

Coming Up at Kempsville Lodge!

Stated Communication

District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit
February 8th – Dinner 6PM

Monthly Lodge Breakfast

February 19th – 8-10AM

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From The East



I am always amazed by what our lodge is able to do and in a relatively short span of time. At the time I am writing this, we are 3 weeks into our year and here is our scorecard. We have passed 2 candidates to the degree of Fellowcraft and examined 2 others in the Fellowcraft catechism. We honored the Shrine at our stated communication and had a "Homecoming" for our Potentate, Worshipful Donald E. Meyer. We cheerfully welcomed the Divan of Khedive Shrine. We have raised our 800th Master Mason and had an all-star cast of past masters on the degree team. We also conducted a funeral service for a brother who has laid down his working tools. This is simply the beginning of our year.

We have plans to pass another brother to the degree of Fellowcraft. To those who support these efforts, "thank you."

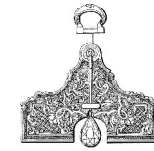
We will be traveling soon to Fentress Lodge to attend the official visit of our DDGM and the following week we will welcome him at our lodge on his official visit. Please keep these meetings in mind and join your officers. We need your support.

I would like to share an experience I had on my recent trip to Ohio. Since joining our fraternity my great-uncle Bill has talked about the Muskrat Dinner his lodge host every year on the second Saturday in January. I made a promise to him that I would attend once installed as Master. I had been told Muskrat taste like chicken, it does not. I honored that promise this year and attended 2 other lodges while in Ohio. I met several brothers who told me about their time at various military bases in our area and about visiting this area from time to time. Two gentlemen stopped me to talk about my grandfather. The first one reminded me that he had conducted the Masonic rites service. The other informed me that he had been my grandfather's coach and told me he had a tough time learning the catechism. My grandfather was

an Entered Apprentice for 6 1/2 years. My point is that our fraternity is quite large with its many members worldwide, but there is a special connection and a shared bond. When we travel we are not meeting strangers; we are simply friends that we not yet had the opportunity to meet.

See you soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



First, I want to thank the Brethren for attending the Annual Stated Meeting of the Lodges with the 56th Masonic District. Thank you for supporting the Lodges within the District and the Officers of your Lodge. I hope you will continue joining us as we visit lodges in our effort to qualify for the Noah Hillman Award.

Second, I am asking for your support with the Stated meals and monthly breakfast. We desperately need Brethren to help Brothers Hank Foiles, Bud Marchman and Jackson Bell prepare and clean up. The same 10 percent are always there and they need relief.

Finally, keep in your thoughts and prayers are deployed Brethren and their families, our widows, the sick and the infirmed. Also keep in your thoughts and prayers the families of our departed Brethren, as well as the victims of the Tucson, Arizona shooting. Pray for their speedy recovery.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South



There has been a lot of talk lately about thinking outside the box. A box is an instrument of containment. It can contain many things. It can contain shoes, paperclips, crayons, spoons or any other item that needs to be deposited in a space for retention and recalled at a later time. It can also contain ideas or suggestions, progressive and forward in their

design; untried, but with a promise of improving upon the present version.

I think it is better to think inside and within the box, and the box I am referring to is our hearts. It is that place where we were all first prepared to be made a Mason. It is time to renew our vows and make an extra special effort to be an instrument of Masonic Light. Be “Masonic proud” and “Masonic ready” to demonstrate to others what our great fraternity is all about.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

From the Secretary

All annual dues notices for 2011 were mailed to the membership before January. Your current dues card should indicate “HAVING PAID DUES THROUGH December 31, 2011.” If it does not, your card is not valid, and your dues are in arrears. If you have not yet remitted your 2011 dues, please take care of this important obligation now. Dues income is critical for the ongoing operation of the Lodge. If by chance you did not receive a 2011 lodge dues notice in the mail, please contact me now so I may mail you another. Also, be informed that the Grand Lodge assessments portion of our dues will increase by \$10 in 2012; therefore, lodge dues will increase accordingly next year.

