

the system from backing up into our kitchen. Non-paid dues add up to several thousand dollars and your Lodge needs those funds badly. Please send your dues to me as quickly as possible to save us all the dis-tasteful action of suspension.

C.W. Nolan
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Worshipful Bill Nolan, Secretary

George Joseph Wallace

As most of you know we lost a good and loyal brother. Right Worshipful George Joseph Wallace passed away Friday, April 18th after a bout with cancer. He will be truly missed by one and all. The Masonic turnout at his funeral was a testament to the love we all had for him. Below is an excerpt from his obituary.

George Joseph Wallace, also affectionately known as "Katelyn's Poppy" and Dad, went peacefully to be with our Lord and his loving wife Margaret on April 18, 2008. He was born Jan. 9, 1927 in Norfolk to Josephine Cecilia Wallace and George Joseph Wallace. He leaves behind a daughter who adored him, Joni Elizabeth Wallace Falk and son-in-law Gary Falk; a son, George Joseph Wallace Jr. who was his best "buddy," and Peggy Joyce Parker who stayed by his side until his last moments with Joni and Joey. Also surviving George are special loved ones, including his beloved granddaughter and the love of his life, Katelyn Falk; his sister, Louise Bosman; Bruce, Jamie, Jennifer, Evan Tyler, Joey and Josh along with many nieces, nephews, and numerous friends who loved listening to his many stories and his advice on how to live in a world where it was a priority to help those in need and to thank the Lord for all the blessings in your own life. George was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; his brother, Edward Wallace; his sister, Virginia Buechler and his faithful dog, Brandon. George accomplished many great deeds in his 81 years of living. He began life in the Army at the age of 18. He was a Quality Assurance Specialist at the Naval Air Rework Facility for 32 years and was the past national president of the Naval Air Rework Facility. He volunteered in numerous projects, even helping construct the Kids Cove at Mount Trashmore in Virginia Beach for all children to enjoy. He had been a member of Memorial United Methodist Church since 1963 and taught the Loyal Builders Sunday school class for a number of years and was the treasurer of his class for many years. He also worked with the Meals on Wheels program, enjoying every moment he spent with people who needed him and looked forward to seeing him each week. He also loved reading to his granddaughter's class and eating

lunch with all her friends, where he was known as "Poppy" at Princess Anne Elementary School and Cape Henry Collegiate School. Even the neighbors and neighborhood children knew him as "Poppy," and will miss his presence at horseback riding, softball, basketball and tennis events. The streets and highways of Virginia Beach will miss that special touch he gave as he cleaned them as part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. George was also very active in Freemasonry, becoming a member and Master Mason in Kempsville Lodge No. 196, on May 5, 1964. He served as Master of the lodge in 1972 and was the District Deputy Grand Master for the 56th Masonic District until 1984. He served Kempsville Lodge as their treasurer for 28 years, retiring from that position in December 2006. He served on the Board of Trustees for the lodge for more than 30 years. He was also very active in Scottish Rite Masonry and was honored with the presentation of the 33rd Degree with his family proudly watching on as he received this honor. He was a member of the Kempsville Order of the Eastern Star and was the Bethel Beau of the Job's Daughters, a distinction he was truly proud to have held. He also enjoyed being a member of the Great Bridge Royal Arch Chapter No. 82, the Princess Anne Council of Allied Masons, and was held in high esteem with the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner. He was also president of NAS Toastmasters Club and a member of Toastmasters International District 66. He loved his friends and his mission at the lodge and will be truly missed by all those who knew him. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial donations to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society or Memorial United Methodist Church.

Lodge Sewer Project

By know most of you should have received the letter I sent concerning the sewer project. If you have not, please let me know. This project is essential to the life of our building. Please take the time to donate as much as you can without material injury to yourself or family. I know that phrase is reserved for assisting a brother Master Mason. This time it will assist ALL of us.

Adam Green, Worshipful Master

Get the Rough Ashlar via Email!

If you'd like to begin receiving our monthly newsletter, the ***Rough Ashlar***, via email, simply send your email address to emmett@epate.com and I'll add you to the list. It's a great way to stay informed about what's happening at your lodge. We're finding that this is an especially good way to notify our brethren about funerals and other important lodge events.

Worshipful Buddy Pate



The Ashlar



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From The East



What a busy first quarter this has been. Between funerals, visits, degree work and health issues, we have been kept on our toes. But as always, Kempsville Lodge comes through with flying colors. This cannot be done with out you, the brethren. I thank you for supporting your lodge the best way you can.

