

Personal Masonic Instruction

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The person who stops studying the day he finishes his formal schooling will never become an educated person, no matter how much knowledge he may acquire while he is going to school. In addition to his personal study, every man needs some source through which he can associate with his neighbors under circumstances that will enable him to exchange thought with them for the sake of mutual understanding and friendship.

It is well to belong to some group which has for its purpose the teaching of men in ways that lead to good character and a life that is worthwhile. The important thing is the teaching of a life of clean manhood, a life worth living for the world and for our fellowmen. A Masonic Lodge is an outstanding organization for that purpose. Freemasonry seeks to improve the individual by achieving self-discipline.

Self-discipline cannot be had for the mere asking, nor can it be acquired quickly. It is the product of carefully established and carefully maintained habits which, in many instances, can be acquired only by many years of painstaking effort.

Education is the way by which we try to prepare ourselves to work with the process of world evolution rather than against it. School training is for the purpose of building a foundation on which

adults may reflect logical thinking. But actual education results only when individuals are induced to guide their thinking in compliance with established moral principles.

We must live our Freemasonry in our daily lives and actions, if we desire to appreciate all that Freemasonry has to offer. The value of the lessons taught in Freemasonry lies entirely in the thoughts and inspirations they stimulate in the minds of those receiving them. It is, therefore, essential for the good of Freemasonry that all Ritualistic and Lodge Work be delivered in such a manner as to be impressive and understanding to all listening.

It is not so much what we say, as it is the tone and manner in which we say it that makes a lasting impression. It naturally follows, therefore, that sincerity of purpose, honesty, and earnestness, must be placed back of all that one says, if we would make a lasting and favorable impression on our Masonic Brethren.

It is only when we speak with the fire of enthusiasm in our hearts that we may impress the candidate and even the veteran member favorably. It is only when we speak from a heart that is bursting with a sincere belief in our message that we can move both the candidate and the member to accept that same message. When we teach, we learn. That is the way in which we all mature in the science and romance of Freemasonry.

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From The East



Brother Hank Foiles will be our guest speaker at our Stated Communication on April 10, 2012. I have requested that Hank speak on the connection between Freemasonry and his experience in playing professional baseball. I'm truly looking forward to hearing what he has to share. Please come out. I think you'll enjoy Hank's presentation.

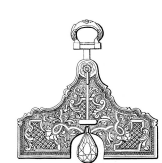
The next time you walk into the dining area, take a look at our new addition to the Past Potentate's display. You will find Worshipful Don Meyer's fez on display. I want to personally thank Worshipful Shawn Garfield for building the new display and Brother Shep McClenny for coordinating the presentation of Worshipful Don Meyer's Potentate's fez.

I have met with the Building Committee and we have finalized the renovation of the foyer. The plan is to install a new door and bring it up to the current safety code. Additionally, we will be removing the old carpet and tiling the floor with the square and compasses. The walls will be sheet rocked and painted, a new drop ceiling and lighting fixture will be installed, and a new bulletin board will be hung. The purpose of the renovation is to brighten up the lodge entrance and make it more appealing. The goal is to have the work completed this month and before the Annual Bull Roast.

There are many good events planned for this year, i.e., Adopt-A-Program, the Virginia Child ID Program at the Strawberry Festival as well as a Tides Baseball Game in June. The DeMolay have scheduled a corn-hole tournament on Saturday, April 21, 2012. I'd like to get a team or two together and challenge them at their own game. Come out, get involved, and have fun with your Brethren.

Brother Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Brethren, at the last two Stated meetings a call was issued for volunteers to help in a community service activity known as the Adopt - A - Spot Program. It is a program that encourages concerned citizens and civic organizations to take a participatory role in keeping the City of Virginia Beach clean and beautiful by picking up litter and debris from a designated street, area or spot.

It was not like a call to the enlist aid against the tyrannical redcoats at Great Bridge or the aggressive yankees at Bull Run Creek or the European oppressors from the previous century, but the response was the same. Twenty-eight names were affixed to a sign-up sheet offering their time and energy in pursuit of a project that will give much visibility and publicity to the Lodge, as well as offering a source a healthful exercise and fun. Thank you all very much !

We are submitting an application to comb the Stratford Chase Neighborhood Park, across from the Providence Square Shopping Center, once every other month, for two years. In exchange for our effort, the city will place a sign recognizing us as an adopt a spot partner.

I am getting my pokin' stick ready.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

On This Day...

