

Grand Master's Official Visit to the 56th District

Bayside Lodge No. 218

January 16, 2010

Social at 5:45PM, Dinner at 6:30PM

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From The East



2010 is upon us, and I look forward to the challenges the New Year may bring. I want to thank everyone, at the outset, for their vote of confidence in allowing me to be the "Helmsman" for the Kempsville Lodge in the

coming year. I feel good things are on tap, and look forward to working closely with the Line Officers, Past Masters, Committeeman, and all the Brethren to make our Lodge the place to be.

This time of year, as one plans for the future, many cliches run through my mind. One of my favorites, and one I strive to live by, has always been: "Character is what you do when no one is looking." I believe it addresses the constant struggle between good and evil, emblematical of human life.

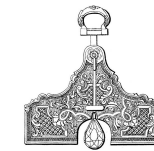
But recently I've come across a cliché that I can tie directly to myself as a Master Mason. "There are two ways of spreading Light. Being the candle, or the mirror that reflects it." In any case, nothing but good can come from either position. We have the choice, and the obligation to lead by example. Too many people in leadership roles today live by the creed "Do as I say, not as I do." Just pick up any newspaper and the headlines will verify that.

During the coming year I hope to make changes you can believe in (to borrow a campaign slogan), thereby being the candle. And also to continue tried and true paths already traveled, thereby being the mirror that reflects the Light of Masonry.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon,
Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

Brethren, please consider making a donation to the Lodge Building Fund. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. (Submit donations to the Secretary.) Thank you!

From The West



Kempsville Lodge has closed another chapter in her history book. Our Annual Stated was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. 2009 has ended and what a year we had. Worshipful Ron, you did a great

job this year. Father/Son night was a huge success, as was every stated, and each event. Thanks for your leadership.

Now we move into 2010, and Worshipful Bill Rawson is ready to take the helm. His deck hands await instruction. We are ready to carry out his orders. We left 2009 with some unfinished business and soon our quarry will be active again. We have candidates in the wings to initiate, pass, and raise. We may even have one or two ready to stand examination. Please consider joining our degree teams or support them by being on the sidelines.

While taking a few moments to read the book Worshipful Ron gave us as a thank you gift the following passage seems like a good way to close my article.

Masonic Recipe

Take 2 heaping cups PATIENCE
One heartfelt LOVE
2 handfuls GENEROSITY
Dash of LAUGHTER
One headful UNDERSTANDING
Sprinkle with KINDNESS
Add plenty of FAITH and mix well.
Spread over a period of a lifetime
And serve everybody you meet.

Tied to Masonic Apron Strings
by Stewart M.L. Pollard

See you at lodge soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Senior Warden

Remember: Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of every month!

From The South

I would like to start by hoping that you all had a great Holiday Season with friends and family. As we begin a new year, please keep our deployed Brethren and/or their family members in your thoughts/prayers. Without them, we could not enjoy the freedom to live as American’s and practice our Masonic traditions. Also keep in your thoughts and prayers, the Brethren who are not able to attend lodge for health reasons or other circumstances that prevent them from being present in their lodge.

This year, as last year, will be busy. I will be asking you to contribute some of your valuable time in assisting your lodge in its degree work, coaching candidates and assisting when possible with the lodge meals or breakfasts. If you are interested in participating on a degree team let me know. Each Monday night we have school to prepare the degree team for the upcoming degree work for that week. If you have no desire to participate with the degree work, please show up and support your lodge by your presence during the degree work.

I have also volunteered to put together the degree team for Armed Forces/Night. If you know of an active duty service member interested in joining our great organization, this is an opportunity to get him initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. If you want to participate, or know of an active duty service member who would like to sit in one of the chairs, please have him contact me. I will be working with Worshipful Bill Rawson on a flier to be mailed out and distributed to lodges in the Hampton Roads area.

In closing, I want to say it’s an honor serving as Junior Warden in your lodge. I’m looking forward to working with you and having a great year in our lodge!

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

Brother Secretary, Clear Your Desk!

It’s January 2010, and a new Masonic year. All 2010 dues notices have been mailed and many brethren returned their dues early, thank you! I will return your new membership card soon after receiving your dues. Be aware that your Lodge membership card is expired if your 2010 dues have not been remitted. More importantly, if your dues are more than one year in arrears, I encourage you please remit them now. This is an important Masonic obligation on your

part, and the Lodge depends on dues income to operate successfully.

Please contact me if you need to discuss any issue concerning Lodge administration. Also, please remember to keep your point-of-contact updated (address/phone) with me, including your e-mail address.

