

Coming Up
at Kempsville Lodge!

Stated Communication
Scottish Rite Night
March 8th – Dinner 6PM

Monthly Lodge Breakfast
March 26th – 8-10AM

The Ashlar
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From The East



all things there is a season.

It is difficult to believe that another month has passed. Springtime is approaching and soon we will put away our winter things and enjoy the colorful beauty of spring flowers. To all things there is a season.

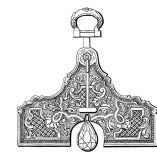
I have been thinking recently about our Grand Master's theme: Make a difference everyday. I have been questioning myself about this. More especially I question how I make a difference. Do I speak kindly and respectfully? Do I treat others with dignity? Am I watchful of my words and actions? Most of us have heard his message, we have listened to our DDGM(s) present this program, have we questioned ourselves and our actions? This is just something to ponder.

We have yet another busy work schedule ahead of us. We are planning to initiate 1 person, pass at least 1, and raise 3 brothers this month. We will host the District Senior Warden Degree team this month. We also have our first Past Master's Night. Of course at our stated we will host Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, SGC of the A.A.S.R for the Southern Jurisdiction as our guest speaker. Our ladies are invited to our stated for dinner and as it was last year Kathy Hallal and Carol Rawson will have a program for them during our meeting.

Please plan to attend all these special events. You get out of Masonry what you put in.

See you soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



Hope you are all well and getting over the recent cold spell we have been experiencing. The Worshipful Master has asked me to head a Dues Committee with the expressed purpose of researching if the Lodge needs to increase its dues in addition to the \$10 increase in Grand Lodge Assessment. The committee will look at the cost of living index since 1954 and 2000 as

well as the past financial accounts of the lodge before making its recommendation to the Worshipful Master.

I have put together a District Wide Senior Deacon Fellow Craft Degree Team. It is scheduled for March 22, 2011. Hope to see you there to support the District Senior Wardens.

Finally, keep in your thoughts and prayers the surviving family members of our recently dearly departed as well as those whose loved ones are deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq and still serving this great nation of ours.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South



A family prides itself in the accomplishments of its members. When a young son's bat makes contact with a baseball and it bounces past the outstretched glove of the opposing fielder, we share in his pride and we feel his joy. When a daughter proudly announces that she received the highest grade in her class on the geometry mid-term, we share her excitement and we praise her success. And when a spouse informs us that she has been recommended for advancement in her profession, we share her happiness and applaud her desire to excel.

Everyone who enters the building that we call a lodge is part of our Masonic family. It matters not if you are a Mason, a Jobie, DeMolay or an Eastern Star. We are all one. And we all take pride in the accomplishments and triumphs of the others. When a fellow brother or sister displays their proficiency in the catechism or ritual, we all share in their attainment of success and their desire to be the best that they can become.

We are thankful for the hard work and long hours that all give to the betterment of their Order and the recognition and honor their efforts bestow on Kempsville Lodge.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

Youth Corner

The Job’s Daughters hosted a highly successful tea for the Sweethearts of Kempsville Lodge on January 30th. Over 60 ladies attended and great fellowship was enjoyed by members of Kempsville’s Eastern Star Chapter, spouses of lodge members and our widows. The girls really enjoyed getting to know everyone and hope to make this an annual event. The Bethel will be holding their Jobie Relay March 5th from 11AM to 1PM. Come out and challenge the girls to a race through an obstacle course and be ready to get dirty. Last year’s lodge team did well with our own Senior Warden placing highly. The girls will also be honoring Masons at their March 20th meeting at 2PM. Please come out and let the young ladies express how much you mean to them.

The DeMolay Chapter wishes to thank everyone for their support during their spaghetti dinner. It was very successful. Additionally brethren, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Masonic family for their support of DeMolay Jason Pack and his family following the fire that took everything from them days before Christmas. Members of the DeMolay hosted them for Christmas dinner, Job’s Daughters families cooked meals for them and donations poured in from Lodges, Eastern Star and DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies and Bethels. I was overwhelmed at the generosity of our Masonic Family and count myself proud to be a member of an organization that not only says that charity is the greatest virtue but lives up to it.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Masonic Birthdays for March

Robert Craig Belda '00	Winston E. Marchman '63
Jackson Rollins Bell, Jr. '09	George W. Messinger '94
Orlando C. Bitanga '98	Robert Carl Metz '92
Donald Ray Blair '77	Sidney Thomas Moore '69
William Edwain Combs '80	Gary Burke Nye '06
Patrick Walne Dunn '05	Charlie L. Pallett, III '87
Alberto C. Gatmaitan '96	William H. Pierce '46
George M. Harrell Jr. '70	Michael S. Polychroni '85
William Harry Holland '57	Charles J. Ridgely '09
Christopher J. Jaeger '58	Donald K. Robinson '93
William M. Johnson '93	Frederick W. Rudiger '03
John Duane Johnstone '64	Michael R. Sheehan '96
Thomas William Lang '05	Fredrick A. Steinmiller '01
Robert Lee Lankford '72	Russell J. Tjepkema '10
Lester Randall Lefler '89	Linwood Ray West '91
Robert Dale Leonard Jr. '05	James Arthur Widener '83
Thomas E. Lindner '83	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 874 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

March 1	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
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
March 14 ...	Entered Apprentice Examination, 7PM
March 15	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
March 22	Fellowcraft Degree District Senior Warden Degree Team, 7PM
March 26	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
March 28	District Blood Drive Kempsville Lodge No. 196, 3PM-7:30PM
March 29	Past Masters' Night Master Mason Degree, 6PM
April 9	Area Ritual School Districts 36/56, Lake Drummond Lodge, 8AM-12PM
April 11	Area Ritual School Districts 36/56, Kempsville Lodge, 6PM
April 12	Stated Communication Father/Son Night, 6PM
April 22	Grand Master's Official Visit District 36 & 56, Khedive Shrine, 5PM-9PM
April 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

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

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 Erekson – 340-4400
- Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Brother Leslie Miller – 420-7560
- Brother F. B. “Nick” Nickerson – V.A. Hospital.

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.

From the Blood Coordinator

Our next blood drive is at our very own Lodge on Monday, March 28th, between the hours of 3 to 7:30PM. It’s a lot easier if you make an online appointment at giveblood.org, and enter the sponsor code VBMAsons.We do our best to honor appointments. Brothers,our Lodge gets awards for our successful blood drives,but this is insignificant when compared to the benefits the recipients receive from our donated blood. Please participate—you could help save someone’s life.

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Brother Joe Smith Celebrates 107th Birthday



On January 14th, six Brethren from Kempsville Lodge visit Brother Joe Smith as he celebrates his 107th Birthday.

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother John Theodore Martin: raised on February 12th and Brother Dennis Leonard Eaton: raised on February 22th.

A special request is made for donations to help offset the cost of repairing our driveways and parking lot, as well as maintaining our building fund. Please send any donation to the Lodge Secretary. Your consideration and generosity is most appreciated.

Make A Difference

I try to keep believing
in the goodness of mankind,
I'm often disappointed
in the answers that I find.

I believe we all have destinies
and we choose the path we take;
the road made rough or easy
by the choices that we make.

What you sow, so shall you reap,
I believe with all my heart,
so be careful in the planting
of all that you're a part.

Perform an act of kindness
at least one time each day;
you might touch the heart of someone
that's been lost along the way.

And when you hear that “little voice”
that tells you right from wrong,
listen very carefully
and put your heart where it belongs.

Try to set a good example
in everything you do;
we each can make a difference
and the change can start with you.

Ina Willis

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

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