

Coming Up at Kempsville Lodge!

Annual Stated Communication
December 14th – Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM

Open Installation of Officers
December 18th – 2PM

The Ashlar
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From The East



As this Masonic year draws to a close, I would be remiss if I didn't thank those who played such a big part in the Lodge for 2010. I begin with the Line Officers. These Brothers performed 95% of this years ritual work under the tutelage of Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, who persisted even with a broken neck, and as a team did a great job. They also attended numerous meetings, coached, mentored, chaired investigation committees just to name a few of the important duties they performed. I thank each and every one of you for the time and effort you put into your Lodge.

Next I would like to recognize our kitchen team. Brothers Jack, Bud, Hank, Bob, Roger, Adam, Joe, Bill, Dave, and Jerry worked tirelessly to make our dinners, breakfasts, picnic, and bull roast the talk of the town. Brothers, I appreciate the love you put into each and every egg, potato, chicken breast, and hot dog you proudly served up. Also I want to thank all of the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts who stayed late to help with the various chores and clean up the Lodge. This is a very important part of food service and a task easily overlooked, but much appreciated. Also Kudos's to the committeemen who gave freely of their time and talents to keep the Lodge running smoothly. It is your unselfish work behind the scenes that keeps the Lodge building functioning.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my wife Carol Rawson, Kathy Hallal, and Aunt Peggy Wemyss for their hard work in making Ladies Night a great success. These ladies took the time to plan and prepare to make this event an even bigger success than I thought it would be. I hope all the ladies who participated enjoyed the fellowship with each other, and I thank you for your attendance.

I know I have missed countless people who performed tasks important to the success of the Lodge this year, and I want to thank each and everyone of you for all you do. I also wish great

things for the incoming officers and I feel in my heart that the Lodge is in good hands for many years to come.

Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

From The West



This will be my last article from this station, somewhat bitter sweet. This year has gone by much too quickly. There are still things to do to close out the year, and we still need assistance to complete the various tasks.

The first thing I would like to do is congratulate Worshipful Bill Rawson for an outstanding job. I will allow him to provide a scorecard to re-cap this year.

Next, I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the operation of our lodge activities, degree work, and the general fellowship that we enjoyed. We had the opportunity to have non line officers occupying chairs during degree work and one officer took on a major part for his candidate. Great job Jerry.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for your support as we head into 2011. It looks to be both a busy and exciting time ahead. Kempsville Lodge will have several memorable events upcoming. The first will be the raising of our 800th Master Mason to kick off the 2011 with a bang. I would encourage everyone to sign up for our email notices so that you may be informed of our upcoming events.

So long from the West.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Senior Warden

From The South

First, I want to thank all the Brethren and Officers who attended, participated and supported the Lodge this year with the Lodge’s Degree work. You made a difficult job pleasurable. Your presence in the Lodge was most appreciated and obviously instilled a positive memory for each candidate.

Again, while I was reviewing the “Presentation Volume” for the upcoming election and installation of next year’s Officers, I happened to read Section IV, “Concerning the Behavior of Masons in Their Private Character”; Paragraph 1, “When a Number of Brethren happen to meet, without any Strangers among them, and not in a formal Lodge”, page 17. It is written, “In such case you are to salute each other in a courteous manner as you are or may be instructed in the Lodge, calling each other Brother....” Please take this to heart, seek peace with each other, and practice daily Brotherly Love.

Finally, I want to wish all of you Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, etc., during this Holiday Season. Again, remember those who are in need during this tough economic time. Keep in your hearts and prayers, our widows, those who are serving our country, those who are living alone and those we may have lost contact with. Looking forward to seeing you in the Lodge.

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

Got Blood?

Early December finds the calendar in what I call the ‘in-between time.’ It is that relatively short period of days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have finished the turkey and have put away great grandma’s recipe for another year and it isn’t quite time to put up the tree and begin making the list and checking it twice. It is a time to catch our breath, a time to reflect, a time between giving thanks and giving gifts.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank everyone in the Kempsville family who has supported, contributed and participated in the District blood drives this year and to remind everyone that when giving blood, you are giving a gift; a most precious one that tops the charts in my book, the gift of life.

Merry post ‘in-between time’ to all.

Jerry Hallal, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Welcome to Kempsville!

- Brother Jonathan Daniel Bednar: raised 11/8 courtesy of Howard Lodge #101, GL of Maryland
- Brother Roger Douglas Fortier, raised 11/16
- Brother John Buerman Whiteman: affiliated 11/9

Masonic Birthdays for December

Lincoln Figuereo '01	Roger James Rowe, Jr. '92
Ejnar Olaf Jorgensen '53	Robert M. Shelburne '61
Rubin Kravitz '60	Norman L. Shepard '78
Michael Lombardo '48	James Reginald Smith '94
Timothy Miles Maguire '01	Alfred Lee Vanhorne '54
William McPherson Jr. '62	David Howard Weast '87
Jessie Robert Ritchie '92	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 447 years in Masonry!

Masonic Veterans for 2010

December	Rubin Kravitz	50 Years
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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

December 1	Princess Anne Annual Stated
December 2	Bayside Annual Stated
December 6	Ritual School, 7PM
December 7	Willis V. Fentress Annual Stated
December 8	Virginia Beach Annual Stated
December 9	Lynnhaven Annual Stated
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.

Highlights from 2010



Installation of Officers



7th Annual Armed Forces Night



60 Year Veteran's Presentations to Brother McKeithan and Brother Erikson



Surprise Visit to the Masonic Home for Right Worshipful Bill Pierce's 90th Birthday

Youth Corner

Honored Queen Elect Kaitlynn Gray invites you to the installation of Officers and Bethel Choir on December 11th. Dinner will be served at 5:00PM with the installation to follow at 6:30PM. Please come out and support the Daughters as they embark on a new term. The Bethel performed another very rewarding service project this month when they visited the widows of the lodge. The Daughters brought a gift basket and spent time getting to know these very special ladies.

The DeMolay performed a region wide degree with the Norfolk and Tidewater (Hampton) Chapters on November 28th. This represents the first collaborative degree with all three chapters and was very rewarding for all who participated. Additionally, the several members of the Chapter will be traveling to the George Washington Masonic Memorial to participate in the honorary DeMolay Degrees for this year’s class on December 4th. If you are interested in becoming an Honorary DeMolay, please contact me for additional information.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

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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