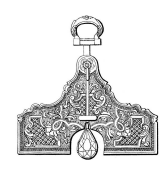
The Bull Roast is coming. Our committee of Right Worshipful McGowan and Worshipful Don Meyer are already hard at work getting the necessary items together. What are you planning on doing? Find a way to help out with our biggest fundraisers of the year. We support the Masonic Home and our scholarship program through the Bull Roast, and it takes more than just 2 hard working guys to pull it off. Do your part to make the day a roaring success.

To our widows, please find your complimentary ticket enclosed. You are an important part of our Masonic family and we would love to see you at the Roast. If you need a ride, please let me know and I will arrange transportation for you.

I cannot let this opportunity go by to again thank all of you for your magnificent support to me through my latest health battles. Hopefully this will be the end of it and I can get back to where I belong. Your support is overwhelming and I can never repay the debt I owe each and every one of you.

Adam Green, Worshipful Master

From The West



Spring has arrived! Although with the erratic change in temperatures, it reminds me of the “vicissitudes and inclemencies of the seasons” as noted in the Fellowcraft’s lecture. For those of you who were fortunate enough to attend Past Masters’ Night on March 25th (organized adroitly by Brother Dave Borntrager), you witnessed excellent and entertaining ritual by the former Worshipful Masters of Kempsville Lodge and a very moving talk by Right Worshipful Cliff Whitlock. Right Worshipful Brother Whitlock

spoke on the parallels between Freemasonry and Easter in that they both encompass themes of resurrection/renewal and becoming enlightened.

On Worshipful Adam’s behalf I will provide an overview of the trestle board for the forthcoming three months. With respect to our monthly Stated Communications, Brother Jerry Hallal will be demonstrating his proficiency in the Master Mason’s catechism at the April meeting, National Sojourners’ Night will be the theme for the May meeting, and I will be at the helm for Senior Warden’s Night in June where we will also be honored to have Worshipful Richard E. Carlson as the guest speaker.

Brother Ron Jacobson, Senior Warden.

From The South



Well, there you have it Brethren, the first quarter of 2008 is gone in a flash. And an exciting one it was too, with initiations, passings, raisings, the Grand Master's visit, election of our DDGM for 2009 (congratulations Worshipful Buddy Pate), Sweethearts Night, and Past Masters night. What else could you ask for? I would like to extend a sincere 'Thank You' to all who participated in the various rituals, and especially to those who filled in at the last minute. I do appreciate your willingness to help. Spring is right around the corner and with the break in the weather I hope many more Brothers will come out to the Lodge functions, after all your Lodge is what you make.

I've heard the old saying 'Experience is the best teacher' and I've also heard it said '...but the tuition is too high.' So I'd like to share a recent life experience with you. A few weeks back on a Monday evening while I was at the Masters, Wardens, and Deacons meeting my wife heard an argument outside in the street followed by what she thought was the popping of firecrackers. Now we live in Lake Christopher, a normally quiet subdivision in Va Beach, so she came from the back bedroom and went outdoors to see what the noise was. No one was there so she checked on our neighbor next door to make sure she was okay, finding no cause for alarm she returned to the house and never mentioned it to me. A few days

later I went into my garage to find my straw hat (which was hanging on the inside wall) on the deck with a hole in the brim. Naturally my first reaction was to put the blame on my grandson who comes over everyday after middle school and planned to discuss this with him next time I saw him when I noticed a ray of light and a blast of cold air coming through a hole in the exterior wall of my garage. The hole was about an inch in diameter and the sheathing around it has banana peeled away from the hole and as soon as I saw it, I knew it was a bullet hole. The location of the hole was eye level next to my work bench.

After the police officer filed the report and assured us nothing could be done we also found the slug in the garage and while trying to determine the angle of fire we discovered a second shot hit the neighbors tree and that slug was recovered also. Apparently a domestic situation, a drive by, or who knows what had happened that evening my wife heard the 'fireworks' as a shot passed through the exterior wall of my house. Had my wife been working in one of her gardens, passing through the garage, or had I been at my work bench or worse yet wearing my straw hat instead of attending the Masters, Wardens, and Deacons meeting the outcome could have been devastating. There are situations that make you stop..think..thank..and appreciate life, things, and people around you and I just wanted to share a page out of the book of my life with you.

