca Foley, Samantha White and Kaitlynn Gray for their exemplary performance and

for placing in a number of the competitions. Congratulations also to the following Daughters, who were elected to serve as the Bethel's elected officers for the upcoming term: Abby Masters, Honored Queen Elect; Bridget Roley, Senior Princess Elect; Kat Williams, Junior Princess Elect; Mary Robinson, Guide Elect; and Rebecca Foley, Marshal Elect. The young ladies of Bethel 42 cordially invite you to attend their public installation ceremony, to be held Saturday, June 20th at 7PM at the Kempsville Masonic Temple.

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

Masonic Birthdays for June

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

The Brethren shown above have a total of 2,347 years in Masonry!

Blood Drive

Thanks to your support, the Red Cross is able to provide the life-saving assistance needed. They can not answer every cry for help without the blood and platelets you provide. A young man, through no fault of his own, is tragically hurt in a traffic accident and as he slowly recovers, he learns a mason provided him the gift of life sustaining blood. I believe that young man will someday look into becoming a mason. Our next district blood drive is at Bayside lodge on July 20th. Come support your District and lodge by donating. Who knows, you may inspire a future Mason!

Patrick Blankenship, Lodge Blood Chairman

60th Anniversary Gavel



A Beautiful gavel and plaque presented to Kempstons Lodge by Worshipful Andy Amarillo, Right Worshipful Victor Baker and the Brethren of Willis V. Fentress in honor of Kempstons's 60th Anniversary.

Working Tools of a Maori

Wellington, New Zealand—Grand Master John Litton was recently presented the working tools of the Maori Master: the needle, the white cotton, the red cotton, and the black cotton. They bring to mind the words of the first Maori King, Potatau Te Wherowheri at the gathering of dignitaries in 1860: "There is one eye of the needle through which must pass the white cotton, the red cotton, and the black cotton. Thread these cottons, and sew us together as one in faith, hope, and charity." The black and white threads denote the different

racess, and the red cotton signifies the same blood which flows through the veins of everyone irrespective of race. They were presented to Litton by the Maori Brethren Association with the charge that he "sew us together as one, not as Maori, not as Pakeha, but as New Zealanders, so that we may go forward in pace, love and harmony, the three virtues which are the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason's heart."

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Bill Peterson	237-5249
Senior Warden	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Junior Warden	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	619-7646
Senior Deacon	Chris Anders	635-7617
Junior Deacon	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Senior Steward	Charles Bateman, Jr.	309-2399
Junior Steward	Jackson Bell	831-0818
Chaplain	Jim Boone	496-9595
Musician	Bob Johns	478-0751
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Dennis Eaton	499-6720
Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Bill Rawson	724-4867
MAHOVA Ambassador	Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Patrick Blankenship	406-6166
Youth Advisor	Cliff Williams	870-2539

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