



# The Ashlar



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## From The East



I just wanted to state that this Year's Annual Bull Roast was a tremendous success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted Brother Chris Anders with this event, either donating their time or monetary support. A special thank you goes to Brother Jim Amburn, who traveled from Colorado, to receive his 50 Year Masonic Veteran's pin. It was a pleasure meeting Brother Jim and his wife Jean. Please see Brother Chris Anders' article for the details of the Bull Roast.

Many thanks to the Brethren who responded the Lodge's request for donations for the repair of the Social/Dining Hall air conditioning unit. With your generous contributions, we have reached our goal. Any additional funds will be used in the building fund for future repairs.

At the June Stated, we had two first readings for active duty service members. Pending a favorable ballot, at the July Stated Communication, we will have an Armed Forces Night either July 21<sup>st</sup> or 28th. If you are active duty or retired and would like to participate in the Entered Apprentices Degree, please let Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden know.

Just a reminder that July's Stated Communication is Hawaiian Shirt Night, so wear yours that evening. Our ladies are also invited to join us for dinner and I hope they too will come dressed for the occasion. MW Wayne Sawyer Flora, Past Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for 2014, will be our guest speaker that evening.

This July 4<sup>th</sup>, please do not forget our servicemen and women still serving at home and abroad. They are making great sacrifices, and some the ultimate sacrifice, to preserve our unalienable Rights, among these are the Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Also keep in mind our sick and infirmed Brethren and our Masonic Sweethearts. Visit and call upon them when the opportunity presents itself.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

## From The West



"...that I might travel in foreign countries, work...."

This phrase seems like an appropriate intro for me this month. With school being out for the summer, my teaching in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools is over after 30 years. Getting this work behind me will allow me to work more in the lodge and serve as your Master in 2016.

Before then, I plan on doing some traveling. Three trips are planned this month. The Shriners are meeting in Houston and I have looked forward to seeing the units from that area in competition and at the parade. The following week there is a conference in New Orleans. I realize this is not the best time weather-wise to be in these locations, but now is the time for these groups to meet.

On returning, we leave for England for another conference at Cambridge University. Before the beginning of that conference, with the assistance of our lodge secretary and the Grand Lodge of Virginia, I hope to visit the United Grand Lodge of England [UGLE]. We will certainly tour the building and hope to sit in a lodge during our stay in London. You can expect me to "return and report" in August.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

## From The South



Congratulations to Brother Scott Foxwell on his retirement from the Virginia Beach City Public School System. Scott dedicated his adult life to educating and mentoring the future

leaders of our community and we all owe him personal thanks for his efforts.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Kempsville Bull Roast and the Khedive Rodeo last month. Unfortunately I had a work conflict and was at sea riding another aircraft carrier at the time. My June trip was short but it was but long enough that I missed the two events that I was looking very forward to

attending. A special thanks to Brother Chris Anders who always does an impeccable job with our event. Chris's leadership and the efforts of the Brethren ensure Kempsville Lodge's support to the Masonic Home of Virginia and to our scholarship fund that supports local students as they pursue their respective careers.

Looking forward into July, we will ballot on three petitions at the monthly stated. The three petitions were submitted by crew members of the USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-44). The Worshipful Master is planning to do an all-armed forces degree team after the July Stated. Of course the degrees will be a result of favorable ballots. I request that Veterans who desire to participate in the degree work, and still fit into their uniforms, please contact me to secure positions on the team.

I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

## Bull Roast

Brethren, another successful Bull Roast is in the books. It was great to see our guests enjoying great fellowship and an awesome meal. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the many volunteers who came out and worked tirelessly to make this year's Bull Roast a success. Whether you helped with planning, preparing, shopping, seed money, ticket sales, baking desserts, peeling potatoes, cooking, or clean up your hard work is greatly appreciated. Without your support and effort this would not have been possible. It was so wonderful to see the Brethren of Kempsville Lodge No. 196 working together in harmony to put on an incredible Bull Roast and support our Scholarship Fund and the Masonic Home of Virginia! Below is the Financial Report:

Total Donations:	\$6,831.35
Less Expenses:	\$2,181.89
Less Scholarships:	\$1,000.00
Less MAHOVA:	\$1,450.00
Net Profit:	\$2,199.46
To The Building Fund:	\$2,000.00
To The General Fund:	\$199.46

Brother Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

## Our Newest Masonic Veterans



Brother Jim Amburn received his 50 Year Veteran's Award at the July Stated Communication. Jim, traveling all the way from Colorado, also pitched in and was a big help during the Bull Roast.



Worshipful Bob Jones received his 60 Year Veteran's Award at the July Stated Communication as well.

Congratulations to Brother Jim and Worshipful Bob!

## Morlock Award Update

I want to thank Worshipful Bill Rawson, and Brothers Tom Webber, Sr. and Dickie Cooper for their \$5.00 contribution. Because of their contributions, we have attained 40 of the 64 required donations.

