

Coming Up  
at Kempsville Lodge!

Annual Lodge Picnic  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – 1PM

Monthly Lodge Breakfast  
September 24<sup>th</sup> – 8 to 10AM

Table Lodge  
October 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30PM  
Speaker: Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen

NON PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
NORFOLK, VA  
PERMIT NO. 508

The Ashlar  
Kempsville Lodge #196 A.F.&A.M.  
4869 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462



The Ashlar



September 2011 Kempsville Lodge No. 196, A.F.&A.M. Volume 56-09  
www.kempsvill lodge.org

From The East



September is upon us and our children have returned to school. The warm summer days are fading fast and soon the fall winds will be blowing in. Soon the leaves will begin to change colors and fall from their branches. This also marks the beginning of the changing of our lodge officers.

Our lodge will be making plans for our Table Lodge in October and Grand Annual Communication in November. Of course, first we will host our family picnic on September 11th which is always a good time for our Masonic family.

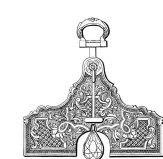
I recently had a long telephone conversation with a friend and now former Mason. He explained that he wanted to talk about his reasons for demitting from his Lodge, but was not sure how to discuss it. We talked for some time and his reasons have merit. I started thinking about what we, as Masons, do to fulfill our mission, support our community, and create a better world. I can only speak for myself when I say the effort is surely there, but I am still short on execution.

I listened to a news story recently that talked about a police officer in San Diego who was killed in the line of duty. The story reported that his man's death would have gone unnoticed except for an act of kindness that occurred just before he was killed. The officer had just returned from his second tour in Afghanistan and while at a local McDonald's he purchased some food for a 13 year old boy who asked to borrow 10 cents to get some cookies. Moments later he was shot while sitting in his patrol car. Sometimes it is the little things we do for others that makes a huge difference.

Remember to make a difference everyday. See you at lodge.

See you at lodge,  
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



The end of summer is fast approaching. I, like most of you, am looking forward to much cooler and less humid days as fall approaches. Many of us who are parents have already participated in the tax free weekend to purchase school supplies for the upcoming school year. My wife and I took our younger daughter to Longwood University for her Freshman Year on August 15st. I am mentioning this to remind you many businesses have started a program to collect school supplies. If you happen to be out purchasing school supplies or just out shopping and notice a display, pick up an extra notebook or folder; perhaps a box of pencils. Whatever you are able to pick up will help our students and teachers tremendously. Thank you.


Here's a related question from Course Four of the Lodge Leadership Course. "When Our Lodge is active, it has an impact on the Community? True or False? The answer can be found in Planning Your Year Manual. This manual can be found on the Grand Lodge Website. Those who have participated in the Virginia Child ID Program know what impact we, as Masons, have had on our community.

The Lodge Family Picnic is also just around the corner. Brother John Preddy, our Junior Deacon, is hard at work putting this together. Our Brethren at Bayside will be participating again this year. They were of great assistance with the set-up and clean-up last year. And it was also great having fellowship with them and their families. I hope you and your family are able to attend. It's a nice way to end the summer and spend some time together outside lodge work.

If you have not been to lodge in a while, I encourage you to visit on Monday during our Ritual School or Tuesday night to see your Brethren conduct Ritual Work. Looking forward to seeing in the Lodge.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South

 While returning from the Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership and as I drove upon the roads less traveled between Fork Union and Richmond, I thought about the great Brotherhood that is contained within the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the new acquaintances I had met while relearning stuff I had forgotten.

There was John from Broadwater on the Eastern Shore. He grew up in Virginia Beach and has actually visited our Lodge. He reminisced about the five-mile stretch and touring Shoney’s on Friday and Saturday nights. Even more interesting, he walked the halls of Kellam High School the same year I did.

I met Ray and Don from Newcastle, which is in Craig County, which is in the western part of the state. Craig County is on the continental divide, all waters flowing west empty into the Gulf of Mexico and all rivers flowing east flow to the Atlantic Ocean. I have occasion to visit Newcastle several times a year and have walked by their very old, 19th century lodge many times. I have even knocked on the door in hopes that someone would be there to show it to me. Ray’s uncle was a childhood friend of my aunt and Don knows the person who now occupies the land that my wife’s family farmed in the early 1800’s.

The most helpful people I met were Dick and Mike from Fairfax and Bill from Poquoson. Dick is a member of the Committee on Work and Mike had just qualified for his silver card. They bounced the EA catechism and ritual off Bill and I for nearly a whole afternoon and afterward answered many questions that Bill and I had about other Degrees. Bill and I were learning from the experts and learning from each other.