If you were dragged into court today and accused of being a Mason...would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Always clear in the South,
Brother Bill Rawson, Junior Warden

The Bull Roast!



Enclosed with this Ashlar, all active members of the Lodge will find four (4) tickets to our annual Bull Roast. Each of our Widows will find one ticket enclosed. For our Widows, these tickets are complimentary. You are all invited as our guests. Everyone please try to come out and enjoy the best meal in town. We will have the same excellent menu we have had each year. Delicious roast of beef, cooked outside on the grill until perfect, the old family recipe baked beans, potato salad from Worshipful Don Meyer, cole slaw, rolls, and various cakes and pies. All you can eat for just \$10.00, \$6.00 for children under 12 or for a take out meal. If you cannot come out, support your Lodge and buy the tickets anyway. Give them to a friend and/or neighbor. This year the proceeds

from this endeavor go to support Kempsville Lodge’s Scholarship Program and our Lodge Sewer Project. Please help us make this a banner year for our Bull Roast.

Right Worshipful Tom McGowan
Chairman



The Grand Master's “Town Hall” Visit to Kempsville Lodge at the February Stated Communication

Shut Ins...

Let's keep these Brethren and their families in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure they'd appreciate a phone call or visit.

RW Richard A. Davis III 497-1227
Brother Grady McGuire 494-0778
Worshipful Bobby Spruill 466-8341

Trestle Board

May 13 Stated Communication
National Sojourners Flag Presentation
May 31 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
May 31 District Chili Cookoff
Lynnhaven Lodge, 1-4PM
June 7 BULL ROAST
June 10 Senior Warden's Night
Worshipful Dick Carlson, DEO Speaker
June 14 District Education and
Leadership Conference
Granby Street Temple, 7:30AM
June 28 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
July 26Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
August 8 Grand Master's District Visit
Virginia Beach Lodge
August 16 One Day Conferral
August 23 District Ritual School
Bayside Lodge

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive will be May 19th at Bayside Lodge (3 to 7:30PM). In an effort to increase attendance and improve service, we're using the American Red Cross scheduling web site. Simply

visit www.givelife.org and use the sponsor code “vbmasons” to choose your time.

If you donate blood or platelets outside of our blood drives, please be sure to let me know.

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Masonic Veterans for 2008

May	Dennis R. Harrison	25 years
	Frank B. Nickerson	25 years
	William O. Wyndham, Jr.	25 years

Health & Welfare

If you would like either a “Thinking of You” or “Sympathy” card sent from the Lodge, please contact Worshipful Roger Cort, or any of the Lodge Officers. Please leave a detailed message if necessary. Please provide name(s) and address(es), especially if they're not in our Lodge roster. We will send out a card as soon as we get the information.

Masonic Recognition Day

Don't forget, Brethren, Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of each month. Wear your Masonic paraphernalia proudly!



Our local sailors take over the helm for Kempsville's 5th Annual Navy Night

The Will To Confer

What makes the clash of opinion wholesome and constructive is the will to confer. Conference is the dynamic of democracy: There are few important differences of opinion between individuals,or between groups, or between various branches of Freemasonry which cannot be ironed out around a

table. This does not mean that there will always be full mutual agreement on matters of policy. It does not mean that there will be complete mutual understanding. If this understanding is based upon a sincere respect for the opinion of others, men can agree to differ and remain friends And they can find a common program. Whatever may divide us – whether it be divergent policies, or differences between leaders, or the clash of institutional loyalties – they must give way before the overwhelming need for Masonic unity at all times. No tension between corporate groups of Freemasons must be allowed to obstruct progress. After all, we are not competitors. We are Brothers. A wider use of the conference technique by which differences of opinion may be adjusted through reason and mutual understanding will do more then anything else to promote the unity of Freemasonry.

Let us not deceive ourselves. If Freemasons fail to achieve this mutual understanding in spite of divergent views, if the various branches of Freemasonry do not march together in a common effort to help rebuild a broken and chaotic world, this glorious and historic Brotherhood of ours will face the sunset.

from Scottish Rite Magazine, June 1945
submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

From The Secretary

Brethren, I ask again that you please check carefully to ensure that you have paid your dues up to date. Your 2008 dues were payable as of 01 January. Many of you have paid them promptly and I thank you for that. Unfortunately, some of you have not yet paid, and some of you still have not paid last year's. We now have a very large expenditure of funding for the Lodge as we get connected to City Sewage. We must do this to stop

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Worshipful Master	Adam M. Green	615-1659
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