

Coming Up at Kempsville Lodge!

Monthly Lodge Breakfast

October 22nd – 8 to 10AM

Table Lodge

October 29th – 6:30PM

Speaker: Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen

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From The East



October is here! Soon the leaves will begin to change colors and fall from their branches; this is my favorite time of the year. The summer heat will soon leave us to be replaced by crisp days and cool nights. Fall also brings changes to our lodge.

October marks Junior Warden's Night. This is an opportunity for Jerry Hallal to assume the East and manage our business meeting. Please plan to attend and support Jerry. October also marks Founder's Day in honor of those who formed our Grand Lodge. Events for Founder's Day, include but are not limited to: Family Day at the Masonic Home, special programs in the lodge, and lodge open houses. Our LEO will present a short talk on Founder's Day and our District MHOVA representative will present a program on the Masonic Home at our October Stated.

Of course, our Grand Annual Communication is scheduled for November 9th though 12th with the formal opening being on November 11th. If you wish to attend this event please contact any of the stated officers for more information.

A special thank you goes out to everyone that attended our family picnic and especially to those who made the event a success. A special thank you goes to John Preddy for planning, preparing, and organizing the work party. I know he will thank everyone personally who assisted him.

Please welcome our new members, especially those who have reactivated their membership in Freemasonry. My traveling companion in Ohio was excited to hear that we now have an Ohio mason from his home district in our lodge.

Lastly, please review the Trestle board for additional lodge events. Thank you, and have a safe autumn.

See you at lodge,
Brother Michael Johnstone, Worshipful Master

From The West



Fall is the time of the year we turn our thoughts to football. As we know, this sport is a team sport and the team is only as good as its weakest player, as well as the spirit and attitude of the team. They dedicate hours to practice and give their best effort to win each and every game.

In a way, the Lodge is also a team. Our goal is not to score points but to gauge our success by the number of the members attending lodge, participating in the degree work or supporting our community activities. When we see attendance at our Stated Communication drop off, membership decreasing, and the lack of the Brethren supporting community activities, is it because we are using plays from an outdated and worn out play book? Or is it because we are living on our past successes inside our four walls and not seeing how society is changing and not making adjustments accordingly to our play book. It's like a team who runs the same old plays resulting in negative yardage even though the opponent has figured out our playbook.

Our Masonic scoreboard should reflect the number of full seats in our lodge, the number of Brethren attending other lodges, the success of our charitable projects, and most especially, the enthusiasm of the Brethren when we are together. The Officers are like the coaches of the team and must lead from the front. However, the team members must trust the coaches and support them even if they are calling plays from a new playbook.

The Lodge must work together to bring progress and unity to the craft. The Officers are elected by the Lodge to lead, serve and guide the craft to serve the community; "United we stand, divided we fall."

As we approach the Holiday Season, remember those who are in need during this tough economic time. Keep in your hearts and minds, our widows,

those who are living alone and our service men and women protecting our Constitution and our freedoms.

Brother Bill Peterson, Senior Warden

From The South

 The desire to learn and the hope of improving one's self are characteristics and traits that are instinctively shared by all human beings. A little over four years ago, I kneeled at the Alter, hoodwinked and with a cable tow about my neck and was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

I wanted to become part of the best organization and group of men that one could belong to. I took vows that we all have taken, reaffirmed my trust in God, asked for His guidance and my Masonic journey began. I wanted to learn the ritual and the customs and traditions of the Craft. I wanted to learn of and practice the tenets of our institution. I wanted to be there for the Lodge as I knew the Lodge would be there for me. I wanted to contribute and add to the Masonic legacy of extending kindness and brotherly love to all. I wanted to share in the fellowship and become an integral part of the Lodge.

About two weeks ago, while attending and participating in the recent One Day Conferral, I saw this same spirit. I felt this same desire. I witnessed over sixty men with immeasurable energy very eager to better themselves and to help, aid and assist their fellow man. I saw over sixty men that will strive to please and want to learn Masonic tradition and ritual. I saw over sixty men who will be amazed at the amount of learning they will absorb in the months and years to come.

More importantly, I saw six men from our Lodge that I look very forward to calling Brother and sharing my Masonic experience with and to help them make theirs as rewarding as mine has been.

