



The Ashlar



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From The East



This July has brought us record breaking temperatures. Please be conscious of the heat/humidity while you work or spent time outside. We need also look after the very young, elderly, and your pets. They are most susceptible to this unprecedented heat wave. Therefore, if you are close to an elderly Brother or adopted a Masonic Sweetheart, check on them periodically to see if they are fine or in need.

Soon we will be busy getting our children and/or grandchildren, etc. ready for school. We all know that our school system budget is very tight and some school districts can no longer provide for the necessary supplies for their students. I would like a Brother to volunteer to head up collection of Farm Fresh receipts or organize a drive to collect funds and school supplies at the Lodge. We can, on a rotational basis, select a school in the Kempsville area to receive the donations. If a Brother is willing to take charge of that effort, I would be most appreciative. Please contact me via E-mail, at the Lodge or telephone.

The renovation of the upstairs hallway walls and ceiling will be completed at the publishing of this Ashlar. I want to thank Righth Worshipful Bill Knowles, Brothers Greg Cort and John Preddy on the coordination and organization to get the renovation completed. They'll still be working on the Eastern Star storage cabinets, bathrooms and when these efforts are completed, the carpet. If you know a professional woodworker, I still need to have a storage cabinet built for the electronic equipment next to the Secretary's desk and a board to display all the Past Masters pictures in the Social Hall.

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce that Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora was elected Honorary Membership in Kempsville Lodge No. 196. He personally has rewired and corrected the electrical problems in the Lodge and Kitchen. Additionally, as Grand Master in 2014, he represented the 56th District as well as Masonry in general in an outstanding manner. Finally, he is the kindest, thoughtful and humble person I know.

Have a great summer!! Looking forward to seeing in the Lodge

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



One trip is completed and the next is happening. As with most trips and with life, there were high points and there were disappointments.

The Shrine convention was a let down both in the unit competitions and the parade. Very few units came to Houston and many that did were not in the parade. The weather was surprisingly pleasant and the chance to be with my brethren in the Shrine was a high point.

I was able to chat with one of our lodge brethren, Justin Flowers, now living in the Houston area but was unable to meet with him. While in Houston, the neatest thing happened to me. I was looking for a place to eat lunch and stumbled upon the Brown Bag Deli on Main Street, which seemed like a good place to eat. On entering, it was not quite what I expected, but ordered anyway. I was skeptical of the person taking my order, but he inquired of me about the convention [I had on a shrine hat and my masonic ring]. He shocked me by telling me that my lunch was on him! He was a new Entered Apprentice and pleased to do a Brother the favor. The food was doubly good!!

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



As always our Lodge had an excellent Stated Communication and traditional Hawaiian Shirt Night in July. We were honored to have Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora as our guest

speaker. Most Worshipful Flora delivered an excellent speech on patriotism and the cost paid by our forefathers for our American Freedom. Everyone enjoyed the talk and gave Most Worshipful Flora a well deserved round of applause afterward.

I put on the news when I returned home from the

meeting and found it abuzz with coverage of the ESPY Awards that were held at the same time we were holding our meeting. The coverage of the awards took me back to the Spring 2014 Edition of the Virginia Masonic Herald and the Edict set forth by Most Worshipful Flora wherein he stated "Freemasonry traditionally being a Fraternity of good men, no person shall become or remain a Mason who does not continue to remain both physically and legally a male or who does not continue to present and conduct himself as such." Foundational words set forth by our 2014 Grand Master that we should each reflect upon.

The words of Most Worshipful Flora's Edict described who we are and what we are. To go further, when you see a Brother in public proudly wearing his ring what do you see? I see a God fearing Man, another Mason that I know something about, something that the other non-Masons present do not know. I know that he has gone through something similar to me, that he has earned the right to wear the ring on his finger, that he has taken time from his life to learn something of value. I may not know the man's name, but I like knowing that we acknowledge each other as Brothers. Knowing that we can depend on each other greatly because of the foundations we each built learning our catechisms. We both have had fellowship with our Brothers. We both served our community in funding scholarships, running blood drives, providing child ID services, supporting childrens' hospitals and vision centers and speech centers, and a whole lot more.

I also saw on TV that a 33 part series on Masonry will be aired in 2017. In my opinion, this series could not be presented at a better time as American men are thirsty for meaningful fellowship with other men of substantial moral character who want to lead by the principals used by our forefathers, the patriots described in Most Worshipful Flora's talk. Get ready because I predict that this thirst coupled with the information provided in the TV series will bring droves to our West Gate. We have to be ready for our new Brothers when they arrive. I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

July 25 Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
 July 28 Military Night
 Entered Apprentice Degree, 6PM
 August 3 Fellowcraft Examination, 7PM

August 4 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
 August 8 Eastern Star Garage Sale, 8AM-2PM
 August 11 Stated Communication
 Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
 August 17 District Blood Drive, 2-7PM
 August 18 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
 August 22 Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
 August 25 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
 August 29 State-wide, One Day Conferral
 Granby Street Temple, 8AM-2PM
 September 8 Stated Communication
 Junior Warden's Night
 Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

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 August:

Dorothy Hudson	August 7 th
Joyce Stukey	August 11 th
Sarah Faye Ward	August 13 th
Salesby Samia	August 26 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.

