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# HAWAIIAN SHIRT NIGHT



**July 13, 2010**  
**Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM**



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## From The East



My Brethren and Friends, when a task came up at the office that no one wanted to take on, the supervisor said "Give it to Janet." When a deadline had to be met, the office manager said "Give it to Janet." When completing a job meant staying late, the general manager said "Give it to Janet." When visiting a disgruntled client meant long hours of travel and time away from home, the president of the company said "Give it to Janet." When a position opened in the company that everyone wanted, the CEO said "Give it to Janet."

Every leader started as a follower. No task is too small to be ignored or overlooked. Relating this to our Lodge, Brother Bud has perfected the art of cooking bacon and biscuits. Brother Jack cooking sausage. Worshipful Adam, scrambled eggs that don't come out runny. And Brother Hank is unquestionably the best pancake maker in all Tidewater. Each of these individual tasks, when done right, contribute to the best breakfast in town.

There are many tasks in our Lodge including fellowship, attendance, ritual, fund raising, volunteering special skills, filling the sidelines, the list is endless. Search yourselves my Brothers, are you a "Janet?" Are you a go-to-guy? If not, why not? Each and every one of us has something to contribute, even if it's just showing up.

Want to get involved? Start small, begin by re-visiting your Lodge on a work night or come to a stated, you'll always be welcome. Remember life is a journey and the road is always under construction.

Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

## From The West



Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity... This was surely the case at our June Stated Communication. Our all around ritual person Joe Salt took ill and had to be hospitalized the day of our meeting. We were able to make the needed adjustments and pull through without his presence. Glad you are doing better Joe - we missed you in the line-up. I would also like to thank the members of the degree team. Everyone did great and those present commented very favorably.

I would like to mention our youth for a moment. Our DeMolay Chapter assisted with the Wreath Laying Ceremony and did an outstanding job. Our International Order of Job's Daughters have initiated 16 new members this term and seeking additional petitioners. Great job ladies, keep up the good work.

The last thing I would like to touch on is the information that is presented at the area leadership conferences. There are two major issues that are discussed on a regular basis which are money and members. As for the money part, a portion of our lodge dues is used locally to support the operation of the lodge. The other portion goes to Grand Lodge to support their operation. Grand Lodge plans to propose an increase in the assessment which is the part of our dues that are used to support them. Now is an excellent time to invest in life membership. Remember our tenets of Faith, Hope, and Charity - the greatest being charity that will extend and continue the operation of our lodge. Now for our members, we are told there are three key elements.

- We must attract new members.
- We retain the members we have.
- We must provide value.

At our last meeting we elected a petitioner to receive the degrees in Freemasonry. We elected a member to be restored into the rights and benefits. The last element is for you to consider.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Senior Warden

From The South

Just wanted to share with you some events our lodge has participated in. First is the District wide Virginia Child Identification Program at the Pungo Strawberry Festival. Over a two day period we had 42 volunteers from the six lodges in our district register 303 children with four machines. That is a significant increase from the previous year when we had only one machine and registered approximately 125 children.

Second was our visit to Willis V. Fentress No. 296 for the Official visit of Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, to the 56<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. There were so many Brethren that three extra rows of chairs had to be placed in the North side of the lodge as well as one row in the South and West. This was a special night for Brother Chip (Winston) Graham, Willis V. Fentress' Junior Warden, since it was Junior Warden's Night. Having the Grand Master present during Junior Warden's night had to be very special to Chip, especially when the Grand Master presented Chip with his Warden's Certificate. It was also a great night for Kempsville since we had 21 Brethren present and walked away with both the State and District Traveling Gavels. This would not have been possible without your participation. Thank you!

Third was the 100 Mason's event at Bremond Lodge No. 241 on the Peninsula. That night 146 Brethren attended, including the Grand Master. There were 15 Sitting Worshipful Masters (three from the 56<sup>th</sup> Masonic District), 7 District Deputy Grand Masters (including our own Right Worshipful Dennis Edwards), and 2 Past Grand Masters (Most Worshipful Skip Parker and Most Worshipful William Purdue). Worshipful Roger Cort, and Brothers Bob Jones, Jerry Hallal and I represented Kempsville No. 196. The Grand Master gave a very moving speech about "Harmony" within the lodges and amongst the craft. We must remember to practice the tenets of our institution; Friendship, Morality and Brotherly. Additionally, not to forget the five points of Fellowship and do not allow petty differences to tear our institution apart.

Finally, the hot weather is definitely here to stay. If you know an elderly brother or widow, please call upon them to see they are OK. May the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with and bless you.

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

Got Blood?

Hats off and congratulations our Lodge in general and to blood drive participates in particular. The final tally for the 2009-2010 Masonic year gave us credit for a total of 113 donated units. A whole blood donation equals one unit, a double whole blood donation equals two units, a single platelet donation equals ten and the giving of double platelets equals twenty.

