

Don't Miss Our Final Lodge Breakfast for 2010!

**Saturday, October 30th
8-10AM**

The Best Breakfast in Town!

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From The East

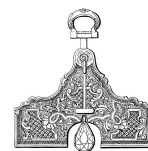


As autumn leaves fall to enrich their Mother Earth, our attention is drawn to the annual celebration of Thanksgiving--the first of which, contrary to popular belief, was held right here in Jamestown, Virginia. Thirty-two men, women, and children by order of the King of England gave "Thanks" for their safe voyage to the new world. We give thanks for many things but uppermost in our minds is our God and our family. As all earthly pursuits are vain let us no longer limit our giving thanks to just one day a year but appreciate the manifold blessings and comforts which surround us on a daily basis.

I, for one, consider this fraternity an integral part of my extended family which includes every Master Mason, member of the Order of the Eastern Star, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters. I give thanks for our association in this great fraternity. My Brethren, I call upon all of us to put aside our superstitions, petty squabbles, and our inconsequential differences and as we are charged, let brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue unite and cement us. Always keep in the forefront the tenets of our profession, Brotherly Love, Relief, an Truth.

Have a Great Holiday,
Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Our Lodge is not made of bricks, mortar, and sheet-rock that is simply a building. Our Lodge is our people. Now more than ever your Lodge needs you. Our Lodge, your Lodge is a group of people that come together for united purpose. We come together to share in common goals, in friendship and fellowship. We have many events and activities that need your help and assistance. Our Lodge has many things happening and there are many tasks that need your attention. Think back to your reasons for joining our Lodge, to what it has meant to you, and

what you can give back. Please consider offering your time and talents, you will not be disappointed. To coin a phrase ...ask not what your Lodge can do for you, but what you can do for your (our) Lodge.

See you soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Senior Warden

From The South



First, I want to thank all the Brethren who attended, participated and made Junior Warden's Night a success. Special thanks go to Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, Right Worshipful Buddy Pate, and Worshipful Bob

Stanek in making it possible for me to receive my Warden's Certificate that evening with their coaching and mentoring. Special thanks also go to Brothers Hank Foiles, Bud Marchman, Jack Bell and the host of other Brethren who prepared, served and cleaned up the evening meal.

While I was reviewing the "Presentation Volume" for the upcoming election of officers, I happened to read Section III, "Concerning Private Qualities and Duties" of a Mason. It is written, "...that all who would be true Masons, should learn to abstain from malice and slander, evil-speaking, backbiting, unmannerly, scornful, provoking, reproachful and ungodly language; ..." My hope that we all take this to heart and seek peace with each other and practice Brotherly Love.

Finally, as we approach the Holiday Season, remember those who are in need during this tough economic time. Keep in your hearts and minds, our widows, those who are living alone and those we may have lost contact with. Always looking forward to seeing you in the Lodge

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

Got Blood?

Remember when you were in high school and learning about sets and subsets in algebra class? If memory serves me correctly, a set is a group of things belonging together that have the same characteristics, the same tendencies and the same direction. A subset is a smaller refined group that has a more specific shared purpose and whose members share certain similarities with each other, as well as, those of the main group.

These relationships have been present in the universe and in nature since the beginning of the beginning. They are also present in our Lodge.

The main group or set is the Lodge itself, our fraternity, whose purpose is to do good unto all and to be friendly to each other. The subsets within the Lodge are many. There are the officers, the kitchen crew, the degree teams, the youth leaders, the Entered Apprentices, the Fellowcrafts, the coaches, the mentors, the musicians, blood drive supporters and many other very important circles within the Lodge.

Our subset is real easy to get into. There are no special formulas, no special elements and no special properties. All you got to do is roll up your sleeve. Our next blood drive is November 22nd at Lynnhaven. Join us. Give blood.

Jerry Hallal, Lodge Blood Coordinator

From The Secretary

2011 dues notices are in the mail. Prompt remittance is respectfully requested and most appreciated. I will return to you your new dues card promptly upon payment of dues. Please remember, your current year’s dues card expires on December 31st; after that date, it is not valid. And don’t forget about the Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP) plan as a means of illuminating annual payments (and any increases of dues.) If you have questions, please contact me.

Fraternally, Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Masonic Veterans for 2010

November	Russell L. Houston	25 Years
December	Rubin Kravitz	50 Years

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother Matthew Duncan Cameron Steele (raised October 19th) and Brother Gregory Cooling Muir (raised October 26th).

