

Coming Up
at Kempsville Lodge!

Monthly Lodge Breakfast
August 20th – 8 to 10AM

Annual Lodge Picnic
September 11th – 1PM

Table Lodge
October 29th – 6:30PM
Speaker: Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen

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From The East



I have been thinking about what to write for this month's article and my mind continues to return to this personal message.

Eighteen years ago I became a father. My daughter was born just before sunrise on August 8th. The nurses described her as having a "lusty cry." It was an amazing and tiring day, but that is a different story. My former wife and I prepared the house and obtained supplies for her arrival. We felt we were ready to take on this important task. Since then, I have tried to teach her the various life lessons that she would need. I hope she has heard me and will be able to apply these teachings in her decision making. Truly, I do not know if I have made an impression, but plan to continue to check in with her on my efforts.

This also applies to our lodge and our officers. I have made plans and preparations for this year based on lessons from past masters. I have applied these teachings and have been trying to communicate them to our stationed and junior officers. I am sure they will be prepared to continue to the East.

At our July meeting our lodge was presented a certificate from our District Education Officer for 100% attendance of the elected officers at the Division Leadership Conference. I am honored to accept this certificate on behalf of the lodge and would like to thank our officers for attendance and continued efforts to support our lodge.

The next major event is the One Day Conferral on August 27th at the Granby Street Temple. Currently we have 6 candidates for this class. A friendly reminder, if you signed a petition for one (or more) of these candidates your presence at the event is expected. Also, the members of the Scottish Rite will be preparing breakfast that day for the cost of \$6 dollars.

Please remember to check the Trestleboard for a listing of lodge events. There are still many activities to attend.

Finally Brethren, I feel I must offer an apology for the length of our July Stated meeting. I did not expect our business to engulf as much time as it did. I also promised our speakers this date and previously asked them to postpone their visit. I will be mindful of this in the future. Please accept my apology.

See you at lodge,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



I hope you are all able to take time away from work, school, etc. for a summer vacation. My wife teaches in the Virginia Beach School System and is definitely enjoying her summer vacation. If you are traveling, I wish you safe travels to and from your destination. I think we are all fully aware of the record breaking temperatures across the nation, so look out for yourselves, your family, friends, pets, etc. while traveling or at your vacation site.

My position in Government Service has often taken me out of the area and kept me from visiting other Lodges. However, over the past couple weeks, I've been able to visit a couple Lodges within and outside our District. Last week, I attended Bayside #218 Stated Communication. And I am pleased that I did. Brother Mike Hendricks, Senior Deacon, gave a very informative presentation on Masonry during the Civil War. His presentation focused on specific battles and how the Brethren from both sides provided medical care to each other and in some cases Masonic Rites to their fallen Brethren regardless of the color of uniform they wore. I was very moved by his presentation and I have asked Mike to be one of my guest speakers next year. It would be interesting to know if similar actions occurred during WWII and into our recent conflicts abroad.

Brother Bob Johns wants to get in line, so the Lodge will need a musician next Masonic Year. If you can play or know someone who can play a

piano or any other suitable instrument, please call me or E-mail me. Thank you!

In closing, I want to thank you for the support you have given the Lodge and me this year.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South

The dog days of summer are upon us. Sizzling hot temperatures, high humidity, scorched earth and malfunctioning air conditioners have become a seasonal standard and one from which we beg relief.

How did it come to be that the most intolerable days of the year were named after man’s best friend? History tells us that the ancients, in their observation of the planets and how they move in their orbits, noticed that Sirius, the dog star in the constellation Canis Major rose with the sun from early July to mid August. They further believed that because Sirius, being the brightest star in the sky and the sun, being the closest, acted in ‘kahoots’ with each other to create days of incredible heat.

Even though we sometimes wish we could fast forward the calendar to where cooler days are forecasted, the dog days offer us an opportunity for personal growth, renewing acquaintances and establishing new ones. Most of us are able to find time to put a day or two or a week or two into vacation mode or even a do-nothing mode.

I am going to combine the two. I am looking very forward to attending the Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership at Fork Union in early August to brush-up, learn and re-learn Masonic ritual and degree work and to get instruction and advice that will help me as I continue my journey to the East.

