

Coming Up at Kempsville Lodge!

Stated Communication

Shrine Night

January 11th – Dinner 6PM

800th Master Mason!

Milestone Event

January 18th – 7PM

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From The East



Ready or not, 2011 is upon us and in true Kempsville tradition we have a busy schedule. I would like to thank everyone for honoring me and entrusting me with the leadership of our lodge for the ensuing year. I am “fired up” about the events we have planned and milestones we will achieve this term. We will start the year by passing two candidates to the degree of Fellowcraft. We will honor Our Potentate of Khedive Shrine at our stated communication. The following week we will raise our 800th Master Mason. This is just to start us off.

Now that all of the annual stated meetings are complete and the officers of our lodges in the district have been installed, it is time to get to work. I wish to thank the line officers for agreeing to serve this year and for your support. No one makes the journey to the East alone.

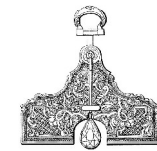
Again this will be a special and productive year for us at Kempsville. There are many, many events planned and I look forward to each opportunity to share our lodge.

As many of you know our lodge must select a District Deputy Grand Master nomination and alternate for the year 2013. In compliance with Executive Order 2 and Methodical Digest Section 1.87 we will discuss and vote on this matter at our February Stated Communication. Please plan to attend this meeting and cast your ballot.

I invite everyone to participate in the various activities we have planned this year. Remember you get out of Masonry what you put into it.

See you soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



First, I hope that you all had a great Holiday Season with friends and family. As we begin 2011, 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, do not forget the Brethren who are not able to attend Lodge for health reasons or other circumstances that prevent them from being present in their Lodge.

Second, I want to thank Worshipful Michael Johnstone for nominating me--and you, the Brethren, for electing me as your Senior Warden. Thank you for your confidence in me. As I plan for 2012, I will be seeking the advice of our Past Masters and well informed Brethren. I hope that you will join me in visiting the Lodges within the District as much as your schedule permits.

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

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South



Brethren, when one becomes a stationed officer of the Lodge, he steps up to his chair. A step up is many things. It is a challenge, an achievement, an opportunity to learn and an opportunity to become better. As I take my step up to the Junior Warden's chair, I want to thank all of you who inspired and encouraged me along the way.

One of my primary responsibilities will be to draw up the candidate's Trestleboard. We presently have a very dedicated and extremely efficient core group that does a lot of our degree work. This year, I would like to ask and see newly raised

Masons and those who have been unable to participate in the past, step up and experience the fun and fellowship of being part of a degree team.

Another primary responsibility is that of calling the craft from labor to refreshment and we are blessed to have a most able and dedicated kitchen crew. The team has served many meals and filled many empty bellies. They have stirred many pots, and peeled many potatoes. And they are becoming tired.

In order to maintain and improve upon this great Kempsville tradition, it becomes necessary that you be requested to step up and offer to assist in the preparation of our delicious and outstanding meals. To this point, everyone is asked to help tend the pot or to be the keeper of the sink on at least one occasion during the coming year.

Stepping up will be a challenge for all of us. But, it will give us an opportunity to learn and it will be an opportunity for everyone to help our Lodge become better.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

Got Blood?

The first thing I want to do is wish everyone a happy new year. This year will bring a changing of the guard at the LBC post. I will be the blood coordinator for the coming year. I want to thank Jerry for the fine job he did and the outstanding job that you did during the past year.

The Kempsville family and friends donated 102 units of whole blood during 2010. The Lodge can very proud of the number. The District asks that each Lodge try to have at least six people give blood at each of the six blood drives throughout the year. We did nearly three times that amount.

The need for blood is constant, Let’s try to donate even more this year. Our first blood drive is January 24th at Lynnhaven..

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 thanks you for coming out to support their Installation of Officers and Bethel Choir. It was so exciting to see the sidelines full and then some. The Honored Queen Kaitlynn Gray invites all the Kempsville Masons to the first meeting of the term on January 2nd at 2PM. Come out and support these young ladies as they fill new stations for the first time.

It is the time that you look forward to every year! The Kempsville DeMolay Chapter invites you to the

annual Honest Abe spaghetti dinner. Save the date of February 12th from 12 to 6PM. Cost is \$6 and children 4 and under eat free. Additionally, there will be a baked goods auction so that you will have something to take home. Beat the Valentine’s Day rush and bring your sweetheart out to support the DeMolay in their annual fundraiser. Contact any DeMolay for advanced ticket purchases.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Masonic Birthdays for January

Hardaway S. Abernathy '48	James E. Pearsall Jr. '79
Onrubio Lindo Florendo '10	John R. Preddy, III '07
Henry Lee Foiles Jr. '59	Bill Rensko '96
Fleatwood M. Frias Jr. '57	George F. Roberts, III '96
Luician A. Gunter III '58	William Bruce Ross '03
Gerald Thomas Hallal '08	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 591 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

January 4	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
January 6	DDGM's Official Visit Bayside Lodge No. 218, 6PM
January 8	Khedive Election and Installation of Officers, 9:30AM
January 11	Stated Communication Shrine Night, 6PM
January 12	DDGM's Official Visit Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274, 6PM
January 15	Past Masters' Breakfast, 8:30AM
January 15	Appendant Bodies Meeting, 10AM
January 18	Master Mason Degree Number 800!, 7PM
January 24	District Blood Drive Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 3PM-7:30PM
January 29	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
February 1	DDGM's Official Visit Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296 Dark at Kempsville, 6PM
February 8	Stated Communication DDGM's Official Visit, 6PM
February 10	DDGM's Official Visit Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 6PM

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

Installation of Officers



The 2011 Team of Officers were installed before a packed Lodge on December 18th.

Masonic Veterans for 2011

May	Herbert Gordon	25 Years
	Charley Orsargos	50 Years
June	Harold Nix	50 Years
September	Charles Forbes	25 Years
	John Lassiter	50 Years
October	Lawrence Greene	25 Years
November	David Dutcher	25 Years
	Tommy Haste	50 Years
	Willie Hudson	50 Years
	Charles Lund	25 Years
December	Robert Shelburne	50 Years

A Note to Our Masonic Widows

If you are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

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.

Khedive Installation of Officers

On January 8th, the Khedive Shrine Center will be holding its Annual Session including the election and installation of the 2011 officers. One of Kempsville's own, Worshipful Don Meyer (1992), will be taking over the helm as Potentate and will become only the 2nd Kempsville Past Master to hold that position. Let's show own support for Don and be there for this special event.

The business meeting begins at 9:30AM with the Installation of Officers (open to everyone) beginning approximately 11AM.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Senior Warden	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Junior Warden	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	495-7645
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	Terry L. Bledsoe	288-5928
Junior Deacon	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Chaplain	Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Musician	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Marshal	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Tiler	Thomas Beverly	496-3499
Instructor of Work	Wor. Adam Green	615-1659
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Blood Coordinator	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

Articles for the next next Ashlar should be submitted by 1/20/11 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)