On April 6, 1908 Brother Robert Edwin Peary planted an American flag on the North Pole. On April 10, 1936, Winnelumah Lodge No. 287, of Bishop, California, held a meeting in Death Valley, 270 feet below sea level, the lowest point in North America. On April 27, 1901, Brother Theodore Roosevelt received the third degree in Matinecock Lodge, Oyster Bay, New York.

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Masonic Veterans for 2012

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| April | Joseph Henry McCoy, Jr. | 50 Years |
| | Allen Kenneth Chandler | 25 Years |
| May | Joseph Timothy Salt | 50 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 |

Three Generations of “Corts”



Right Worshipful Roger Cort; his son, Greg; and his grandson, Taylor, at Mount Herman Lodge No. 118 in Asheville, North Carolina following Brother Taylor's Master Mason Degree on February 12th.

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 F. B. “Nick” Nickerson – V.A. Hospital

29th Annual Bull Roast

Time and talent is needed once again, Brethren, as we prepare for our 29th Annual Bull Roast! As you all know this event is our biggest fund raiser and takes many Masons working together to make it a success. To that end I am asking for your help. Any Brother who wants to volunteer to assist in this great endeavor please let me know either in person, by e-mail at chrisanders1@gmail.com or call me at 635-7617. If you’ve helped in the past please let me know where. If you haven’t, please let me know where you would like to work. If you have no preference that’s OK we have a job for you! I hope to fill the roster of volunteers as soon

as possible so a prompt reply is greatly appreciated. We have team captains for the BBQ pit, kitchen, dining hall, take-out, dessert, and cleanup. I will pass your names on to the team captains who will reach out to you well in advance of the Bull Roast. Thank you in advance for your help.

Brother Chris Anders, Senior Steward

Masonic Birthdays for April

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| 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 Driscoll '02 | Emmett R. Reynolds '11 |
| Louis Page Dunn '77 | George F. Roberts, Jr. '64 |
| Thomas C. England '11 | 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 Peyton 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 G. Welty '05 |
| Todd C. Moissett '11 | |

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,081 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

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| 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 |
| April 17 | Master Mason Degree, 7PM |
| April 23 | Ritual School, 7PM |
| April 24 | Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM |
| April 28 | Monthly Breakfast, 8AM |
| April 30 | Ritual School, 7PM |
| May 7 | Ritual School, 7PM |
| May 8 | Stated Communication |
| | Armed Forces Night, 6PM |

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

Potentate’s Fez



Worshipful Don Meyer, Past Potentate of Khedive Shrine, returns his Potentate’s Fez to the Lodge for display in the Social Hall.

Youth Corner

Tasha Cook is holding a Fried Chicken Dinner fundraiser to support her travels as Miss Congeniality of Virginia on April 7th from 4-8PM. The cost is \$8. Please contact her or the Guardian, Marta Gray for tickets. Also, May 11th and 12th from 7-9PM the Daughters of Bethel 42 will hold their 4th annual Dinner Theater. This year will be filled with skits, talent and a chance to be a contestant on your favorite game show. Cost is \$10 per ticket, includes dinner, dessert and the show. If you’ve been to their dinner theater before, you know how fun it is. If you haven’t been, COME ON DOWN and check it out. There will also be a dessert auction. The money raised is going to help offset the cost of the bus to Grand Session at Ferrum College this summer.

The DeMolay chapter challenges you to participate in their 1st annual Corn Hole Tournament. The tournament is being held on April 21st from 10AM until it’s over. Concessions will also be available for purchase. Questions, please contact the Master Councilor, Seth Parker.

Thank you for your continued support of both youth orders. The young men and women appreciate everything you do for them.

Fraternally, Brother Justin Gray

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in April:

- Chreyll Farrer - April 2nd
- Patricia Quinton - April 4th
- Judith Naprstk - April 7th
- Sherry Vancampen - April 7th
- Rita Kelberg - April 14th
- Virginia Joiner - April 17th
- Mary Lou Cochran - April 20th
- Paige Mason - April 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).

Demolay Installation



Seth J. Parker (son of Brohter Mike Parker) was recently installed as Master Counselor of Kempsville Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Lodge Officers

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| Worshipful Master | William T. Peterson | 237-5249 |
| Senior Warden | Gerald T. Hallal | 472-1200 |
| Junior Warden | Steve A. Ridgeway | 270-7338 |
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| Secretary | Wor. Bob Stanek | 619-7646 |
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| 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 |
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| Education Officer | RW Tom McGowan | 646-5878 |
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| Youth Advisor | Justin Gray | 338-7218 |

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 20th of each month to Right Worshipful Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (bob.stanek@gmail.com)