



# The Ashlar



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## Brother Arnold Jacob "Red" Auerbach

Brother Arnold Jacob "Red" Auerbach (Ezekiel Bates Lodge, Attleboro, Massachusetts) was an American basketball coach of the Washington Capitols, the Tri-Cities Blackhawks and the Boston Celtics. After he retired from coaching, he served as president and front office executive of the Celtics until his death. As a coach, he won 938 games (a record at his retirement) and nine National Basketball Association (NBA) championships in ten years (a number surpassed only by Phil Jackson, who won 11 in twenty years). As general manager and team president of the Celtics, he won an additional seven NBA titles, for a grand total of 16 in a span of 29 years, making him one of the most successful team officials in the history of North American professional sports.

Auerbach is remembered as a pioneer of modern basketball, redefining basketball as a game dominated by team play and defense and for introducing the fast break as a potent offensive weapon. He groomed many players who went on to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Additionally, Auerbach was vital in breaking down color barriers in the NBA. He made history by drafting the first African-American NBA player, Chuck Cooper in 1950, introduced the first African-American starting five in 1964, and hired the first African-American head coach in North American sports (Bill Russell in 1966).



Famous for his polarizing nature, he was well known for smoking a cigar (illegal today) when he thought a victory was assured, a habit that became, for many, "the ultimate symbol of victory" during his Boston tenure.

In 1967, the NBA Coach of the Year award, which he had won in 1965, was named the "Red Auerbach Trophy", and Auerbach was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1969. In 1980, he was named the greatest coach in the history of the NBA by the Professional Basketball Writers Association of America, and was NBA Executive of the Year in 1980. In addition, Auerbach was voted one of the NBA 10 Greatest Coaches in history, was inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, and is honored with a retired number 2 jersey in the TD Garden, the home of the Boston Celtics.

Brother Auerbach passed to the Celestial Lodge on October 28, 2006 in Washington, DC.

## From The East



Brethren thank you for electing me to serve as Master of Kempsville Lodge for 2017. As most of you already know, the documented history of Freemasonry dates back to 1717, when four Masonic lodges, which had been meeting "from time immemorial," met and consecrated the first Masonic Grand Lodge in London, England. It was the first public and formally acknowledged organization of Freemasons. The year 2017 will be our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

As you also know, Masonic Heritage runs deep in my family and I am very proud to continue that Masonic legacy as Master of Kempsville Lodge. Being proud of my family's place in Masonry is one thing, being proud of all the Brethren who have gone before us is another. We have been preceded by many great Masons who formed this country and who individually accomplished quite a bit. I intend to bring to light and familiarize you with some of these Brothers in the 2017 Ashlar, which I have done on our Ashlar's front page beginning with Coach Red Auerbach of the Boston Celtics. I encourage you to read the personal stories of these Masons with pride knowing that they each sat in Lodge on the level just like you do.

I also encourage each of you to be present as much as you possibly can. To spread the Brotherly love. To support one another. To contribute to the development of new Brothers as they begin their Masonic paths and as they make their lives and our lives better. You never know when one of these Brothers will be that person who does great things and brings pleasure to themselves and honor to our Fraternity. Wear your badges with pride! I hope to see you in Lodge soon.

Brother Greg Muir, Worshipful Master

## From The West



Happy New Year Brethren! Thank you for electing me as your Senior Warden. It is my sincere intent to work hard to earn the trust you have placed in me. I feel fortunate to be a part of a great slate of officers and wish Worshipful Greg Muir a successful year in the East.

As Senior Warden, I am looking forward to assisting the Worshipful Master in opening and governing his lodge. I know 2017 will be an exciting year at Kempsville Lodge. It is my hope that you will attend as many stated meetings, work

nights, and special events as possible.

Participation, while not mandatory, is a great way to get the full measure of what Masonry has to offer.

Last but certainly not least, I congratulate our Junior Past Master, Worshipful Scott Foxwell, on an excellent year in the East. Worshipful Scott brought excitement and fun to our lodge. Not to mention some pretty good music! Thank you Worshipful Scott it has certainly been a pleasure and an honor being one of your officers!

I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and I'll see you in lodge!

Brother Chris Anders, Senior Warden

## From The South



I offer a very hearty Thank You to the brethren for electing me to the South for 2017. I will continue to do my best to honor the fraternity and the lodge by supporting Worshipful Greg in his agenda for the upcoming year. I am certain he has a challenging and rewarding year in store for us all.

I congratulate Worshipful Scott on a great 2016. Although there were projects left on the to-do list and other things Worshipful Scott wanted to get done I believe the brethren would agree that he did exactly what was needed for the lodge within the limits of time and finances

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas filled with fellowship, friends and family and was able to take time to truly enjoy the holiday. As 2016 comes to a close I am optimistic and excited for what the New Year has in store for me, my family and the lodge. I am certain that whatever challenges the New Year brings will be easier to overcome with the assistance of friends and brothers.

