

Coming up at Kempsville Lodge!

Junior Warden's Night October 12th

Honor The Veterans and Ladies Night November 9th

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From The East



I have been recently reading *The Freemasons, A History of the Worlds Most Powerful Secret Society* and I pass along this paragraph for your enjoyment.

In 1920, as result of a campaign waged by influential groups, a constitutional amendment was created that prohibited the drinking of alcohol throughout the United States. This would have not suited the English Freemasons when it was said that one of their secrets was the name of the brother who succeeded in drinking the other brothers under the table at their last lodge dinner. But the English drink to the Queen's health and other toasts at dinner in champagne and other wines. The Freemasons in the U.S. happily accepted Prohibition as several lodges had already given up alcohol and joined the campaign that led to the imposition of Prohibition.

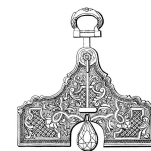
Now, most U.S. lodges drink toasts in wine either during or after dinner. There are regular toasts to country, followed by a pledge of loyalty to the flag, to the president, to their Grand Lodge, to the brothers serving in the armed forces, and to departed brothers.

Now, I was told by my coach and mentor Illustrious Worshipful Morris White that three things were banned from the lodge...politics, religion, and alcohol. I guess the author never traveled to this neck of the woods, or I have not visited enough lodges.

October is Junior Warden's Night, come out and support our Junior Warden who does so much for the lodge. I know he will appreciate your participation.

Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Fall is upon us and so is the Grand Annual Communication. The first week in November is the time appointed for this event. Our officers and members are finalizing plans to attend this grand session. In doing so there are 2 important matters that will be

presented, discussed, and acted on while Grand Lodge is in session. I would like to share these 2 resolutions for your attention so that we may discuss them and provide our feedback to Worshipful Bill Rawson so he may cast his ballot according to our desires.

The first resolution deals with Section 2.135 of the Methodical Digest. A visitor, other than a Grand Officer, or District Deputy Grand Master cannot enter, or remain in any Lodge if any member objects. The intent is to change the wording of this section to clarify the circumstances when it is appropriate to object to sitting in Lodge with a visiting Brother and to provide the necessary discretion to the Worshipful Master.

The second resolution relates to Section 2.19 of the Methodical Digest. Dues of subordinate lodges. This resolution is presented to request an increase in the Grand Lodge assessments to every charterer Lodge. The current assessment is \$28 dollars per member and the increase requested would require every Lodge to remit \$38 dollars per member. The reason for this request has to do in large part with inflation and a decline in income. The Grand Lodge predicts that if there are no increases and the current level is maintained there will be a budget deficit by 2012.

The latter resolution failed last year, in large part due to failure to properly notify the members of this needed action. This is not the case for this year. We, the officers of Kempsville Lodge have discussed this in prior Ashlar articles and have encouraged LIMP for those who are able to invest in our lodge. These resolutions, as drafted, will be read at our next stated communication.

I would like to thank Brother Bill Peterson for making the necessary arrangements for us to attend Grand Annual Communication.

Please consider attending the October Stated for Junior Warden's Night.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Senior Warden

From The South



As many of you know, the weekend of September 18th and 19th was the NAS Oceana Air Show and the following weekend was the Neptune Festival. These events mark the end of summer and ease us into the Fall season. Fall

leads us into two events; the Grand Annual Communication, November 5th and 6th and Family Day at The Masonic Home of Virginia on October 9th. I have reserved five rooms for the Grand Annual Communication. Three rooms are still available. Please contact me if you want to reserve a room. Family Day at the Masonic Home of Virginia reminds us that the month of October is Founder's month. I have requested Right Worshipful Pete Gill to make a presentation at our October Stated related to Founder's Month.

The Holiday Season is also fast approaching. Please keep in mind those who are serving our country ashore and afloat. Also, do not forget those less fortunate than you, who may need a helping hand, a kind word or just a friendly letter or call. Looking forward to seeing you in your the Lodge.

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

From The Secretary

Brethren, with announcement of a possible increase in Grand Lodge Assessments for 2012 (going up \$10), this might be a wise time to seriously consider purchasing your Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP). Sixteen times ten comes out to \$160, so a LMIP purchased now or in 2011 could save you this amount. It's a very worthy investment for you and your Lodge. Think it over, and contact me if you're interested.

Fraternally, Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Brother George Boggs – 461-7939
- Right Worshipful Richard Alfred Davis, Jr. – 497-1227
- Brother William Erekson – 340-4400
- Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Brother Leslie Miller – 420-7560
- Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson – VA Hospital.

