



The Ashlar



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From The East



By this time of the year, most of us are looking forward to cooler and less humid days as fall approaches. Many parents are also looking forward to their children heading back to school.

My wife and I will be taking our younger daughter back to Longwood University for her Sophomore Year. Soon, we parents and/or grandparents will be facing that mad rush to shop for new clothes for the school year and that most important school supply list. I am mentioning this to remind you that I would like our Lodge 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. I believe we also have a small container to collect cash donations for the Lodge to purchase school supplies. Thank you.

If all works out, during dinner before the Stated Communication, the Lodge will be presenting two Community Builders Awards to two teachers for their efforts in organizing and participating in the Virginia Beach, Girls on the Run Program. This program focuses to fight childhood obesity and also promote a positive image that the girls have of themselves.

I want to thank all of you who have come out to support your Lodge at the Stated Communications, during degree work, the youth groups and the monthly breakfast. Your attendance during degree work makes a lasting impression on the candidate as he progresses through the degrees. I encourage you to visit on a Tuesday night to see your Brethren conduct Ritual Work. Finally, I am having an excellent year. This would not be possible without your support-many thanks to you all. Looking forward to seeing you in the Lodge

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



The average American consumes fifty-three pounds of bread each year. It can be in the form of white bread, wheat bread, pumpernickel or rye. It takes nine seconds for a combine to harvest enough wheat to make about seventy loaves. One bushel of wheat will produce seventy-three one pound loaves and a family of four could live ten years off the bread produced on one acre of wheat.

Bread is closely tied to religious expression and communion. Hot cross buns are used to commemorate Lent and Good Friday and Jewish families celebrate the coming of the Sabbath on Friday evenings with challah, which is a light, airy yeast bread made of six long strands of dough which are braided together to form a loaf.

It is said that the ancient Egyptian rulers regulated it from production to distribution as a means of controlling their population. In France the shortage of bread was one of the reasons in triggering the eruption of the French Revolution

Bread can be eaten with beef, chicken, pork, eggs or baloney. My favorite compliment for bread is peanut butter and jelly. We have French bread, Italian bread and Russian bread. Breaking bread is the universal sign of peace and every language and culture in the world has a word for bread.

At Kempsville Lodge, we have an opportunity to break and share bread on at least twenty occasions each year. Our Stated dinners and our monthly breakfasts offer a great time to share conversation and fellowship with family, friends and Brothers. The food is always great and you don't have to do the dishes.

Looking forward to serving you soon.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

From The South



In a conversation with a couple of Past District Deputy Grand Masters (PDDGM's) recently, the expression, "Is the glass half full or half empty?" found its way into the discussion.

According to Wikipedia, this is a common expression used rhetorically to indicate that a particular situation could be a cause for optimism (half full) or pessimism (half empty); or as a simple litmus test to simply determine an individual's point-of-view. One of the PDDGM's indicated that you could also be a realist and consider the glass to be completely full (half water and half air). This discussion resurfaced in my thoughts at a recent Stated Communication. The Lodge room seemed to be "half full" or "half empty" depending on whether you took an optimistic or a pessimistic view of Lodge attendance. I choose to be a realist and always look at the Lodge as being completely full; those chairs that appear to be empty, being symbolically occupied by the memories of those members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above. Don't let this, however, discourage you from attending our meetings. We can always bring in more chairs, if necessary.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Junior Warden

Masonic Birthdays for September

Christopher K. Adkins '99	Larry R. Hale '03
Christopher M. Bardin '07	Douglas A. Hutchison '02
Patrick F. Barnes '95	John R. Lassiter '61
James M. Beighley '00	Shepherd W. McClenny '92
David Borntreger '87	Duane J. McCloud '11
Harold R. Brenneman '49	Jesse L. Monroe '89
Fred A. Brewer '68	R. Scott Nester '11
Gregory R. Cort '11	Archie R. Nobles '64
Richard A. Davis, III '75	Edward H. Perry, Jr. '75
Cacey E. DeFord '11	Christopher Shackelford '06
Todd C. DeFord '11	John Paul Tewart, III '92
William C. Earl '80	John M. Thomas '10
Robert D. Eberle '11	Richard W. Walker, II '93
Robert John Eisenberg '88	Mark R. Wegesin '05
Charles M. Forbes '86	Christopher C. Widen '96
Claude Q. Fulcher '82	Glenn R. Wintemberg '76
James Giles Gordon '76	Matthew H. Zardeskas '09

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
 Worshipful Jim Gardner and Nancy - 4992816

If you read the Ashlar on-line, and don't need a "hard-copy" in the mail, please e-mail the Secretary for removal from the "snail-mail" list. We will notify all who register when the Ashlar is ready to read on-line, and we might save a little postage money. Every little bit helps! Thanks!