Masonic Birthdays for November

Warren Louis Aleck '66	Michael D. Johnstone '05
Charles Edward Austin '93	Burton Harry Jones '64
Selby Ray Ballance '73	Montague Jones Jr. '64
Albert Lee Bonney, Jr. '63	Elbet Louis Lane Jr. '72
Joe Emerson Brown '64	Jerry Wayne Ledbetter '83
Gordon Curtis Burton '71	John Leonard Long '01
Dario Joseph Canclini '75	Charles Junior Lund '86
Herbert L. Carter '66	Andrew C. Mahrenholz '07
William Keith Cole '89	Donald Lee McBride '54
Roger Cort '65	Richard D. McCollum '95
Harry Lee Cummings '71	Meade Earl McCubbin '57
Richard Donald Diffie '82	Iras Wiford Midgett Sr. '64
Lewis Alton Dodson '77	Charles Clay Mills, Jr. '79
David Michael Dutcher '86	Dorman Keith Miner '79
Michael Ceroy Elliott '65	Gerald E. Monahan '55
Curtis Raeford Eure '59	Eric M. Nachman '91
Clarence G. Felts '69	Robert Melvin Ohman '65
Michael P. Fitzgerald '92	Robert Jeffrey Oliver '08
Rolfe Martin Fleming '72	Edward F. Parton '05
Franklin M. Gamage '59	Paul W. Pennybacker '68
Steven Morris Gilbert '83	James Stanley Perry '79
Timothy Dwayne Givan '93	William H. Rawson '04
Justin Lee Glasgow '78	William Lewis Rice '83
Cecil Anthony Goodwin '71	Steve Allen Ridgeway '77
Elwood Marvin Grant '54	Raymond R. Rowley '62
Curtis M. Graves Sr. '79	Joseph Samuel Salih '63
Justin Marshall Gray '06	Henry Sargent '69
Arthur J. Guarino Jr. '92	Jerry Silla '99
Raymond Elnor Hall Jr. '76	Cecil Carroll Smithson '98
James Thomas Hare Jr. '73	Stephen E. Spratt '09
William Thomas Haste '61	William J. Swanner, III '74
Donald Orr Hawkins Jr. '97	Charlie B. Taylor Jr. '81
Russell Lee Houston '85	Robert Ray Teller '88
Donald Eugene Howard '87	Prentice G. Tuck Jr. '98
Willie L. Hudson Jr. '61	Ralph Weldon Ward '76
Ronald S. Jacobson '03	Ronald H. Whitehead '67
Philip Russell Jennings '94	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 2,251 years in Masonry!

Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Brother George Boggs – 461-7939
- Right Worshipful Richard Alfred Davis, Jr. – 497-1227
- Brother William Erikson – 340-4400
- Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Brother Leslie Miller – 420-7560
- Brother F. B. “Nick” Nickerson – VA Hospital.

Trestleboard

October 30	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
November 2	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
November 5	Grand Annual Communication, Sheraton West, Richmond, VA
November 9	Stated Communication Honor the Veterans & Ladies Night Dinner 6PM
November 15	Fellowcraft Examination, 7PM
November 16	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
November 22	District Blood Drive Lynnhaven Lodge, 3-7:30PM
November 23	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
November 30	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
December 14 ..	56 th Annual Stated Communication, Lodge 6PM, Dinner about 7PM
December 18 ...	Open Installation of Officers, 2PM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at www.kempsvilleglodge.org.

Past Masters Night



23 of Kempsville's Past Masters, led by Worshipful Ralph Ward (1987), attend Past Masters Night on September 28th.

Youth Corner

Masonry *is* Family!

Last week a 50 year Masonic veteran passed away leaving behind few family members. However, a Job’s Daughter of Bethel 42 and a DeMolay from Kempsville Chapter were among them. The family asked for the Chapter and Bethel to assist during the funeral. Both Orders answered the call of their Brother and Sister in the most exemplarily manner. The Job’s Daughters came dressed in their robes, formed the closing cross and sang Nearer My God to Thee. The Masons from Ocean View Lodge and the Masonic district 35B performed the funeral rites and the DeMolay assisted as Pall Bearers. These young ladies and gentlemen took an hour off school to attend the

funeral of a man that they didn’t know because their Brother and Sister asked them. If we’re ever concerned about the future of this country or the youth of America, you need only look to those who meet in our Lodge on Sunday afternoons and Thursday nights to know that the future is bright and our values are being passed on to the next generation.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Kempsville Milestone Coming Up

By the time this edition of the Ashlar hits your mailbox, Kempsville Lodge will have raised its 797th Master Mason since being chartered in 1954. We'll raise one more on November 16th setting the stage for number 800 sometime early in 2011. Thanks to some research by Worshipful Bob Stanek and Brother Jerry Hallal, some interesting facts have been pulled from the archives:

- The 100th Master Mason was raised in 1961
- The 200th Master Mason was raised in 1965
- The 300th Master Mason was raised in 1972
- The 400th Master Mason was raised in 1978
- The 500th Master Mason was raised in 1988
- The 600th Master Mason was raised in 1996
- The 700th Master Mason was raised in 2004
- Average number of Master Masons raised per year: 14
- Years that raised more than 20 Master Masons: 1961, 1694, 1965, 1966, 1976, 1996, 2005, 2008
- Most Master Masons raised in a single year: 35 (1964, Worshipful Grayson Amazaih Pearce)

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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