

Food, Fun, and Fellowship at Kempsville Lodge!

Lodge Family Picnic
September 12th – 1 to 4 PM

Lodge Breakfast
September 25th – 8 to 10 AM

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From The East



Doctor Brother Norman Vincent Peale was born in Bowersville Ohio on May 31, 1898. Brother Peale grew up helping support his family by delivering newspapers, working in a grocery store, selling pots and pans door to door, and later became one of the most influential clergymen in the world during the 20th century. He was educated in Ohio and Boston prior to entering the ministry and went on to author some 40 books. He became Pastor of Marble Collegiate Church in New York City (1932-1984) where he gained fame for his sermons on a positive approach to modern life. The church had 600 members when he arrived as Pastor, and over 5,000 when he retired in 1984.

Of the many books Brother Peale authored, the most famous is "The Power of Positive Thinking." A book that helps YOU deal with the trials and tribulations of daily life. A chapter of particular interest is "You Don't Have To Kick Over The Hive To Get The Honey." A philosophy I have tried to inculcate in my life as well as my children's, and now my grandchildren's lives.

In a nutshell it is the Biblical equivalent of "Love thy neighbor as thyself", or Masonically "...do good unto all..." of the Master Masons charge. These teachings, although thousands of years old, hold as true today as when they were first carved in stone. I highly recommend Dr. Brother Norman Vincent Peale's writings to all who maybe looking for a check-up from the neck-up.

A quick reminder Brethren, we will have 25 Brothers and their ladies visiting our Lodge from Indiana for our September stated. I ask all possible to attend, and lets show these Brethren a warm Virginia Masonic welcome.

Brother Bill Rawson, Worshipful Master

From The West



The Senior Warden Degree Team has completed its first work night together and it was a great night. I would like to thank those who attended for your support. I think it was good practice for the district

school. We were able to pass two candidates to the Second Degree of Masonry; one candidate each from Lynnhaven and Kempsville Lodge. Reflecting on the degree work, I always found that my nerves get the better of me. I worry about saying a wrong word or simply doing something else wrong. I know this is from past experiences of wanting to do my best and feeling that I have something to prove to others. This takes me away from being in the moment and simply enjoying whatever it is I am doing. I think we, being humans, tend to look or listen for what is wrong rather than what is right. I know I am guilty of this at times and do make every effort possible to promote the positive aspects.

With this in mind, I would like to say thank you to everyone for their support of our lodge this year. We have had great attendance for work nights, stated meetings, and breakfasts; with more of each upcoming and I expect even better attendance at these events. Thank you again.

For a final thought, I am still seeking assistance for next year for any number of things. Please contact me if you have an interest and for details. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve our lodge next year.

Brother Michael Johnstone, Senior Warden

From The South



The closing days of summer are fast approaching. I, like most of you, are looking forward to cooler and less humid days as fall approaches. Many of us who are parents have already participated in the tax free weekend to purchase school supplies for the upcoming school year. My wife and I, took our older daughter back to Longwood University for her Senior Year on August 21st. I am mentioning this to remind you that Brother Alex Echols has started a program to collect school supplies. If you happen to be out purchasing school supplies or just out shopping and notice a display, pick up an extra notebook or folder; perhaps a box of pencils. Whatever you are able to pick up will help tremendously. Thank you.

Here's a related question from Course Four of the

Lodge Leadership Course. "In planning to give a Community Builders Award, one possible way is to determine what organizations your Lodge wants to consider, such as hospitals, law enforcement, schools, government, and Private enterprise. True or False? The answer can be found in Planning Your Year Manual. This manual can be found on the Grand Lodge Website.

If you have not been to lodge a in while, I encourage you to visit on a Tuesday night to see your Brethren conduct Ritual Work. We still have nearly thirty Brethren or those waiting to be Initiated. We will be busy for some time. Looking forward to seeing in the Lodge.

Brother Bill Peterson, Junior Warden

Masonic Home Visit



Over 40 Brethren, friends, and family travel to the Masonic Home of Virginia to celebrate Right Worshipful Bill Pierce's 90th birthday.

From The Secretary

A note to all, but especially to our 50-year (plus) and "LMIP" members...

Fifty-year (plus) and Life Member in Perpetuity (LMIP) members do not receive annual dues notices. Because of this, I do not communicate with them annually (regarding Lodge dues), or have routine contact unless, for example, there may be a Masonic Veteran's ceremony due. At the least though, everyone is receiving this monthly newsletter ("The Ashlar"), and I hope you find it informative. Last year, we began mailing "The Ashlar" to all members monthly; we have had very positive feedback since doing so. "The Ashlar" should keep everyone up to date with Lodge activities; most importantly, of how to contact your Lodge officers.

