

District Blood Drive

Did you know the breeze made by a butterfly as it flaps its wings when multiplied through time and space is said to effect weather patterns thousands of miles away. A seemingly insignificant event, often unnoticed or undetectable when it occurs, can yield an enormous consequence or benefit elsewhere.

Consider this my Brethren. The year is 2060 and the newly elected president has just taken the oath of office. To whom does he owe the most credit and thanks? Should it be the political machinery that launched and sustained his career? Could it be an historical figure who inspired him? Could it be a former teacher who encouraged him? Could it be his parents who raised and nurtured him? Could it be the surgeon who healed him from a childhood disease? Could it be the donor who gave the blood that saved him? Could it be you?

Next blood drive: May 24th at Bayside Lodge.

Jerry Hallal, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Past Masters Night



29 Past Masters and Affiliated Past Masters attended the March 30th Past Masters Night.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these Brethren and their families in your thoughts and prayers:

- Brother F. B. “Nick” Nickerson -- VA Hospital.
- Brother Richard Chrisman – at home.
- Right Worshipful Richard Alfred Davis, Jr. - at home. Give him a call at 757-497-1227
- Worshipful Elwood Grant – Brighton Gardens, Virginia Beach.

60 Year Veterans



Brother Alton McKeithan and Brother Warren Massey receive their 60 Year Veterans Award from Right Worshipful Tom McGowan at the April Stated Communication.


From the Lodge Education Officer

We as Masons, should be Apostles of good cheer and happiness, and as such, are performing a very vital function in this tragic modern world of ours. If there is one thing needed in our unsettled, tumultuous and volatile world today, it is brotherly love. Just because we are Masons, does not mean that we, as individuals, constitute the perfect embodiment of this principle. As Masons, we hold that the most vital tenets of our fraternity are friendship, morality and brotherly love. But, the well known vagaries of human nature are such that the weak and fallible nature of man cause many to have a spiritual and moral conflict between what is right and wrong.

Accordingly, let us resolve ourselves to be respectful of each other's opinions. In the event that we might feel wronged, or disagree with another's philosophy, let us reason with one another, whisper good counsel in the ear of the brother perceived to be in error, and attempt to aid a reformation. Let us confront questions, and to inquire of a brother to his face, and not be inclined to spread gossip and stir up contention and discord behind a brother's back. In other words, let us agree that if we disagree, to do so in a civil fashion, never losing sight of the fact that we should be friendly, act upon the square, and love one another. Act honorably, do unto your brethren as you would have done unto you, and remember, you are a Mason, the World is watching; govern yourself accordingly.

Worshipful Bill Nelligar, Lodge Education Officer

From The East

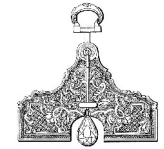
 Listening to our guest speaker in Church on Easter Sunday, I tried, as I usually do, to associate his message with everyday life. His topic was we are an accumulation of stories. To get to know each other we tell each other stories of our lives. We tell childhood stories, high school stories, flight deck stories, the list goes on and on. This is nowhere more evident then in Freemasonry. Everything we do has a story related to why we do it. The lectures for Initiation, Passing, and Raising are stories. Hiram Abiff is a story, in fact, every facet of our Ritual has a story passed down by Master story tellers.

My story this year is one of appreciation. I appreciate all those who help. aide, and assist me in my journey this year in the East. I appreciate the Officers of the Lodge, those who attend the Masonic Funerals, those who teach the Ritual, those who cook and clean-up, those who organize the events, those who dedicate their time to our Appendant Bodies, and those who attend Lodge. This, by no means, is a one-man operation. It takes many hands to keep this ship afloat. I have discovered a new found appreciation for all who do. That's my story--and I'm sticking to it.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Ladies Night In May! Don't miss it!

Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master


From The West

 Over the past several weeks I have found myself preparing for one thing or another. Preparing for degree work, for Masters, Wardens, and Deacons meeting, preparing for work, and preparing for whatever task needs to be accomplished. The tasks seem endless and at times overwhelming. I am currently preparing for the Scottish Rite Leadership Convention in New Orleans. I have been reading, studying, and discussing with members topics that might be of interest. It is interesting to hear the various opinions expressed. One common theme

surrounds our meetings, and how to make them interesting. Some say that we do the same things over and over and nothing changes. Others say there is nothing exciting about our meetings. In some aspect, they may be right. However, Worshipful Bill Rawson has been working on some programs that should change these opinions. I, for one, am looking forward to the next set of presentations, and hope you will make plans to attend. Bill has been making his preparations, but the success of his efforts rest with us. Please check out the Trestleboard, I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

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

From The South

 The warm weather is finally upon us. I'm sure we are enjoying it after such a harsh and unpredictable winter. Warm weather usually finds us working outside or on that never ending honey-do list, which tends to grow following winter. I realize that we are all busy with our families, hobbies, friends and interests. What does this have to do with Masonry? I am asking you to take a little time from your busy schedule to come out to lodge and meet with your Brethren and share your time with them. Perhaps you can make time to visit the other lodges within the District.

Many of you may not know that the State Traveling Gavel is now in the 56th Masonic District. On April 8th, the Brethren from Willis V. Fentress took it from Princess Anne Lodge. I would like to see the State Traveling Gavel in our lodge. Maybe some of you veteran Masons may know when it was last in our lodge. In order to take possession of it, we need enough Brethren to accompany the Worshipful Master and the Officers to visit the lodge having possession of the State Gavel. I will be keeping track of it in hope that we may travel to a lodge which has it on a non-stated or non-work night.

As I stated before, the lodge is busy with candidates. We currently have 29 that I and the

Secretary are tracking. We will be working every Tuesday night for quite some time. Again, if you have time and are interested in participating or just sitting on the sideline, please come out and support the candidate and your degree teams.

Finally, as the weather becomes more hot and humid, be mindful not to over exert yourself and end up with heat exhaustion or heat stroke. If you know a brother who may need some work done around his house, and if you able, offer him your assistance or let the Brethren in the lodge know. Remember the charge given at the alter by the Worshipful Master, “Remember that around this sacred alter you have solemnly bound yourselves to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need your assistance.” Have a great month!

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

April 27	.....	7 th Annual Armed Forces Night Entered Apprentice Degree Dinner at 6PM, Lodge at 7PM
April 28	.....	District Degree Team Virginia Beach Lodge Master Mason Degree, 7:30PM
May 4	.....	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
May 10	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
May 11	.....	Stated Communication Ladies Night, Dinner 6PM
May 14-15	.....	Jobie Variety Show, 7PM
May 17	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
May 18	.....	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
May 24	.....	District Blood Drive Bayside Lodge, 3-7:30PM
May 24	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
May 25	.....	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
May 29	.....	District Child ID Program Pungo Strawberry Festival
May 29	.....	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
May 31	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
June 8	.....	Stated Communication Senior Warden's Night, Dinner 6PM
June 12	.....	The Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM

Youth Corner

Greetings from the Indian Ocean. I hope to keep writing for the Youth Corner while out here sweating—so here goes.

If you are in the mood for great entertainment and a wonderful meal come out and support Bethel 42 as they host their first variety show and dinner. Our young ladies will be displaying their remarkable talents while you enjoy some great down home food. Please come out and support the major fund raiser for the term on May 14th and 15th from 7-9PM each night. The cost is only \$10. In

addition, several members of the Bethel competed in individual and team ritual competition the end of April. Please congratulate them on a job well done.