## Bull Roast Scholarship

Due to your generous donations and support of the Bull Roast, your Lodge was able to provide two \$500.00 scholarships to well deserving students. One was presented to Ms. Meghan Webber, a Dental Assistant Technician student. The other was presented to Mr. James Kelley, an Automotive and Paint Shop Technician.

## Trestleboard

June 27 ..... Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM  
 June 29 ..... Ritual School, 7PM  
 July 6 ..... Ritual School, 7PM  
 July 13 ..... Ritual School, 7PM  
 July 14 ..... Stated Communication  
    Hawaiian Shirt Night  
    Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM  
 July 20 ..... Ritual School, 7PM  
 July 25 ..... Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at  
[www.kempsvillelodge.org](http://www.kempsvillelodge.org).

## To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in July:

Ouida Young	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Guarino	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
Dolores Davenport	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Susan Austin	July 31 <sup>st</sup>

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.

## Around the Lodge



Police Officer by day and...



boxer by night.

The son of one of our newest Master Masons leads an interesting double life. Virginia Beach Police Officer Frankie "The Freight Train" Filippone, son of Brother Frank Filippone, is a super middleweight boxer. He turned pro in 2008 and, as of 2011, had a record of 6 and 2.

## Masonic Birthdays for July

Ramon Luis Baez, Sr. '97	Carl William Nolan '80
Thomas Martin Beverly '10	William T. Parks, III '89
Nathan P. Bourdeau '13	William T. Peterson '07
Toney Edward Brown '10	Joseph Andrew Posey '79
David Lewis Cline '91	James E. Robenolt '93
James CoBell, III '93	William Karl Sheppard '08
Alexander R. Echols '09	Dale Edward Smith '79
Darin Matthew Ely '04	Joseph F. Thornton '63
James Charles Gardner '70	Dennis G. Tompkins '02
Brian Keith Goodwin '90	Richard L. Tyson '08
George D. Johnston, Jr. '72	Robert Lowell Tyson, Jr. '08
William R. Knowles, Sr. '71	Robert Lowell Tyson, Sr. '08
Ovey Eugene LeJeune '90	Jack Lee Waller '62
Seth Adam Miles '09	Karl Wolfgang Wessler '78
Melvin Sherwin Mizelle '67	Johnny DeBerry Whitley '64
Edward F. Myers, Jr. '76	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,765 years in Masonry!

## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, July is here. Here is a snapshot of the outstanding dues situation of our Lodge. Sadly, 46 members have not yet paid their 2015 dues (payable by January 31<sup>st</sup>). Most regretfully, 11 members were recently ordered to be cited because their 2014 dues are delinquent. This puts the finances of the Lodge in jeopardy, as we rely on the funds for routine and ongoing expenses.

Thank you to all who have met their Masonic financial obligation, and contributed even more by responding to the recent needs of the Lodge. If you have not yet remitted your dues, please do so soon.

Fraternally, Bob Stanek, Secretary

## Blood Drive

It is a joyous and very busy time of year for most of us who get to spend time with family on vacation and outings with the lodge. Unfortunately, it is a very busy time of year for blood demand with higher vehicle and activity accidents that put a severe strain on the blood supply. Although I have not received any figures, we have been having a strong showing for Kempsville lodge this year. Worshipful Johnstone has regularly donated platelets that continuously pushes our numbers for donations higher. Our next Blood Drive will be at Kempsville Lodge on August 17<sup>th</sup>. I need volunteers to assist in setting up the Lodge at noon on August

17<sup>th</sup> and then help restoring the Lodge after the drive. Please find it in your heart to extend a vein to sustain a fallen brother or child.

Patrick Blankenship, Lodge Blood Chairman

Tribute to a “Pillar”

One of the “pillars” of our Lodge passed to the Celestial Lodge recently. Worshipful Brother Michael Lombardo, more commonly referred to as Worshipful Mike, "Dad Mike", or just "Mike", passed away after living a wonderful life of 93 years. He spent 66 years of his 93 as a Master Mason. He became a Mason in Naval Lodge No. 4, Washington, D.C. in 1948. He later moved to Norfolk, and soon affiliated with Kempsville Lodge No. 196 in 1958. Mike served at Worshipful Master of Kempsville Lodge in 1974, after “going through the chairs”.

Not only active in our Lodge, Mike and his wife Dottie also joined and became very active in Kempsville Chapter No. 173, Order of the Eastern Star, and served that organization as their Worthy Patron.



Most notably, Mike worked very actively in and with our youth organizations; both the Job’s Daughters and DeMolay – thus his title of “Dad”. Both youth organizations paid their respects to his memory at his recent memorial service.

He attended Lodge regularly until failing health prevented further attendance.

If anyone were ever wished to pattern their life around a kind, gentle, and honorable man, with much character and integrity, they need look no further than to use Worshipful Mike as an example. We will miss him, as will all who know him. May God Bless his gentle soul.

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

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month to  
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