Fraternally, Bob Stanek, Secretary

Trestleboard

January 12 Stated Communication, Dinner 6PM
January 16 Grand Master's Official District Visit
Bayside Lodge, 5:45PM
January 25 District Blood Drive
Lynnhaven Lodge, 3 – 7:30PM
January 30 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
February 9 Stated Communication
DDGM Official Visit & Ladies Night
Dinner 6PM

2010 Installation of Officers



Masonic Birthdays for January

Hardaway S. Abernathy '48	James E. Pearsall Jr. '79
Craig Allen Davis '04	John Royal Preddy, III '07
Henry Lee Foiles Jr. '59	Jeffrey A. Rasmussen '98
Fleatwood M. Frias Jr. '57	Bill Rensko '96
Luician A. Gunter III '58	George F. Roberts, III '96
Gerald Thomas Hallal '08	William Bruce Ross '03
Thomas Marshall Huff '95	Donald Craig Scott '80
Richard Ivan Kimbrell '93	Marvin Leroy Spruill '57
Ronald S. Melton, Jr. '04	Richard B. Temple, Sr. '55
Francis G. Mielkey, II '98	Charles G. Thompson '85
Patrick Melvin Miller '06	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 503 years in Masonry!

Masonic Veterans for 2010

January	Charles G. Thompson	25 Years
February	Lewis J. Forrest	25 Years
March	Michael S. Polychroni	25 Years
April	Warren C. Massey	60 Years
	Alton L. McKeithan	60 Years
May	Russell P. Tjepkema	25 Years
June	William S. Ereksen	60 Years
October	Daniel E. Connor	25 Years
November	Russell L. Houston	25 Years
December	Rubin Kravitz	50 Years

From the District Deputy

Brethren, Ladies, Widows, and Friends: The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful William Earl Rorer, Jr. will make his official visit to the 56th Masonic District on Saturday evening, January 16, 2010. The visit will be conducted as an open meeting in the fellowship hall of Bayside Masonic Temple, 1465 Independence Boulevard, Virginia Beach. As an “Open Meeting”, wives, special ladies, our cherished widows and even our sons, neighbors and friends whom you think may be interested in our gentle craft can participate. The doors will open at 5:45 PM for a social period with dinner being served at 6:30 PM. Please put this date on your calendar and join us as we give our Grand Master and his lovely wife Judith a Virginia Beach welcome they can remember all year. I look forward to seeing you there.

Right Worshipful Dennis Edwards
District Deputy Grand Master, 56th District

Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome to our newest affiliated members: Worshipful Orlando C. Bitanga and Brother Christopher D. Shackelford – December 2009 Stated Communication.

Got Blood?

As they say in Transylvania.....”I want your blood.” Seriously my Brethren, I want your blood, the American Red Cross wants your blood and somewhere out there is an individual whose life is depending on it. It could be a child, a friend, a sister, or a Brother. It could be me, it could be you.

The District is holding it's first blood drive of the year on January 25th at Lynnhaven Lodge from 3 to 7:30PM. Be sure to come and bring a friend. My goal this year is for Kempsville to be the number one giver of blood in the District. Please try to find time in your busy schedule to come out and support this District event and to help save a life.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Lodge Blood Coordinator

From The Lodge Education Officer

Brethren, how quickly the time passes, and we are now poised on the verge of a New Year, with fond memories of the past, great expectations for what is to come, and confidence and assurance that our Lodge will once again rise to the challenges we may face, and enjoy the fruit that our joint efforts will most assuredly produce.

Thank you for your support in electing me to be your Treasurer. Thanks also to our Worshipful Master for the appointment as your Lodge Education Officer (LEO). I stand ready to

discharge the duties of the station to which I have been elected, and to the position to which I have been appointed. I will do my very best to justify the confidence that you and the Master have demonstrated by your support for me in the office and position to which I have been elected and appointed.

We have an exciting and challenging year ahead. It is my most sincere desire that all of you meet the challenges that lie ahead by diligently seeking more light in Masonry. Equipped with the proper tools of Masonic education, together, we can be better prepared to meet all challenges, and to pass this gentle craft on to the next generation. Remember, a candle loses nothing by igniting another wick, thereby passing on the light. Be productive Brethren, and do whatever you can to make certain the light of Freemasonry continues to shine, and may it never be extinguished. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE. Remember, Et lux in tenebris lucet (and the light shineth in the darkness).

Fraternally, Worshipful Bill Nelligar, LEO

Youth Corner

The DeMolay Chapter will be holding their annual "Honest Abe" spaghetti dinner on February 13th at Kempsville Lodge from 11AM to 5PM. Please come out an support the DeMolay during their large fundraiser for the year. Also, please reserve February 20th at 5PM to attend the installation of officers for the Chapter. Dinner will be served at 5PM with the installation to follow.

Honored Queen Courtney Malone extends her thanks to all who attended the installation of officers and bethel choir in December. Please come out and support the girls on the first and third Sundays at 2PM during the upcoming term.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William H. Rawson	467-5913
Senior Warden	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Junior Warden	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	495-7645
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	Wor. Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Junior Deacon	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Chaplain	John R. Preddy, III	495-0771
Marshal	David Bortrager	404-7236
Musician	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Tiler	Bob Lankford	499-0115
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Blood Coordinator	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

Articles for the next next Ashlar should be submitted by 1/20/10 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)