

Coming Up at Kempsville Lodge!

Stated Communication Honor the Veterans

November 8th– 6PM

Annual Stated Communication

December 13th

Lodge Opens at 6PM, Dinner 7PM

Open Installation of Officers

December 17th - 2PM

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From The East



Well Brethren we are heading into the “final leg” of our Masonic year. Even though it is November there is still much to do in our lodge.

Our administrative duties are on track. We have filed our required reports such as the Fired up Program and the James Noah Hillman Award. Our attention now turns to the Grand Annual Communication in Richmond, of which the venture location has changed due to flood damage to the Ramada West Hotel from Hurricane Irene. The new location is the Hilton Resort and Spa near Short Pump. The other major change involved the official opening of Grand Lodge. There will be an afternoon session following lunch, which will allow for the usual presentations to be made in the morning session and provide ample time for the Grand Master’s address. Not to mention, this will allow time as other business to be transacted.

As in past years several members will travel from our lodge to Richmond to attend the opening session of the Grand Lodge. For those interested in attending please check your email for additional information or contact any of the stationed officers. This year the Grand Lodge will open on Veteran’s Day. Please plan to attend if you are able. Also we will have lunch available in our hospitality room located at the hotel.

There is still a lot of work to do and your assistance is always appreciated. See you at lodge.

See you at lodge,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



Most team sports, football, baseball, basketball, etc., have offensive and defensive players. The teams that usually have the best records are the teams that have the right balance of offensive and defensive plays. Additionally, regardless of which position you play, or whether you are on the starting line up or second team, how well you play and the quality of your efforts will have a positive or negative affect on the outcome of the game. The team counts on each and every member to play to the best of his/her ability. I have played on team sports, and I’ve heard the saying there is no “I” in “Team.”

I suppose you are thinking to yourself, what has this to do with me. Well, the quality of your Masonic experience has little to do with how long you have been a Mason and more to do with what have you done since you were “Raised” to the “Sublime Degree” of Master Mason. I say this because I’m not passing judgment, but encourage you as a member of the Kempsville Team to support your fellow Brethren and Lodge. If you are not comfortable nor have the desire to become a line officer or committee member, still come out and support the Lodge with; your attendance during degree work, at the Stated Communication, when a Brother receives his Masonic Veteran’s Pin, when the Lodge visits other Lodges within/outside the District for the District/State Traveling Gavel, in the kitchen/serving line, with the Virginia Child ID Program, gathering school supplies, etc.

In closing, I thank those you have been active in the Lodge and encourage you to attend if it’s been a while since you have last sat downstairs and socialized over a cup of coffee or soda. Remember our sick and infirmed, Masonic Sweethearts, and active duty service members during the upcoming holiday seasons. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers! Thank you!

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden



From The South

November has an awful lot of stuff packed into its thirty days. It begins with the recovery and sharing of the bounty obtained from the last night of the previous month. It hosts the celebration of the feast of all the saints. At least every other year, on the second Tuesday of the month, an election is held. The Grand Annual Communication is convened in Richmond, the first frost occurs, football fans cheer their favorite team and shoppers eagerly anticipate and plan out their shopping strategy for Black Friday.

Amidst the whirlwind of activities that November generates, let us not forget two extremely important dates. The first recalls the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, on which an agreement, ceasing hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany, ending World War I went into effect. This day was originally called Armistice Day. Congress, after WW II and the Korean Conflict enacted legislation which would forever give honor on that date to veterans of all wars. Thank you for your service.

The second date is one on my favorites. It has come to be celebrated on the last Thursday of the month. We will not debate on whether the first was observed at the Plymouth Colony or on the grounds of the Berkeley Hundred, but we will agree that the spirit of the day for both groups was the same. At Plymouth, it was a three-day festival in which thanks was given for a plentiful and abundant harvest. In Virginia, it was decried, by Charter, that the original day of arrival at Berkeley be observed yearly and be kept holy as a day of thanksgiving.

Thanks be to God.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2011

November	David Dutcher	25 Years
	Tommy Haste	50 Years
	Willie Hudson	50 Years
	Charles Lund	25 Years
December	Robert Shelburne	50 Years

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother John F. Skinner, Jr. – Raised October 25, 2011 (as a courtesy, work performed by Portsmouth Lodge No. 100) and Brother Jason L. Fuller – Raised October 25, 2011.