Please know that your Lodge cares very much of concerns regarding any member's health, or any other important matter we may be of assistance to you. If we do not know, we cannot be of

assistance, as our Masonic work teaches. In addition, I ask you to let your family members know to contact the Lodge if you are not able to. Sadly, it has occurred that a member has been in need. If we do not know, then we cannot help. You may contact me any time you may need to; I will gladly forward any information to our Worshipful Master and other Lodge officers.

To everyone: We do all need to stay in touch! Please remember to keep me updated of your personal-contact information, especially changes of your current address or telephone number.

Fraternally, Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Welcome to Kempsville!

- Brother Dennis A. DiMaggio, raised August 3rd
- Brother Larry Brett Scott, raised August 17th
- Brother Noel Lee Garo, raised August 24th

Masonic Birthdays for September

Christopher K. Adkins '99	Larry Register Hale '03
Robert Bruce Baker '00	Douglas A. Hutchison '02
Christopher M. Bardin '07	John R. Lassiter '61
Patrick Francis Barnes '95	Shep McClenny '92
James Michael Beighley '00	Jesse Luther Monroe '89
David Borntrager '87	Archie R. Nobles '64
Harold R. Brenneman '49	Edward H. Perry Jr. '75
Fred Allen Brewer '68	Chris Shackelford '06
Richard Alfred Davis III '75	John Paul Tewalt III '92
William Clyde Earl '80	Richard W Walker, II '93
Robert John Eisenberg '88	Mark Robert Wegesin '05
Charles M. Forbes '86	Christopher C. Widen '96
Claude Quay Fulcher '82	Glenn R. Wintemberg '76
James Giles Gordon '76	Matthew H. Zardeskas '09

The Brethren shown above have a total of 625 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

September 7	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
September 12	Lodge Family Picnic, 1PM
September 14	Stated Communication
	9/11 Remembrance, Dinner 6PM
September 25	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
September 27	District Blood Drive
	Bayside Lodge, 3-7:30PM
October 9	Family Day, MAHOVA
October 12	Stated Communication
	Junior Warden's Night, Dinner 6PM

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

Is It Time To Rest?

Not long ago, I was talking with several members of the fraternity in one of our Lodges. They were recounting their years of service to our fraternity. I know how hard these men have worked. They have done a fine job. Finally, one of them said, "I think it is time to let someone else take over. I'd like to

have a little rest."

We all understand the feelings of our Brother. After putting in time and effort over the years, it seems only right to take it easy for awhile.

Unfortunately, that is one of the problems with the world today. Too many of us have come to the conclusion that other people should do what needs to be done.

As human beings, we are built in such a way that there is no stopping-point for any of us. We fulfill our destiny by always pressing forward. When we reach the top of one mountain, we discover there are higher peaks to climb.

"Sad is the day for any man when he becomes absolutely satisfied with the life he is living; when there ceases to be a desire to do something larger, which he feels and knows he was meant and intended to do."

These penetrating words by the Reverend Dr. Phillips Brooks express the meaning and message of Freemasonry. The desire to improve oneself and to make our communities better places to live comes from our great Masonic heritage

Being a Mason means we can never be satisfied with where we are at the present moment. You and I, as Masons, have made a lifelong commitment to the improvement of ourselves and the world.

I am writing these words to ask those of you who can to commit yourselves to coaching. We are fortunate to have many candidates but very few coaches who are getting tired of being overburdened. Please, if you can, come out to the lodge and help our lodge grow.

Fraternally, Right Worshipful Tom McGowan
Lodge Instructor of Work

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
- Worshipful Elwood Grant – Brighton Gardens, Virginia Beach.
- Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778
- Brother Leslie Miller – 420-7560
- Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson – VA Hospital.

Family Picnic

This year Bayside Lodge #218 will be joining us for a combined Lodge picnic. This is a family event for all Brethren of the two lodges, their families and guests.

There will be plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot and sweet Italian sausage, bratwurst, baked beans, potato salad, chips, ice cream, sodas and all the fixings. Entertainment will be provided by the Khedive Hillbilly Band. There will be activities available for the youngsters, as well as those that are young at heart. In the event of inclement weather the festivities will be moved inside Kempsville Lodge.

Over the past several months Bayside #218 and Kempsville #196 have joined together to accomplish great things in the area of ritual work and bringing new members into our wonderful fraternity. This is an excellent opportunity for the two lodges to expand that partnership by sharing some quality time together with family and friends, to renew old friendships, and establish new ones. Please honor us with your presence.

Remember my Brothers, "What lies behind us and lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Steve Ridgeway, Senior Deacon

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 would like to show how much they appreciate the Master Masons that give them their heritage. Please come to the meeting on October 3rd at 2PM and be recognized. Congratulations to Marta Gray who was installed as the Bethel Guardian. Please direct any Jobie related questions to her and thank Susan Roenker for her hard work as the Guardian this past year.

Kempsville DeMolay Chapter invites you to the installation of officers for the upcoming term on the 18th of September at 5PM.

Brother Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

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 8/20/10 to RW Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (rstanek1@cox.net)