

Coming Up at Kempsville Lodge!



Lodge Breakfast
January 28th - 8 to 10 AM

Stated Communication
February 14th
Dinner 6 PM, Lodge 7PM
“Sweetheart” Night



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From The East



I want to thank the Brethren for supporting Right Worshipful Alfredo Cruz Lintag on his official visit to each of the Lodges in the 56th Masonic District last month. At the DDGM’s official visit to Lynhaven Loge No. 220, we had eleven Brethren present and almost took the “Traveling Gavel.” We came in a close second to Willis V. Fentress No. 296, who edged us out by having fifteen members in attendance. This year happens to be the 50th Anniversary of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220. That night the Worshipful Master, Gerald “Jerry” Anderson, used the gavel of the first Worshipful Master, Right Worshipful Ira McCloud. Additionally, Right Worshipful McCloud’s son, Douglas McCloud, was presented his 50 Year Masonic Veteran’s pin by Right Worshipful Lintag.

Most Worshipful William T. Ellison, Jr. Official Visit to District 36 and 56 is on January 21st at the Khedive Shrine Temple in Chesapeake, VA. Unfortunately, attendance is limited to 500 spread between the twelve Lodges within the two Districts. There are, however, two other opportunities to meet the Grand Master. He will be attending the 50th Anniversary of Bayside Lodge No. 218 on February 2nd from 7:30-9:00 PM and also the 100th Anniversary of Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274 on February 11th from 1:00-3:00 PM. Please come out and celebrate these events with our Grand Master.

I met with the Past Masters’ of our Lodge Saturday, January 14th. During this meeting, twenty-one Past Masters’ were in attendance. It was truly an impressive sight. I gave them a short presentation on my goals for the year. Some of the goals include: requesting the Building Committee draft a plan to renovate the foyer and painting the dining hall and kitchen; participation in the community with the Virginia Child ID Program and continued support of the Red Cross Blood Drive; and with Lodge support, the Virginia Beach Adopt-A-Program to assist in cleaning/beautifying our city.

At present, we will continue the end of the month breakfast. It is a great opportunity to socialize with our families and Brethren as well as an opportunity to meet with potential candidates to our Fraternal Family. I do ask your continued support with your donations and time. On occasion, our Senior Steward, Chris Anders, may need your assistance in cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you are interested in assistance once or twice this year, please contact Brother Chris.

The February Stated Communication is also “Sweetheart’s Night.” So please bring your spouse, girl friend or significant other. Looking forward to seeing many of you for a great evening.

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. Especially, remember Brother Hank Foiles, who lost his beloved Joyce who passed on January 8th.

Brother Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

Masonic Veterans for 2012

March	Charlie Linwood Pallett, III	25 Years
April	Joseph Henry McCoy, Jr.	50 Years
	Allen Kenneth Chandler	25 Years
May	Joseph Timothy Salt	50 Years
	William Howard Rainey	25 Years
June	Gerald Bernard Barham	50 Years
	Richard Walter Meers, Jr.	50 Years
July	Joseph Edward Smith	60 Years
	Jack Lee Waller	50 Years
September	David Borntrager	25 Years
October	Thomas Henry Cutchins, III	25 Years
	Henley Albert Morgan, Jr.	25 Years
November	Donald Eugene Howard	25 Years
	Raymond Russell Rowley	50 Years
December	David Howard Weast	25 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.

Brother Joe Smith 108th Birthday



The Grand Master and Local Worshipful Masters with Brother Joe Smith

January 14, 2012 proved to be a very special day for the State of Virginia, Kempsville Lodge No. 196 and Masonry in general. A member of our Lodge, Brother Joe Smith, turned 108 years old. It was a grand affair, attended by our own Most Worshipful William T. Ellison, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Right Worshipful Alfredo Cruz Lintag, DDGM for the 56th Masonic District, the DDMGs for Districts 14A/B, as well as many Past Masters and Brethren from various Lodges in the Hampton Roads area.