Masonic Veterans for 2012

September	David Borntreger	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

Trestleboard

September 11 Stated Communication
 9/11 Remembrance, 6PM
 September 15 Annual Family Picnic, 1PM
 September 24 District Blood Drive
 3PM-7:30PM, Bayside Lodge No. 218
 September 25 Fall Past Masters Night, 6PM
 September 29 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
 October 9 Stated Communication
 Junior Warden's Night, 6PM
 October 27 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

Lodge Adopts Stratford Chase Park



Youth Corner

Kempsville DeMolay Chapter attended the annual Conclave at Radford in August. The Chapter competed in volleyball, billiards, basketball and softball. Please congratulate the boys on winning their first competitive sports event in the past six years defeating Herndon Chapter 22-3. The Chapter will also be representing Virginia at the Mid Atlantic Tournament of Champions in Utica, New York September 7-9 competing in the chapter proficiency category. Good Luck Gentlemen!

Bethel 42 had a great trip to Supreme Session in Baltimore in August, meeting Jobies from all over the world. Please support the Daughters as they collect food for the Hampton Roads Food Bank through September 16. Contact any Jobie to make a donation or drop something by prior to the meeting on the 16th. Please note that the September 2nd meeting has been moved to September 29th at Granby Street Masonic Temple for a Grand Visitation with Bethels 3, 37 and 46. Please join them at 7 pm as they honor the Grand Guardian, Mom Carlotta Contata and Associate Grand Guardian, Dad Paul Shuey. HIKE weekend is coming up in October and the Daughters are also raising funds for the HIKE charity providing hearing aids to children. Please support this wonderful cause.

Brother Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Armed Forces Night



Active and retired Brethren don their uniforms and attend the July 31st Initiation of Brother Joe Leivre.

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in September:

Vee McPherson, 9th	Judith Moyers, 20th
Linda Ferris, 14th	Sheryl Stanworth, 23rd
Dorothy Ereckson, 19th	Linda Moore, 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).

Call for Old Photos

We're considering a new section for the "Ashlar" called, "Back in the Day" (when and if we have room). We would like to include an old photograph of a member as a younger man, taken about the age he became a Mason. If you have an old photograph of yourself, and can scan it for digital use, forward it to the Secretary by e-mail. If you don't have a scanner, the Secretary can do that for you, but you must provide the photo (which will be returned). These pictures can depict you during work or pleasure; group or individual photos work. This project may be a fun and interesting addition for our monthly Ashlar. We may also make it a part of the Lodge web site.

Visiting the Secretary Emeritus



Brother Hank Foiles, Worshipfuls Bob Stanek and Joe Thornton, and Right Worshipful Tom McGowan take a trip to the Masonic Home to visit Right Worshipful Bill Pierce on his 92nd birthday.

Passed to the Celestial Lodge

On August 7, 2012 Brother Joseph E. Smith passed to the Celestial Lodge. Brother Joe was our Lodge's oldest living member and quite likely the oldest Mason in the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Brother Joe was visited by our Grand Master back in January as he celebrated his 108th birthday and more recently received his 60 Year Masonic Veteran's Award from

our Worshipful Master and District Deputy Grand Master. Please keep Brother Joe and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

What's Wrong with Masonry?

Nothing is wrong in Masonry. It's what's wrong with Masons.

There are many things that are part of the decline in attendance and enthusiasm of Masons for their tenets and the building of better men and making better men out of good men. They have lost sight of their goals that were theirs when they first became Master Masons.

They have accepted the negative philosophy that the end of Masonry, as we know it, is inevitable. It is very easy to do this. It is the path of least resistance. Stay home and watch television. You think that your presence is of no value in the Lodge room. You won't be missed.

Brother, how wrong can you be? Did you not enjoy the fellowship that the Lodge and members offer? Have you forgotten how nice it is to have a friend on the sidelines when you were raised? Did you not have goals of becoming a better man through the teachings of Masonry and making a better world for our sons and daughters?

Have you forgotten your Oaths and Obligations to yourselves and your Brother Masons?

Our ancient Brethren used their craft to build, not to let things deteriorate. Use our craft to build our own character, as a man of distinction, integrity and as a man who serves his fellow man.

How do we do this? First, we change our attitude. It won't be easy, but we can if we try. Second, we can set realistic goals. Third, we must proselytize Masonry to our friends and acquaintances to let them know we are here and proud to be Masons, that our craft is respected and recognized throughout the world.

It is not only our goal, but it is our duty to serve not only our fellow man, but also to serve our Great Creator. What better way can we do this than by attending Lodge meetings to share our tenets of Brotherly Love, Friendship and Charity.

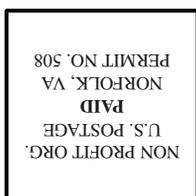
Warren F. Lee, The New Hampshire Freemason,
Fall/Winter 1998-99
"From the Northern Light"

Submitted by Tom McGowan, LEO

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Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 20th of each month to
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