Masonic Birthdays for November

Warren Louis Aleck '66	Philip R. Jennings '94
Charles E. Austin '93	Michael D. Johnstone '05
Albert L. Bonney, Jr. '63	Burton H. Jones '64
Joe E. Brown '64	Jerry Wayne Ledbetter '83
Gordon Curtis Burton '71	John Leonard Long '01
Dario Joseph Canclini '75	Charles J. Lund '86
Herbert L. Carter '66	Andrew C. Mahrenholz '07
William K. Cole '89	Donald L. McBride '54
Roger Cort '65	Richard D. McCollum '95
Harry L. Cummings '71	Meade E. McCubbin '57
Richard D. Diffie '82	Iras W. Midgett, Sr. '64
Lewis Alton Dodson '77	Charles Clay Mills, Jr. '79
David Michael Dutcher '86	Dorman K. Miner '79
Michael C. Elliott '65	Gerald E. Monahan '55
C. Raeford Eure '59	Eric M. Nachman '91
Clarence G. Felts '69	Robert J. Oliver '08
Michael P. Fitzgerald '92	Edward F. Parton '05
Rolfe Martin Fleming '72	Paul W. Pennybacker '68
Douglas R. Fortier '10	James Stanley Perry '79
Franklin M. Gamage '59	William H. Rawson '04
Steven M. Gilbert '83	William Lewis Rice '83
Timothy D. Givan '93	Steve A. Ridgeway '77
Justin Lee Glasgow '78	Raymond R. Rowley '62
Cecil Anthony Goodwin '71	Joseph S. Salih '63
Justin M. Gray '06	Henry Sargent '69
Arthur J. Guarino, Jr. '92	Jerry Silla '99
Raymond E. Hall, Jr. '76	Cecil C. Smithson '98
James Thomas Hare, Jr. '73	Stephen E. Spratt '09
William T. Haste '61	William J. Swanner, III '74
Donald O. Hawkins, Jr. '97	Charlie B. Taylor, Jr. '81
Russell Lee Houston '85	Robert R. Teller '88
Donald E. Howard '87	Prentice G. Tuck, Jr. '98
Willie L. Hudson, Jr. '61	Ralph W. Ward '76
Ronald S. Jacobson '03	Ronald H. Whitehead '67

The Brethren shown above have a total of 2,066 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

November 7	Ritual School, 7PM
November 8	Stated Communication
	Honor The Veterans, 6PM
November 11-12	Grand Annual Communication
	Richmond, VA
November 14	Ritual School, 7PM
November 21	Ritual School, 7PM
November 28	District Blood Drive, 3PM-7:30PM
	at Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
November 28	Ritual School, 7PM
December 5	Ritual School, 7PM
December 12	Ritual School, 7PM
December 13	Annual Stated Communication
	Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM
December 17	Open Installation of Officers for
	2012, 2PM

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

Lodge Cleanup

On Saturday, November 12th,at 5:00 AM, a contractor will start cleaning the floors downstairs. He needs the early start so he can complete the job in one day. We will need some help moving tables and chairs upstairs Friday evening starting at 6:00 PM. If anyone can help, please contact Brother Dave Borntrager via phone (404-7236) or Email (dbornt9200@aol.com).

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 November:

- Ruth Simpkins, 11/1
- Irma Porter, 11/2
- Ruth Litchfield, 11/2
- Merlene Ballance, 11/3
- Margaret Bush, 11/11
- Dorothy Hinkle, 11/21
- Mary Bullock, 11/23
- Barbara McGregor, 11/24
- Doris Flannigan, 11/28

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master, Secretary, or Right Worshipful Bill Knowles (757-495-0626).

Youth Corner

November 19th at 7:30 the Jobies are hosting a Fashion Show fundraiser. Please invite your ladies to this fun event! The cost is \$5.00 and you can get your tickets from a Jobie or at the door. There will be a pie auction and refreshments will be served. Hope to see you and your lady there! Please come to Bethel 42's Grand Visit November 6th at 1PM at the Granby Street temple. This meeting will take the place of the regularly scheduled meeting at Kempsville.

Kempsville Demolay would like to congratulate Jeran Gray for earning his Founders Pin. This pin is in recognition of signing 5 petitions and bringing new members into the order. Don't forget to join

the boys during their meetings on the first and third Thursday every month. Dinner is served prior to the first meeting so come out and enjoy some food and fellow ship.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Blood Drive

Brethren, our next blood drive is at Lynnhaven Lodge on November 21st, from 3 to 7:30PM. Lynnhaven sometimes gets busy, so please go online and make an appointment at giveblood.org, sponsor code “vbmasons”. We really try to honor these time slots. When we look at the blood needs and the donations, the difference is disturbing. A three to five day reserve of whole blood is hoped for, many times two days or less is the reality. Never underestimate the importance of your donation. Hope to see you at the drive.

Fraternally, Brother John Preddy

Be reminded, the annual Lodge dues will be \$100.00 effective January 1, 2012. The By-Laws were amended at the July 2011 Stated Communication concerning this (breakdown: \$62.00 Lodge dues; \$38.00 Grand Lodge assessments and fees). Also know that a Life Membership will cost \$256.00 more in January than now (16 times the annual dues). Having a Life Membership precludes ever having to pay dues increases in the future, and benefits the Lodge forever. Contact the Secretary if you may be interested in LMIP.

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 Ashlar should be submitted by the 20th of each month to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)