The Grand Master with Brother Joe Smith

A proclamation from the City of Virginia Beach was presented to Brother Joe Smith naming

January 14, 2012 “Joseph Smith Day” in Virginia Beach. The Grand Master presented Brother Smith his Masonic pin as well as the George Washington Memorial Award. Right Worshipful Lintag presented Brother Smith a Certificate of Recognition from Kempsville Lodge No. 196 on occasion of his 108th birthday, and I presented Brother Smith my Lodge pin for the year.



Brother Joe Smith enjoying a little spin on a motorcycle – now and “back in the day”

Earlier that day, Joe Flanagan from TV-13, interviewed Joe for a news piece reflecting on him turning 108. Our Senior Warden, Brother Jerry Hallal and I had a great time speaking with Laura, Joe’s Daughter, about his life. It truly was a special day for Joe and his daughter Laura. I appreciate the participation from all the Brethren who were present to honor Joe. Thank you!

Masonic Birthdays for February

Alex Harvey Adkins '76	Robert H. 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	John Theodore Martin '11
William J. Davis '49	David J. Meers '10
Dennis L. Eaton '11	Gordon William Moffat '47
Charles Frank Edwards '70	John Mark Nuzum '02
Edward J. Foley '93	Galen Keith Rogers '99
Lewis Jackson Forrest '85	Joseph M. 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 590 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

January 28	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
February 2	Bayside Lodge No. 218
	50 th Anniversary Celebration with the Grand Master, 6:30PM
February 6	Ritual School, 7PM
February 11	Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274
	100 th Anniversary Celebration with the Grand Master, 1-3PM
February 11	DeMolay Honest Abe Spaghetti

	Dinner, 4PM-8PM
February 13	Ritual School, 7PM
February 14 ...	Stated Communication, Sweetheart
February 20	Ritual School, 7PM
February 25	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
February 27	Ritual School, 7PM
March 3	Division Leadership Conference
	Granby Street Temple, 8AM-12PM
March 5	Ritual School, 7PM
March 8	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
	50 th Anniversary Celebration with the Grand Master, 6PM
March 12	Ritual School, 7PM
March 13	Stated Communication
	Honoring the Shrine, 6PM

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

Brethren, regarding dues, please be informed & reminded...

Lodge dues collections for 2012 are at 70%, with 30% outstanding. Your dues card should indicate an expiration date of "December 31, 2012" - please check it now. If you have not remitted your 2012 dues, please do so promptly (dues for 2012 are \$100.00). The Lodge depends on dues for day-to-day operation and utilities.

Thank you,
Bob Stanek, Secretary

Change, The Only Constant

We must realize that change is the only constant in life.

Our basic tenants will never change, but our practice of them may. The changes we have seen require different uses of our time and our talent. If we do not adapt ourselves to these changing times, our Fraternity will no longer exist.

We must change our approach to the visible exemplification of that which is good. Allen Roberts in his book, The Craft and It’s Symbols, expresses this thought very well. He says, “the principles of Freemasonry are transmitted unimpaired, but the vehicle through which they are expressed changes as the years go on.”

We need to continue to change our way of imparting the teachings of Freemasonry to those who are willing to seek them, and so doing, it is within the limits of probability that we will find new ways to attract worthy well-qualified men to apply membership in our Fraternity.

In order to meet the needs of the younger men who are coming into our Craft, we need to adapt

new ways of reaching out and providing the necessary programs in our Lodges to peak their interest and retain their membership.

Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, LEO

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in February:

- Patricia Henningsgen – February 1st
- Catherine Hamilton – February 4th
- Larraine Johns – February 5th

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

Bethel 42 will be holding their semiannual Grand Visitation at the Granby Street Temple on February 18th at 7PM. They will also be holding their stated meeting honoring Masons and Eastern Star on March 4th at 2PM. Please come let the girls show you how much you mean to them. Additionally, they will be selling tasty treats during Willis V. Fentress’s annual chili cookoff on February 11th. While you are enjoying chili for lunch, please purchase your dessert from the Jobies.

After lunch, please join Kempsville DeMolay for their annual “Honest Abe” spaghetti dinner from 4 to 8 PM on February 11th. This is the major fundraiser for the Chapter for the year and they would appreciate all your support. Children under 5 eat for free.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William T. Peterson	237-5249
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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 (bob.stanek@gmail.com)