Masonic Birthdays for August

Robert Leon Akers '66	Walter A. Liffick '94
Allen Victor Alewine '08	David William McGowan '05
Joshua Allen Arkin '08	Newbury E. Meader, Jr. '99
Ramon Luis Baez, Jr. '08	Donald Edward Meyer '77
Ray Leon Benton '88	Michael Neal Miller '05
Robert Dean Blazier '93	Edward F. Myers, III '08
Curtis E. Brannon '65	Christopher B. Ovide '11
Homer J. Cullifer '65	Bennell Willard Powers '93
Bruce A. Cunningham '08	Thomas Patrick Reidy '05
Dennis A. DiMaggio '10	Gregory Michael Remy '08
John Newton Farr '98	Jeffrey Scott Rohrer '08
Robert Scott Foxwell '02	Michael G. Rylko, Jr. '05
Moss Samuel Friedman '91	Larry Duane Santos '93
Noel Lee Garo '10	Larry Brett Scott '10
Raymond Elnor Hall, III '05	David Tyrone Silvey '04
Brian Keith Headley '00	Wesley Clay Thompson '06
Walter Lee Humphries '71	Anthony K. Turner '08
William T. Kemp, Sr. '66	Claude W. Watkins, Jr. '91
Jonathan Robert King '00	Thomas G. Webber, Jr. '08
Harry W. Lamer, Jr. '08	William Roy Wood '77

The Brethren shown above have a total of 3,015 years in Masonry!

Around the Lodge



Congratulations to Kempsville Lodge's own Worshipful Tommy Haste and Worshipful Bob Jones (a/k/a/ "Dad PopPop"), who were awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor this month. The highest degree and honor conferred by DeMolay, Legion of Honor recipients are recognized for their outstanding leadership and success in fraternal life as evidenced in a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for the Order of DeMolay and its ideals.

Our own Justin Gray has been installed as Associate Grand Guardian for Job's Daughters International of Virginia. Also installed were Brother Ray Baez and Right Worshipful Chad White as Junior and Senior Custodian.

And congratulations to Worshipful Bill Peterson who will be bestowed with the Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (K.C.C.H) in a Ceremony of Investiture at the Annual Scottish Rite Conference in Alexandria in September.

Youth Corner

Summer is in full swing, and our Masonic Youth are showing no signs of slowing down!

Kempsville's Jobies traveled to Ferrum College for three-and-a-half days of work, fellowship and fun as they attended the state's eightieth annual Session. The young ladies spent the weekend with their Jobie sisters from bethels around the state, competing in a number of events and taking home awards and recognition too numerous to list. Congratulations to all of Bethel 42's Jobies for an outstanding showing at Session. All Master Masons are cordially invited to join Bethel 42 for their first

Grand Visitation of the term on Saturday, August 22nd at 2pm at the lodge.

Kempsville DeMolay will be headed to Christopher Newport University to attend the state's annual Conclave with their brethren from chapters across Virginia. In addition to conducting the business of the state, the young men will engage in several competitions demonstrating their proficiency in the exemplification of the DeMolay ritual and will also represent the Eastern Region in the chess and billiards competitions.

Masonic Veteran



Worshipful Bob Stanek presents Worshipful Gene Lejeune with his 25 Year Veteran's Award at the July Stated Communication. Congratulations, Worshipful Gene!

Freemasonry in its Broadest Sense

Freemasonry, in its broadest sense and most comprehensive sense, is a system of morality and social ethics, a primitive religion, and a philosophy of life, all of simple and fundamental character, incorporating a broad humanitarianism, and, though treating life as a practical experience, subordinates the material to the spiritual; it is a religion without creed, being of no sect but finding truth in all; it is moral but not pharisaic; it demands sanity rather than sanctity; it is tolerant but not supine; it seeks truth but does not define truth; it urges its votaries to think but does not tell what to think; it despises ignorance but does not proscribe the ignorant; it fosters education but no curriculum; it espouses political liberty and dignity of man but has no platform or propaganda; it believes in the nobility and usefulness of life; it is modest and not militant; it is moderate, universal, and so liberal as to permit each individual to

reform and express his own opinion, even, as to what Freemasonry is or ought to be, and invites him to improve it if he can.

Henry Wilson Coil
33 Degree, October 1952

Hawaiian Shirt Night



Congratulations to Worshipful Jimmie Wilder, winner of "Best Hawaiian Shirt" at the July Stated Communication and received a gift certificate to Olive Garden to celebrate.

Welcome to Kempsville

Let's join in welcoming our two newest members elected at the July Stated Communication. Brother Duke D. Allen, affiliated from Wyoming and Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, elected as an Honorary Member.

Welcome to Kempsville, Brethren!

Blood Program

I met some trusted friends at our usual hang-out, and it wasn't long before this pretty girl asked me to step behind this curtain for some private conversation. After a while she invited me to lie down while still carrying on this pleasant

conversation. I couldn't believe my luck! Would you believe, things went so well, that she actually started slowly rubbing my arm and asked me if I wanted something to drink. We continued to visit for just a short time longer when she gave me her telephone number and told me to call! I rejoined my friends and for some good soup and fellowship, and found out that the same good fortune had happened to them. **We can't wait to give blood again!** Come join us on August 17th at Kempsville lodge.

Patrick Blankenship, Blood Coordinator

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Bill Peterson	237-5249
Senior Warden	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
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