Masonic Birthdays for October

Kenneth Robert Allen '96	Michael John Harvey '00
Sherwood Lee Allen '76	Kermit Jordan '83
Eugene M. Ambrose '76	Gary Alvin King '85
Edward Keith Andrews '84	Anson T. Knowles, Sr. '76
Ronnie Wayne Anglin '71	Andrew Louis Levy '99
Robert Hall Barton '90	George H. Lewis, III '70
Joseph Samuel Bloise '03	Robert W. Lewis, Jr. '71
David Wayne Broadway '91	Ian Woodcourt Marks '96
George Ray Bunch Jr. '80	Thomas E. Monahan '96
Richard Donald Cedola '79	Henley A. Morgan, Jr. '87
Melvin Waverly Chaffin '68	Richard L. Naujoks '53
Richard Allen Chrisman '00	Michael J. Orman '82
Thomas A. Collins '93	Marc Fred Povondra '83
Daniel Edwin Connor '85	Quentin E. Reger '08
Thomas Cutchins III '87	David S. Roughton '02
Robert H. DeFord Jr. '54	Larry D. Rummel '95
Mitchel Roy Delong '96	James B. Seymour, Jr. '97
Harold C. Dickerson Jr. '90	Clyde S. Sheely '69
David Eugene Dodson '76	James E. Sheppard, Jr. '03
Thomas F. Doering Sr. '92	Steven V. Sorano '06
George Edward Fausel '82	Robert W. Stanek '77
Fredrick Henrick Feller '67	Thomas N. Thomas '88
Fred P. Ferguson Jr. '03	Timothy Van Fossen '96
Marc Lee Foiles '96	Michael J. Webb '00
David Hughes Foxwell '07	David Allen White '00
Robert H. Foxwell Jr. '59	Terry L. Whitehurst '92
Adam Michael Green '04	Jimmie Wilder '75
Lawrence V. Greene '86	Robert Worthington '04

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,276 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

September 28	Past Masters' Night Dinner 6PM
October 5	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
October 9	Family Day at MAHOVA
October 11	Ritual School, 7PM
October 12	Stated Communication Junior Warden's Night, Dinner 6PM
October 18	Ritual School, 7PM
October 19	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
October 26	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
October 30	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
November 2	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
November 5	Grand Annual Communication, Sheraton West, Richmond, VA
November 9	Stated Communication Honor the Veterans & Ladies Night Dinner 6PM

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

Masonic Veterans for 2010

October	Daniel E. Connor	25 Years
November	Russell L. Houston	25 Years
December	Rubin Kravitz	50 Years

Adopt-A-Classroom

The brethren recently agreed to support the national Adopt-A-Classroom program. This worthy community service program "Helps Communities Help Schools". Adopt-A-Classroom invites the community into the classroom in support of teachers and their students. By adopting a classroom, donors form partnerships with specific classrooms providing financial and moral support. The result is a meaningful contribution to education in which donors experience the impact of their efforts and celebrate in a classroom's success.

We have chosen a 3rd grade class at Parkway Elementary School, their teacher is Mrs. Tiffany Foley. This school is designated a Title I school, at which at least 75% of students come from low-income households, in need of assistance. A small monetary contribution has been made from our Petty Cash Fund (derived from monthly meal donations). We have also donated the school supplies donated by the brethren.

We thank Brother Alex Echols for bringing this idea to the brethren, and thank the brethren for their continued support.

Welcome to Kempsville!

John Michael Thomas: raised September 7th and Gary Alvin King: affiliated September 14th.

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 will host the Grand Visitation for Bethels 11, 37 and 42 on October 23rd at 7PM. Please come out and support them as they host their official visit of the Grand Guardian of Virginia. The young ladies will be exemplifying their floor work and putting on a program for the guests of honor.

Congratulations to Brian Foley, the newly installed Master Councilor of Kempsville Chapter. Thank you to all who attended the Installation of Officers on September 18th. As always, all Masons are invited to join the DeMolay for dinner at 6PM on the 1st Thursday of the month prior to the stated meeting.

Both youth groups hope to see you at Family Day at the Masonic Home of Virginia on October 9th. They will both be marching in the parade.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Indiana Masons Attend the September Stated

Those who attended the September Stated were treated to a fabulous dinner and a visit from 28 brethren and their ladies from Indiana. As we conducted our meeting the ladies received an informative lecture on safety and security from Master Police Officer Dolly Deans of the VBPD. During our meeting Worshipful Jack Reihl approached the East and thanked us for our hospitality and presented the lodge with a beautiful pen set, a hand made plaque, and a silver coin denoting their 150th anniversary. In turn, he was given a Masonic paperweight as a remembrance of their visit. Great things are happening in our lodge, come on out and enjoy the festivities.

Brother Bill Rawson



Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William H. Rawson	467-5913
Senior Warden	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Junior Warden	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	495-7645
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	Wor. Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Junior Deacon	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Senior Steward	Jack Bell, Jr.	831-0318
Chaplain	John R. Preddy, III	495-0771
Marshal	David Bortrager	404-7236
Musician	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Tiler	Bob Lankford	499-0115
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Blood Coordinator	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

Articles for the next next Ashlar should be submitted by 10/20/10 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)