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Youth Corner

Please come out and support the DeMolay in their annual spaghetti dinner on the 12th of February from 12-6PM. Enjoy good food and good company. Bring your sweetheart for a wonderful meal.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Masonic Birthdays for February

Alex Harvey Adkins '76	Robert Hunter Johns '05
David H. Armstrong Jr. '77	Kenneth W. Lancaster '05
Scott Edward Bateman '99	Marvin B. Lancaster '05
Timothy L. Blackstone '01	Brian D. Littlehale '10
George F. Boggs, Jr. '77	David Joseph Meers '10
William Johnson Davis '49	Gordon W. Moffat '47
Charles Frank Edwards '70	John Mark Nuzum '02
Edward Joseph Foley '93	Galen Keith Rogers '99
Lewis Jackson Forrest '85	Joseph Max Snook '65
Glenn Douglas Fraser II '80	Ronald Lee Stukey '81
Glenn L. Gilman '78	Osmay Torres '08
William Franklin Grice '70	Arthur F. Wadford, Jr. '08

The Brethren shown above have a total of 764 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

February 1	DDGM's Official Visit Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296, 6PM
February 8	Stated Communication DDGM's Official Visit, 6PM
February 12	DeMolay “Honest Abe” Spaghetti Dinner, 12PM-6PM
February 15	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
February 19	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
February 22	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
February 26	Area Leadership Conference, Newport News Scottish Rite Temple 8AM-12PM
March 2	DDGM's Official Visit Princess Anne Lodge No. 25, 6PM
March 8	Stated Communication Scottish Rite Night, 6PM
March 10	DDGM's Official Visit Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 6PM

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

Our 800th Master Mason

On January 18th, Kempsville Lodge raised its 800th Master Mason. An “All Star” degree team led by Right Worshipful Harry Holland (Worshipful Master in 1968), Right Worshipful Tom McGowan (1983), and Worshipful Bill Nolan (1994) conferred the degree before a packed Lodge for this milestone event.

Several days later, Brother Pilgrim left on a 6 month deployment with the Navy. We all want to wish him safe travels and look forward to his return.



Left to right: Worshipful Bill Nolan, Brother Matt Pilgrim, Right Worshipful Harry Holland, and Worshipful Michael Johnstone.

Shrine Night

Our very own Worshipful Don Meyer, the newly installed Potentate of Khedive Shrine, was honored at the January Stated Communication. In addition to the Khedive Divan, a representative from practically even Shrine Unit was in attendance (with a notable majority of Khedive Hillbillies gracing the sidelines.)

We wish Illustrious Don a successful year and look forward supporting him as he leads Khedive Shrine in 2011.



Illustrious Don Meyer is presented his Potentate's Fez by Worshipful Michael Johnstone.



Left to right: Illustrious Charles Lee (Record), Raymond Teller (Oriental Guide), Rick Underdown (Assistant Rabban), Illustrious Don Meyer (Potentate), Worshipful Michael Johnstone, Joe Register (Chief Rabban), Randy Murphy (High Priest & Prophet), Illustrious Dick Wright (Treasurer).

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

Transportation Committee

Worshipful Johnstone has asked me to chair a “Transportation Committee” for the purpose of providing rides to any Brother who would like to attend Lodge but might not have transportation for whatever reason. I ask all who may need this service to contact me as well as any Brother willing to volunteer as driver on occasion so I can coordinate this activity. We would like to offer this service to all for any Lodge activity such as dinners, meetings, breakfasts, picnics, Bull Roast, or any other function. Please call me at 724-4867 (cell) or 467-5913 (home).

Worshipful Bill Rawson

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.

A Note to Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday wishes to Patricia Henningsgen, Catherine Hamilton and Lorraine Johns!

The Job's Daughters will be presenting a program at our February 8th dinner and, as always, you're cordially invited. If you are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

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 2/20/11 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)