While this is a very respectable and lofty number (2<sup>nd</sup> best in the 56<sup>th</sup> District), I would like our goal for next year to be 196 units -- "196 from 196."

The highest number of whole blood donations given at any drive last year was 18, achieved by us twice, in January and March. It would be awesome if we could begin the year by doubling that number this month and getting our "196 from 196" campaign off to a roaring start !

Next blood drive is July 26<sup>th</sup> at our place. See you there.

Jerry Hallal, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Masonic Birthdays for July

Julius C. Anongos '99	William T. Peterson '07
David Lewis Cline '91	Joseph Andrew Posey '79
David C. Davenport '76	Michael E. Richards '01
Alexander R. Echols '09	James E. Robenolt '93
Darin Matthew Ely '04	Spencer M. Rogers '48
James Charles Gardner '70	William Karl Sheppard '08
Brian Keith Goodwin '90	Brian Michael Smith '01
George D. Johnston Jr. '72	Dale Edward Smith '79
William Ray Knowles Sr. '71	Joseph Edward Smith '52
Ovey Eugene LeJeune '90	Tee Brumley Smith '73
Ronald Lawrence Levy '04	Joseph F. Thornton '63
Louis Edward Luke '94	Dennis G. Tompkins '02
Andrew J. McMenamin '02	Richard L. Tyson '08
Seth Adam Miles '09	Robert L. Tyson, Jr '08
Melvin Sherwin Mizelle '67	Robert L. Tyson, Sr. '08
Edward F. Myers, Jr. '76	Freddie M. Veraque '97
Carl William Nolan '80	Jack Lee Waller '62
William T. Parks, III '89	Charles E. Willman '69

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,851 years in Masonry!

Masonic Veterans for 2010

October	Daniel E. Connor	25 Years
November	Russell L. Houston	25 Years
December	Rubin Kravitz	50 Years

Trestleboard

June 29 .....	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
July 6 .....	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
July 13 .....	Stated Communication
	Hawaiian Shirt Night, Dinner 6PM
July 17 .....	Order of the Eastern Star Yard Sale
July 20 .....	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
July 26 .....	District Blood Drive
	Kempsville Lodge, 3-7:30PM
July 31 .....	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
August 7 .....	56 <sup>th</sup> District Open House Day
August 10 .....	Stated Communication
	LEO Program & Ladies Night
	Dinner 6PM

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

Traveling Gavels



Kempsville Lodge took 21 Brethren to Willis V. Fentress' June Stated Communication and retrieved both the District and State Traveling Gavels. The State Gavel (shown on the right) has been moving throughout Virginia for over 30 years. In 2008 it briefly crossed the border and spent some time at Hall Lodge in Shawboro, NC.

It was last housed at Kempsville back in 1976 when the Brethren retrieved it from Great Bridge Lodge. Its first visit to our Lodge occurred in 1974 when Kempsville took 14 Brethren and retrieved it from Willis V. Fentress. Its stay, however, was short-lived as four days later, Corinthian Lodge brought 39 Brethren to Kempsville and took the gavel back to Norfolk.

The State Gavel's most recent stay at Kempsville Lodge was just as brief. Twenty Brethren from Owens Lodge attended our June Stated Communication and took the gavel back to Granby Street.

Youth Corner

Brethren, thank you for your outstanding support of Bethel 42. Honored Queen Natasha Cook really appreciated everyone's attendance at the installation of officers. Due to the hard work of these young ladies and the wonderful relationship between the Lodge and the Bethel, Bethel 42 was

able to initiate 17 new girls into the order this year. Please continue to come out and show how much they mean to you.

The DeMolay will be attending their Conclave at the end of July. This will be the end Kempsville's own Nick Cook's term as State Master Councilor. He has done a fantastic job representing Kempsville Chapter and DeMolay. Please take time to congratulate him on a job well done. Additionally, wish the boys good luck during their competitions at the Conclave which will include many sporting events.

The fact that these two groups continue to flourish while others like them struggle is a testament to your support. I wish to personally thank each one of you who have taken time out of your schedule to attend a meeting or a fund raiser or just to say good job to our youth. You are making a life long impact on these young ladies and gentlemen and helping to ensure a bright future for them and our Craft.

Brother Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Thoughts and Prayers

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

- George Boggs – 461-7939
- Right Worshipful Richard Alfred Davis, Jr. – 497-1227
- William Erekson – 340-4400
- Worshipful Elwood Grant – Brighton Gardens, Virginia Beach.
- Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Leslie Miller – 420-7560
- Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson – VA Hospital.

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
Senior Steward	Jack Bell, Jr.	831-0318
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

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