

The Spirit of Freemasonry

I am the Spirit of Freemasonry.

Born in the dim and distant past when men groped about for simple companionship; nurtured by leaders of foresight and ambition who possessed an inward vision of a Great World Brotherhood; matured during the golden age of discovery and invention; obscured for a time by the stress of world conflict, but eventually destined to emerge into full splendor in a period when race, religion, creed and politics shall prove no bar to friendship.

In my true form I have never condemned, never prejudiced, never persecuted. Upon my hands are no stains of blood, dishonor or treason.

I have been friend to the oppressed and downtrodden; I have ministered unto the sick and suffering; my protecting hands have been extended to the helpless widow and destitute orphan; in war I have ministered unto the wounded; in peace I have provided homes for the homeless and relief for the stricken.

I have suffered calumny and persecution; I have been condemned by those who have misunderstood me, but have so borne myself as to preserve my dignity and honor.

I have molded the lives of many men. As long as suffering, distress, persecution and injustice remain upon this earth, I shall be needed.

Ray V. Denslow
Born March 6, 1885 in Spickard, Missouri

From the Archives of the Lodge



The second floor of Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department was the home of Kempsville Lodge until September of 1957. Photo courtesy of Martin Grube, Virginia Beach Fire Department Historian.



Right Worshipful Bill Pierce receives the Charter from Willis Vernon Fentress, Sr - Deputy Grand Master.

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From The East



March 2012 will be a very busy month. Starting off, we have the Division Leadership Conference on March 03, 2012 at the Granby Street Temple. It is important that all the Lodge Officers participate with this event. The progressive line officers will be afforded the opportunity to meet with their counterparts within the Division as well as their Grand Lodge Officers.

During the March Stated, the Lodge will honor the Shriners. Therefore, I encourage all Shriners to wear their unit uniforms. The Past Potentate, Wor Don Meyer, will be our guest speaker. He will be also making a presentation to the Lodge.

The District Blood Drive is on March 26, 2012 at our Lodge. The Red Cross needs your donations and I strongly encourage all Brethren who are able to donate, to do so. If you cannot donate, please assist as a volunteer or bring someone who can.

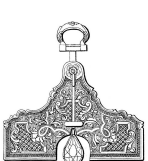
March 27, 2012 is also the first of two Past Masters' Nights. If you are a Past Master, please attend this event. As you know, this event provides the Past Masters an opportunity to sit in the chairs to show us how to run a meeting and/or conduct a degree. It is a fun event for all. Please come out and support them.

I have asked the Building Committee to provide me with plans to renovate the Foyer. I have given them my thoughts and expectations and so far I have heard some excellent ideas. The goal is to have the work completed this spring.

Finally, thank you all for the support you have given me, the Officers, and the Lodge!

Brother Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Twice in the past month, my wife and I have had the good fortune of enjoying two wonderful evenings. On both occasions, we were in the company of friendly, well behaved and well mannered young people. The first evening gave us the opportunity to observe the latest styles of dress and attire featuring about twenty or so beautiful young ladies. Their grace was elegant, their charm was delightful and their confidence was inspiring. The girls of Bethel 42 are to be congratulated for the outstanding evening they afforded all who attended their recent fashion show.

Two weekends later, our young Demolay set a beautiful table and served a delicious spaghetti dinner, complete with refreshing beverages, an exciting salad, and tasty desserts. Their eagerness to please was very evident and very appreciated.

Brethren, next time your calendar has an open date, check to see if our youth have anything planned for your entertainment and enjoyment. You won't be disappointed.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

On This Day...

Masonry teaches and fosters in the man the qualities of self-respect and self-help—the qualities that make a man fit to stand by himself—and yet it must foster in everyone who appreciates it as it should be appreciated the most beautiful and solemn ritual—it must foster in him a genuine feeling for the rights of others and for the feelings of others; and as Masons who help one another help in a way that is free from the curse of help, patronizing and condescension.

Theodore Roosevelt

Brother Theodore Roosevelt received his Fellowcraft degree on March 27, 1901

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

Masonic Birthdays for March

R. Craig Belda '00	Winston E. Marchman '63
Jackson R. Bell, Jr. '09	George W. Messinger '94
Orlando C. Bitanga '98	Robert C. Metz '92
Donald Ray Blair '77	Sidney T. Moore '69
James D. Boone '76	Gary B. Nye '06
William Edwain Combs '80	Charlie L. Pallett, III '87
James F. Dombey '11	William H. Pierce '46
Patrick W. Dunn '05	Michael S. Polychroni '85
Alberto C. Gatmaitan '96	Charles J. Ridgely '09
George M. Harrell, Jr. '70	Donald K. Robinson '93
W. Harry Holland '57	Frederick W. Rudiger '03
Christopher J. Jaeger '58	Michael R. Sheehan '96
William M. Johnson '93	Fredrick A. Steinmiller '01
John Duane Johnstone '64	Thomas R. Sutherland '77
Thomas William Lang '05	Roger W. Taylor '11
Robert L. Lankford '72	Russell J. Tjepkema '10
Lester Randall Lefler '89	Linwood Ray West '91
R. Dale Leonard, Jr. '05	James Arthur Widener '83
Thomas E. Lindner '83	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 880 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