The DeMolay Chapter also competed in several team ritual competitions last month. Don’t miss the opportunity to see these young men in action on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM. Come and enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by the Mom's Club at 6PM at the 1st Stated meeting of the month.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

DDGM Nomination for 2013

At the last Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Meeting it was brought to my attention that, as tradition has it, the Grand Master has a District Deputy Grand Master from his home Lodge while in the Grand East. Right Worshipful Wayne S. Flora has been elected Grand Junior Deacon and if everything goes according to Hoyle, will be Grand Master in 2015. Kempsville is scheduled to nominate the DDGM for that year and it is proposed we switch with Princess Anne Lodge, moving our selection up to 2013, thereby allowing Princess Anne to appoint the DDGM in 2015, holding to tradition. The nomination for 2013 would therefore take place early in 2011.

This swap will be discussed in detail and voted on at our May 11th Stated Communication. All brethren wishing to discuss this proposal are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

The Bull Roast - June 12th



Brethren, it's that time of year again when we pull together for our biggest fund raiser of the year. We will once again be presenting two \$500 scholarships to deserving students at Virginia Beach VOTECH. We

will also be supporting the Masonic Home of VA, the Crown Jewel of Masonry in Virginia. But it takes a lot of good Brethren like yourselves to make this happen. A primary concern right now is someone to take the reigns for the desserts. Right Worshipful McGowan is physically unable to perform his usual vocation, and he had asked me after last year's event to find someone for him to train in the fine art of proper desserting for the Bull Roast. We are always looking for help in the dining room, ensuring the trash cans are kept

emptied and the drink coolers kept full. If you have a particular task you would like to be involved in, please let me know as soon as possible, as I am busily preparing the team rosters to once again, knock this one out of the park. I look forward to seeing all of you on the 12th and in lodge before.

All lodge members are receiving 4 tickets to sell (or purchase) in this Ashlar. If you think you can sell more, let me know - I have plenty. If you are employed at an establishment that works on Saturdays, get with me about arranging takeouts for you and your co-workers on that day. If we plan it in advance, it helps a great deal.

Fraternally,
Worshipful Adam Green, Chairman

Masonic Veterans for 2010

May	Russell P. Tjepkema	25 Years
June	William S. Erikson	60 Years
October	Daniel E. Connor	25 Years
November	Russell L. Houston	25 Years
December	Rubin Kravitz	50 Years

Worshipful Master's Gift



All Brethren attending the Stated Communication on the month of their Masonic Birthday receive this beautiful Masonic paperweight. Don't miss yours!

Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome to our newest member: Brother Christopher Michael Favata, raised April 6, 2010.

Masonic Birthdays for May

Brandon Ray Angel '07	Stanley Drew Moss '96
Andrew Scott Barnard '90	Gerald Wilson Nelligar '84
David Harrold Curtis '66	Frank B. Nickerson '83
Wayne C. DeFord '93	Joseph O'Leary '96
Herbert Boyd Foxwell '70	Charley Orsargos '61
James Olney Freeman '74	Tyler Anthony Pender '09
Brian Gay '96	Gregory Keith Pruitt '02
Goodwin Glassman '68	William H. Rainey '87
Herbert T. Gordon '86	Richard Dean Rawles '92
Billy F. Gordon, Jr. '03	Ralph W. Rawles, Jr. '76
Dennis R. Harrison '83	Charles Allan Roys '08
Adam Hernandez '07	Joseph Timothy Salt '62
John Matthew Hewitt '02	Jimmy Bryan Shehan '97
Monte Pearson Howell '70	Russell P.Tjepkema '85
Ross Owen McLeod '06	John Sylvester Ward '49
Leslie Hugh Miller '72	Carl Ray Weast '72
Steve Taylor Miller '71	William Wyndham Jr. '83
Larry Montgomery, Jr. '97	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 847 years in Masonry!

New on the Kempsville Web Site

Some recent additions to our web site include:

- In Memoriam - Remembering our Brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge
- Mason of the Year - Recipients of the William Hollowell Pierce Award
- Life Members in Perpetuity

Visit www.kempsvillelodge.org for the latest schedule of events, history, and more.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William H. Rawson	467-5913
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Musician	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Tiler	Bob Lankford	499-0115
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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 5/20/10 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)