I highly recommend the Fork Union experience to young and seasoned masons alike. It affords a great opportunity to learn from the best, eat some great food, participate in outstanding fellowship and form lasting friendships.

I got my calendar marked for next year and hope you will mark yours too.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

Masonic Birthdays for September

Christopher K. Adkins '99	Douglas A. Hutchison '02
Robert B. Baker '00	John Roeland Lassiter '61
Christopher M. Bardin '07	Shepherd W. McClenny '92
Patrick F. Barnes '95	Jesse L. Monroe '89
James M. Beighley '00	Archie R. Nobles '64
David Borntrager '87	Edward H. Perry, Jr. '75
Harold R. Brenneman '49	Chris D. Shackelford '06
Fred Allen Brewer '68	John Paul Tewalt, III '92
Richard A. Davis, III '75	John M. Thomas '10
William Clyde Earl '80	Richard W. Walker, II '93
Robert John Eisenberg '88	Mark R. Wegesin '05
Charles M. Forbes '86	Christopher C. Widen '96
Claude Q. Fulcher '82	Glenn R. Wintenberg '76
James Giles Gordon '76	Matthew H. Zardeskaskas '09
Larry R. Hale '03	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 654 years in Masonry!

Special donations to maintain the Lodge Building Fund are encouraged and always welcome. Please send your donation to the Lodge Secretary. Your consideration and generosity is most appreciated.

Trestleboard

September 11	.....	Annual Family Picnic, 1PM
September 12	.....	Visiting Atlantic Lodge No. 2
September 13	.....	Stated Communication
		9/11 Remembrance, 6PM
September 19	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
September 24	.....	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
September 26	.....	District Blood Drive
		3PM-7:30PM, Bayside Lodge No. 218
September 26	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
September 27	.....	Past Masters' Night, 6PM
October 10	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
October 11	.....	Stated Communication, Junior
		Warden's Night, 6PM
October 17	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
October 22	.....	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
October 24	.....	Ritual School, 7PM
October 29	.....	Table Lodge, 6PM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at [www.kempsvillelodge.org](http://www.kempsvillelodge.org).

October Table Lodge

Kempsville Lodge will host a Table Lodge on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM. Tickets are \$10 and Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen will be our guest speaker. Ticket are available and may be purchased from the stationed officers.

Masonic Veterans for 2011

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

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in September:

- Vee McPherson – September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Linda Ferris – September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Dorothy Ereckson – September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Judith Moyers – September 20<sup>th</sup>
- Sheryl Stanworth – September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Linda Moore – September 29<sup>th</sup>

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

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother Christopher Brian Ovide: raised on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Corner

Congratulations to Kempsville DeMolay’s newly elected officers: Master Councilor-Elect Nick Doubikin, Sr. Councilor-Elect Seth Parker and Jr. Councilor-Elect Jeremy Hall. The Chapter’s installation will be Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please come out to congratulate them and show your support, they look forward to seeing you. There will be a picnic dinner to follow with games and fun!

Bethel 42 has been out and about supporting the local lodges with their Child ID programs. They really enjoy interacting with the children and helping out the Masons of the 56th Masonic District. If you need any help, **contact** the Honored Queen or Mom Marta. ***Take note:*** they

are meeting Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM instead of Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day weekend. October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2PM is the meeting honoring the Eastern Star and the Masons, please add this date to your calendar. They too would love to have you come out and support them.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Blood Drive

Brethren, our next blood drive will be held at Bayside Lodge on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 3-7:30PM. Virginia Beach Lodge will be the host. As usual, it’s much easier to sign up on line for an appointment at [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org) ,sponsor code “vbmasons”. I know how valuable our time is, which I personally relate to, but it doesn’t take too long to donate . We try to speed things up with appointments. Our donations to the drive are living proof (literally, our donations save lives) that Masons will extend their right hand, with a donating arm, to make our world a better place.

Fraternally, Brother John Preddy

Brethren, would you be interested in being able to pay your dues and/or make donations “electronically”? For example, using “PayPal”? Many of us already pay our bills electronically. It’s an option we may consider. Please let the Secretary know if you have an opinion, either for or against this idea. (If we did offer this as an option, you could still always pay by check.)

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	619-7646
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 6/20/11 to RW Buddy Pate ([emmett@epate.com](mailto:emmett@epate.com)) or Worshipful Bob Stanek ([rstanek1@cox.net](mailto:rstanek1@cox.net))