February 25	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
February 27	Ritual School, 7PM
February 29	Lodge Visit to Hall Lodge, NC
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
March 26	District Blood Drive, 3PM-7:30PM
March 27	Spring Past Masters Night, 6PM
March 31	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
April 2	Ritual School, 7PM
April 10	Stated Communication
	Speaker: Brother Hank Foiles, 6PM
April 14	C. Frank Hicks Area Ritual School
	(Districts 36/56), 8AM-12PM
	Lake Drummond Lodge
April 16 ...	James H. Parkerson Area Ritual School
	(Districts 36/56), 6PM
	Kempsville Lodge

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

Youth Corner

The DeMolay Chapter would like to say thank you to all who generously supported the Honest Abe Spaghetti Dinner last month. Master Councilor Elect Seth Parker invites all to attend the installation of officers on March 10th with dinner at 4:30PM, installation at 6PM, and masquerade ball to follow.

Bethel 42 invites you to their meeting honoring Masons and Eastern Star on March 4th at 2PM. Interested parties can attend Pampered Chef demonstration following the meeting. A portion of any sales will go to the Bethel.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray



Jobs Daughters Grand Visitation on February 18th at Grandby Street Temple

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

Current dues collections for 2012 are now at 75% paid; 25% are yet outstanding. If you have remitted your 2012 dues, thank you! If you have not, please do so promptly (dues are \$100.00). The Lodge depends on the dues for day-to-day operations.

If, for some reason, you may be having difficulty paying your dues, please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary. (If we don't know, we can't help.) I will also accept partial payments if needed to assist you; I will send your dues card when paid in full.

Thank you and fraternally, Bob Stanek, Secretary

Passed to the Celestial Lodge

- Gerald Edward Monahan, January 11, 2012
- Ronald Lee Stukey, February 2, 2012

Please keep these Brethren and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

A Foundation of Brotherhood

Brotherhood is the foundation of Freemasonry. This truth is scarcely recognized by the majority of Freemasons. Consider what an ideal world we should have if every person lived strictly in accordance with the tenets of Freemasonry. All quarrels and differences between men and nations would be at once eliminated, there would comfort, peace and plenty everywhere. The enormous cost of armies and navies would be removed, thousands of men now expensive dependents on the governments of the world would become producers and the cost of living reduced to a small fraction of its present figure.

Freemasonry as an organization may not take part in settling differences between classes or nations, but Freemasons as individuals can do much for the world by their personal work and influence. The tenets of Freemasonry (brotherly love, relief and truth) should be illustrated by the lives of each. Their influence should be for right truth, justice and peace. They should feel that all are children of the same Father, all entitled to the same rights, all Brothers, some unfortunate victims of a hurtful environment and many cursed with an ignorance that unfits them for seeing their way to prosperity.

Freemasons should lead humanity in its upward progress. Every man who becomes a Mason should

feel that an enlarged responsibility of duty to the world has been assumed. He may not be able to do any great thing to change the order of society, but his influence will help mold a sentiment in favor of human rights and world peace.

Warren B. Ellis, New England
Craftsman, Feb 1912
The Northern Light

These words are just as true today as they were 100 years ago.

Right Worshipful Tom McGowan
Lodge Education Officer

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in March:

- Edna St John, March 1st
- Catherine Mote, March 4th
- Vivian Estes, March 17th
- Kaye Peters, March 18th
- Carol Wicks, March 24th
- Mary Hawker, March 25th
- Leona Cronmiller, March 27th
- Carol Leswzczynski, March 27th
- Jean Mordica, March 28th
- Sharol Nolan, March 29th

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).

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Senior Warden	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Junior Warden	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	619-7646
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Junior Deacon	R. Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Senior Steward	Chris Anders	635-7617
Chaplain	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Marshal	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Tiler	Robert L. Lankford	499-0115
Instructor of Work	Wor. Adam Green	615-1659
Education Officer	RW Tom McGowan	646-5878
Blood Coordinator	R. Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

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