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother Jerry Hallal, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2011

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

Masonic Birthdays for October

Kenneth R. Allen '96	Gary A. King '85
Sherwood Lee Allen '76	Anson T. Knowles, Sr. '76
Eugene M. Ambrose '76	Andrew L. Levy '99
Edward K. Andrews '84	George H. Lewis, III '70
Ronnie Wayne Anglin '71	Robert W. Lewis, Jr. '71
Robert Hall Barton '90	Ian Woodcourt Marks '96
Joseph S. Bloise '03	Thomas E. Monahan '96
David W. Broadway '91	Henley A. Morgan, Jr. '87
George Ray Bunch, Jr. '80	Gregroy C. Muir '10
Richard Donald Cedola '79	Richard L. Naujoks '53
Melvin Waverly Chaffin '68	M. Joseph Orman '82
Richard A. Chrisman '00	Marc F. Povondra '83
Thomas A. Collins '93	Quentin E. Reger '08
Daniel E. Connor '85	D. Scott Roughton '02
Thomas H. Cutchins, III '87	Larry D. Rummel '95
Robert H. DeFord, Jr. '54	James B. Seymour, Jr. '97
Harold C. Dickerson, Jr. '90	Clyde Shannon Sheely '69
David Eugene Dodson '76	James E. Sheppard, Jr. '03
Thomas F. Doering, Sr. '92	Steven V. Sorano '06
George E. Fausel '82	Robert W. Stanek '77
Fredrick Henrick Feller '67	Matthew D. C. Steele '10
Frederick Ferguson, Jr. '03	Thomas N. Thomas '88
Marc L. Foiles '96	Timothy C. Van Fossen '96
David H. Foxwell '07	Michael J. Webb '00
Robert H. Foxwell, Jr. '59	David A. White '00
Adam M. Green '04	Terry L. Whitehurst '92
Lawrence V. Greene '86	Jimmie Wilder '75
Michael J. Harvey '00	Robert J. Worthington '04
Kermit Jordan '83	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,319 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

October 4 Fellowcraft Examination, 7PM
October 10Ritual School, 7PM
October 11Stated Communication
	Junior Warden's Night, 6PM
October 17Ritual School, 7PM
October 22Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
October 24Ritual School, 7PM
October 29Table Lodge, 6PM
November 7 Ritual School, 7PM
November 8 Stated Communication
	Honor The Veterans, 6PM

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

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.

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in September:

- Ronnie Yancy, October 5th
- Katie Lane, October 28th

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

Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome to the following Brethren who participated in the One-Day Conferral on September 17th.

- Gregory Roger Cort (son of RW Roger Cort)
- Cacey Earle DeFord (son of Brother Wayne DeFord)
- Todd Cameron DeFord (son of Brother Wayne DeFord)
- Robert Dale Eberle
- Duane Jason McCloud
- Raymond Scott Nester

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 wants to remind you of their meeting Honoring Masons and Eastern Star on October 2nd at 2 o'clock. There will be a taco bar before the meeting at noon to honor the presiding officers of other Masonic Family Orders, so please come out to this as well. It's October and it's time for HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment). Every year the Daughters from around Virginia gather together and hike the boardwalk to raise money for hearing aids for children. Bethel 42 is currently collecting donations for this wonderful cause. You can give your donation to a member or drop it in our mailbox downstairs. Remember, every donation is a tax deductible and goes to a wonderful cause. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you soon.

Kempsville DeMolay would like to congratulate their newly installed officers Nick Doubikin, Master Councilor, Seth Parker, Senior Councilor and Jeremy Hall, Junior Councilor. They would

also like to thank everyone for coming out to their installation, it is really appreciated. They have a great term planned and would love for you to come out. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7PM (and if you come at 6PM on the 1st Thursday, you can enjoy dinner provided by the Mom's Club.). Hope to see you there.

Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Blood Drive

Brethren, thank you for the participation in our last blood drive. The next will be November 28th. I know it sounds repetitive, but the need always exist, and only a very small percent of our population donates. It's refreshing to see Masons step up and do our part to make our community a better place. As usual, actions speak much louder than words.

Fraternally, Brother John Preddy

Be reminded, the annual Lodge dues will be \$100.00 effective January 1, 2012. The By-Laws were amended at the July 2011 Stated Communication concerning this (breakdown: \$62.00 Lodge dues; \$38.00 Grand Lodge assessments and fees). Also know that a Life Membership will cost \$256.00 more in January than now (16 times the annual dues). Having a Life Membership precludes ever having to pay dues increases in the future, and benefits the Lodge forever. Contact the Secretary if you may be interested in LMIP.

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
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
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
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

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)