Brother Roger Taylor Junior Warden

## Trestleboard

January 3 .....	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
January 5 .....	District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit to Bayside Lodge, 7PM
January 10 .....	Stated Communication District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
January 12 .....	District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit to Lynnhaven Lodge, 7PM
January 17 .....	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
January 24 .....	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM

January 28 ..... Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM  
 January 31 ..... Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM  
 February 1 ..... District Deputy Grand Master  
                     Official Visit to Princess Anne Lodge, 7PM  
 February 7..... District Deputy Grand Master  
                     Official Visit to Willis V. Fentress Lodge, 7PM  
 February 8 ..... District Deputy Grand Master  
                     Official Visit to Virginia Beach Lodge, 7PM  
 February 10 ..... Grand Master's Official Visit  
                     Khedive Shrine Center, 6PM  
 February 14 ..... Stated Communication  
                     Topic: Firearms Safety and Concealed  
                     Carry by Brother Curtis Hardison  
                     Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

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

## Masonic Birthdays for January

Ronald S. Melton, Jr. '04	George F. Roberts, III '96
Francis G. Mielkey, II '98	William Bruce Ross '03
James E. Pearsall, Jr. '79	Marvin Leroy Spruill '57
Matthew David Pilgrim '11	Richard B. Temple, Sr. '55
John Royal Preddy, III '07	Scott C. Vaughn '15
Bill Rensko '96	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 255  
 years in Masonry!

## To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in January:

Donna Andrews	January 14 <sup>th</sup>
Ruth Hodges Frazeer	January 15 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Cole	January 16 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Barber	January 20 <sup>th</sup>
Wanda Webb	January 27 <sup>th</sup>
Dorothy Sykes	January 28 <sup>th</sup>
Doris Flannigan	January 28 <sup>th</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.

## Poinsettia Delivery

Saturday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup>, the brethren  
 gathered to enjoy a breakfast of fried eggs, biscuits  
 and bacon prepared by Dennis Eaton and Doug  
 Dunn, breakfast bread from Ben Jamal and donuts.  
 Following this fellowship time, Bill Nelligar, Buck  
 Bray, Jim Dombey, Matt Millott, Dave  
 Trzeciakiewicz, Dickie Cooper, Chris Anders, Roger  
 Taylor, Roger Cort, Karl Wessler, Mike Denning  
 and Scott Foxwell spread out over the city  
 delivering poinsettias to our widows. Our thanks  
 to Tom McGowan and Roger Cort for getting the  
 poinsettias to the lodge for us to deliver.

## State Travelling Gavel

On Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, our lodge was  
 awarded the Statewide Travelling Gavel at  
 Princess Anne Lodge No. 25. Attending with  
 Worshipful Scott Foxwell were Most Worshipful  
 Wayne Flora, Right Worshipful Steve Ridgeway,  
 Worshipfuls Tom McGowan, Tommy Haste, Ralph  
 Ward, Ray Hall and Jerry Hallal, and the Deacons  
 Roger Taylor and Dave Trzeciakiewicz. This was  
 the 8<sup>th</sup> time for our lodge, having previously  
 received it on 4/19/74, 3/10/76, 10/5/2000,  
 6/1/2010, 2/1/2011, 7/27/2011 and 3/6/2012.

## Freemasonry: Diversity of Opinion; Unity of Purpose

"How interesting it is to see brothers so  
 diametrically opposed on issues but united in the  
 principles and purposes of Freemasonry."

These are the words of the Reverend and Right  
 Worshipful Brother Bruce R. Bellmore, Grand  
 Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in his  
 regular column, "Grand Chaplain's Pulpit," in the  
 July-August, 2014 issue of the Connecticut Mason.

His comments followed two recent Supreme Court  
 decisions, in which the social media, as well as  
 many ordinary citizens, made strong comments on  
 both sides of the issues.

"What I found particularly interesting was the wide  
 range of opinions expressed by my brothers on  
 these rulings," Brother Bellmore wrote. "Some of  
 my brothers felt that these decisions were  
 vindications of the Constitution while other  
 brothers felt that this was a very dark day for  
 American jurisprudence."

We meet in the Lodge on the level of equality,  
 united in the principles of brotherly love, relief,  
 and truth, he stated.

Whether differences of opinion exist in political or  
 social situations outside the Lodge – or by opposing  
 beliefs even on matters of importance within a  
 Lodge or Grand Lodge – we, as Masons, should  
 remember our obligations and keep our principles  
 ever before us, Brother Bellmore said.

The United States was founded on the belief that,  
 in spite of our differences of opinions, we are  
 united. As Masons, the Connecticut Grand  
 Chaplain concluded, "Let us ever stand united in  
 the bonds of brotherhood."

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

## Youth Corner

Members of the Kempsville Masonic family joined the young ladies of Bethel 42 on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> as the officers for the 2017 Spring term were installed.

Congratulations to the newly installed

Honored Queen, Mary Robinson; Senior Princess, Rebecca Foley; Junior Princess, Briana Snow; and to all of the other officers who were elected or appointed to serve the Bethel for the next six months.



The young men of Kempsville DeMolay joined their Jobie sisters at ODU's Foreman Field to volunteer at

the Khedive Shriners 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Bowl.

After a successful afternoon selling programs and interacting with a very lively crowd, members of both groups travelled to Williamsburg to attend the Miss Virginia Job's Daughters Pageant. Kempsville DeMolay cordially invites you to join them for their annual Honest Abe Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, serving from 4-7PM at the lodge.

## Installation of 2017 Officers



The Open Installation of the 2017 Officers was held on December 17<sup>th</sup>

## Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Greg Muir	676-3761
Senior Warden	Chris Anders	635-7617
Junior Warden	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	619-7646
Senior Deacon	Dave Trzeciakiewicz	620-8311
Junior Deacon	Mike Denning	651-0712
Senior Steward	Dennis Eaton	499-6720
Junior Steward	Todd Moissett	604-3085
Chaplain	John Settle, III	675-9695
Musician	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Ray Baez, Jr.	285-2611
Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Justin Gray	338-7218
MAHOVA Ambassador	Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Patrick Blankenship	406-6166
Youth Advisor	Cliff Williams	870-2539

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