After that I am going to dawg-it-down in the western Virginia mountains visiting with cousin Henry and participating in a two day 18th century encampment which will feature demonstrations and presentations on the history of the Great Road which led settlers through the Blue Ridge into Kentucky.

Enjoy your dog days and be sure to keep the pup’s water bowl full.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

Dues Increase

Brethren, please be informed that in compliance with Article VIII of our By-Laws, by a simple majority affirmative vote of the members present at the July 2011 Stated Communication, Article II of the By-Laws were amended as follows: Every member of this Lodge, except the Treasurer, shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of sixty-two dollars (\$62.00), plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments, as rounded up, annual dues.

This dues increase will be effective January 1, 2012; it is a \$6 annual increase of the Lodge dues.

Be reminded; at the 2010 Grand Annual Communication, Grand Lodge dues and assessments were increased \$10. (A breakdown of our annual dues is: Lodge dues: \$62, plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments: \$38.)

Accordingly, the annual dues of the Lodge, beginning January 1, 2012, will be \$100.

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Masonic Birthdays for August

Robert Leon Akers '66	Jonathan Robert King '00
Allen Victor Alewine '08	Harry W. Lamer, Jr. '08
Joshua Allen Arkin '08	David W. McGowan '05
Ramon L. Baez '08	Grady McGuire '69
Ray Leon Benton '88	Newbury E. Meader, Jr. '99
Terry L. Bledsoe '05	Donald E. Meyer '77
Curtis E. Brannon '65	Michael N. Miller '05
Brian E. Cullen '08	Edward F. Myers, III '08
Homer J. Cullifer '65	Bennell W. Powers '93
Bruce A. Cunningham '08	Wesley E. Powers '99
Dennis A. DiMaggio '10	Thomas P. Reidy '05
John N. Farr '98	Gregory M. Remy '08
R. Scott Foxwell '02	Jeffrey Scott Rohrer '08
Donald McKay Fraser '06	Michael G. Rylko, Jr. '05
Moss S. Friedman '91	Larry D. Santos '93
Shawn P. Garfield '00	L. Brett Scott '10
Noel L. Garo '10	David T. Silvey '04
Raymond E. Hall, III '05	Wesley C. Thompson '06
Brian K. Headley '00	Anthony K. Turner '08
Todd L. Herbst '05	Claude W. Watkins, Jr. '91
Walter Lee Humphries '71	Thomas G. Webber, Jr. '08
Paul Joseph Jusselin '05	William Roy Wood '77
William T. Kemp, Sr. '66	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 611 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

July 30 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
August 8 Ritual School, 7PM
August 9 Stated Communication, 6PM
August 13 Jobies Car Wash at Cavalier Garage 10AM-2PM

August 15 Fellowcraft Examination, 7PM
August 15 Ritual School, 7:30PM
August 16 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
August 20 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
August 22 Ritual School, 7PM
August 23 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
August 27 DeMolay Philly Cheese Steak Lunch 12PM-6PM

August 27 State-Wide One-Day Conferral Norfolk Scottish Rite Temple, 9AM-5PM
September 11 Annual Family Picnic, 1PM

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

October Table Lodge

Kempsville Lodge will host a Table Lodge on October 29th, 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.

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 went to Grand Session in July where they won first, second and third place in Jobie Jeopardy (which has to do with ritual work), earned the Grand Spirit award, Most Miles Traveled, plus many of the daughters competed in individual competitions from music, dance, art, crafts and ritual where they took first, second and third place in everything they entered. Kaitlynn Gray, Nadia Rosbach and Stephanie Dawson

traveled to St. Louis, Missouri where Kaitlynn and Nadia represented Virginia at Supreme Ritual competition. Please note meetings are Thursdays during August at 7:30PM and also September 8th at 6:30PM due to Labor Day.

There will be a car wash August 13th at Cavalier Garage from 10-2 for Jobies and the Moms Club is hosting a Philly Cheese Steak fund raiser for DeMolay August 27th from 12-6PM. Please come support them as they raise money to support the DeMolay.

Blood Drive

Brethren, our next blood drive will be held at Bayside Lodge on September 11th, 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 ,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

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in August:

Dorothy Hudson, August 7th
Samia Salesby, August 26th

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

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
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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
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Articles for the next next Ashlar should be submitted by 6/20/11 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)