

Coming Up at Kempsville Lodge!

Stated Communication

Father/Son Night
April 12th – Dinner 6PM

Monthly Lodge Breakfast

April 30th – 8-10AM

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From The East



Happy Spring to everyone. We are finally moving into warmer weather and can begin to enjoy the flowers that are springing up everywhere.

Some of us may start working on cutting the grass or planting seeds in the garden. Whatever outside activity you enjoy, get out there. I know I will be cleaning the golf clubs and will head out to the driving range. I also plan to visit with our members who are unable to attend lodge. I wish to thank Right Worshipful Bill and Worshipful Tommy who visit brothers and widows, thank you for all that you do.

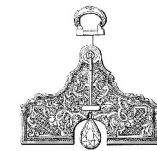
I would like to thank everyone who helped with the March Stated. Your efforts made the night a success. Our guest speaker's message of "Never Forget" was timely and heart felt. The main point of his talk was to never forget what brought you to petition a Masonic lodge and have you found what you were looking for.

Our labors continue with degree work and major events that are fast approaching; for our April Stated is our Father/Son Night, and our guest speaker is Most Worshipful Jeffery Hodges. Our area ritual school will be held on April 9th at Lake Drummond Lodge and 11th at Kempsville Lodge this year. The 56th District will be working with District 36 for a combined school. On April 22nd the 56th District will again join forces with District 36 to host the Official visit of our Grand Master at Khedive Shrine Center. This is an open meeting so bring your family. Please remember to get a ticket from our line officers. We are also in the planning stages for our Annual Bull Roast, stay tuned for details. Of course, our parking lot will be getting a much needed face lift. Thank you to all who have contributed to this project. Donations continue to come in, so again thank you.

Remember to Make a Difference every day.

See you soon,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



First, I want to thank all who have and plan to contribute to the parking lot fund. The Lodge is our home away from home and I am deeply touched by your generous contributions.

Second, The Worshipful Master asked me to head the Dues Committee consisting of Worshipfuls Joe Thorton, Jimmie Wilder, and Bill Nelligar; and Brother Jerry Hallal. The majority of the committee recommends that we increase Lodge Dues from \$56 to \$77. I recommend that a portion of the dues increase be applied to establishing a 1, 3, and 5 year building plan to replace the carpet, refurbish the kitchen stove, and replace the heating/air conditioning system so we can have a maintenance plan rather than fixing the unit when it breaks. If it were not for the generous donation of a one person in his will and your generous contributions to the parking lot fund, we would not have the capital in our accounts today. But these are a one-time occurrence and we need a long-term solution to maintaining our Lodge building.

Finally, keep in your thoughts and prayers the victims and survivors in Japan. Also keep in your thoughts and prayers the families of our departed Brethren, our deployed Brethren and their families, our widows, the sick and the infirmed.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South



While driving through my neighborhood lately, I have seen a lot of kids shooting basketballs. As I slow down to pass them, I roll down my window and encourage them to "make a shot for me." A smile appears on their face as they determinedly launch the ball toward the hoop. I feel their excitement and their desire to get "nothing but net." I find myself hoping, more than they, that their shot finds the goal.

When kids see the things that good basketball players do, they want to copy them, they work

hard to emulate them, they strive to become them. When a young boy sees a ball handler quickly weave in and out of a tight defense and maneuver the ball through the outstretched arms of the defenders and gently guide the ball against the glass with the trajectory and angle that will have it fall through the cylinder or when they see their favorite player connect from beyond the arc, they try harder to obtain the skills that will help them achieve the same.

When people see the good things that the brothers in our fraternity do, they will want to copy and emulate us also. When an outsider sees us encouraging and contributing to the relief of a distressed brother or stretching forth our hand to sustain a falling one, they will want to join us. When people see us quietly whisper good counsel into the ear of a friend and aiding a reformation, they will long to gain admittance into that group that will inspire them to do the same.

Let us all make an extra special effort to do more of the things that we do that will make others want to become one of us.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

By-Laws Revision

At the April Stated Communication, the following change to Article II of the By-Law will be read:

ARTICLE II

“Every member of this Lodge except the Treasurer shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of **\$77.00 (seventy-seven dollars)** plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments as annual dues, and rounded up to the next dollar.”

This is a \$21.00 increase in Lodge Dues.

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 thanks all the Masons and Eastern Star that attended the meeting honoring them on the 20th of March. 25 visitors attended making it a very memorable meeting for all who attended. Please mark your calendar for the 8th and 9th of April for the annual Mystery dinner. Tickets are \$10 and available from any Daughter. Come out for a great night of fun and entertainment.

Congratulations to Dakota Burns, Kempsville Chapter’s newest Master Councilor and thank you

to all who attended the installation. This is the 50th anniversary of Kempsville Chapter so please make it a point to come out and support our future Masons in their work on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. We look forward to seeing you.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Masonic Birthdays for April

David E. Boyd '88	Michael R. Moseler '72
Jaime Cabeza '04	Richard Earl Neisinger '74
Allen K. Chandler '87	Thomas A. Niedermeier '80
S. Ray Connard '91	Brian E. Parton '01
Dennis Lee Driscol '02	George F. Roberts, Jr. '64
Louis Page Dunn '77	Alaric James Roche, Jr. '64
Christopher M. Favata '10	Cristian C. Rodriguez '04
Lemuel David Foxwell '75	Michael Allan Sachs '88
Gunnar Gudjonsson '00	Michael L. Smith, Sr. '82
George Louis Gunter '69	William E. Spruill, Sr. '67
Richard M. Hanly '74	John P. Stublen, Jr. '76
Robert G. Lockwood '49	Charlie B. Taylor, Sr. '59
Warren C. Massey '50	Robert James Tidwell '77
J. Henry McCoy, Jr. '62	William Curtis Twiford '64
Alton L. McKeithan '50	Thomas G. Webber, Sr. '63
Terrence P. McNally '78	Samuel Grant Welty '05

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,146 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

April 5	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
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 Doors open: 6:30PM, Dinner: 7:15PM
April 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
May 10	Stated Communication Armed Forces Night, 6PM

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

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.

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 Erikson – 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

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in April:

Patricia Quinton, April 4
Judith Naprstek, April 7
Sherry Vancampen, April 7
Virginia Joiner, April 17
Mary Lou Cochran, April 20
Paige Mason, April 29

If any of our ladies 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 on May 23rd at Bayside. As usual, it’s easier if you sign up online at giveblood.org, using sponsor code “vbmasons”. Brethren, I know many in our lodge cannot donate for various reasons, but they can still participate. Bring a friend or relative. Help out at the event. If nothing else, come out to see a brother you haven’t seen for awhile. Blood drives are very serious and important, but we can use them for a social time also. Friendship and brotherly love is the name of the game.

Brother John Preddy, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Scottish Rite Night

Kempsville Lodge was honored to have Worshipful and Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, 33°, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, as the guest speaker for its March Stated Communication.



Left to Right: Right Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, Grand Senior Deacon, Worshipful and Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, AASR, Worshipful Michael Johnstone, Most Worshipful James Dean Cole, Most Worshipful Clifford Alan Parker, Most Worshipful William Lee Holliday

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother James F. Dombey, Raised on March 15th and Brother Roger W. Taylor, Raised on March 29th.

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 3/20/11 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)