



# The Ashlar



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## From The East



First, I want to thank Bethel 42 for their assistance with our annual Lodge cleaning on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Lodge Room, upstairs hall way and the OES/Jobie storage room smells fresh with the scent of pine oil and a year's worth of dust has been removed. I also want to thank the Kempsville DeMolay Chapter, Right Worshipful Bill Knowles, and Brothers Jerry Hallal and Larry Straight for cleaning out the storage area under the fire escape. From the amount of dirt and debris we disposed of, it appeared the storage area had not been cleaned out in a least a decade.

The Grand Annual Communication is November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. This is Tuesday/Wednesday rather than the usual Friday/Saturday. We currently have three rooms reserved for Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have not already contacted me and let me know your lodging arrangements, please do so as soon as possible. There are nine resolutions this year, one dealing with increasing the Grand Lodge assessment by \$7 to cover the ever increasing cost of running the Masonic Home of Virginia, one dealing with the reading of the minutes of a Stated Communication, one dealing with the notification of a pending suspension of a member due to non-payment of dues and the remainder are associated with the requirement of a background investigation of a person petitioning a lodge for membership.

November 6<sup>th</sup> is Election Day, so please exercise your right to vote. No other nation permits its citizens the freedom to peacefully exercise their right to cast their ballot for the person of their choice without fear of reprisal or a peaceful transition of power from one elected official to the next.

November is also the month we honor Veterans since November 12<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. Our scheduled guest speaker is Brother Jim Boone. Those who have heard Brother Jim Boone speak, know that he always has an outstanding program. If you are a Veteran, please come out Tuesday,

November 13<sup>th</sup> so we may recognize your service to this great nation.

Finally, 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, our men and women serving our country abroad, and those we may have lost contact with. Hope to see you in your Lodge soon.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

## From The West



November is a month to give thanks. Thanks for the many things that God has given us. When I give thanks, I recount and remind myself of the many blessings of life and those with whom I have had the opportunity to share them with.

First of all, I thank God for my family, and yours, and for all the fun times, special times and trying times that we would not trade for anything in the world. I give thanks to America and to all those who have sacrificed to save and defend her.

I give thanks for today and for all that will be contained within it. The gentle kiss good-bye, the friendly voice on the other end of the line wishing you a good day, the warm gentle breeze as I go out the front door, the refreshing fragrance ascending from the flower bed, and the singing of the birds as they cling to the telephone wires proclaiming their presence.

I give thanks for the abundance of the earth and for all that I am given the privilege to consume. I give thanks for our radiating sun, clean water and our bountiful fields. I give thanks to those who toil in them, providing the necessities needed to sustain us.

I give thanks to those whose hard work, ingenuity and innovation have given us technological

superiority and the ease, opportunity, challenge and responsibility that accompanies it.

Lastly, I thank God for you and our Masonic family for all the help, guidance, inspiration, encouragement, enthusiasm, instruction and direction you have shared with me, and us to each other.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

## From The South



In today's technologically advanced environment it seems that we are more and more dependent upon our cell phones. Most meetings now start with the admonishment that all cell phones be turned off or placed on vibrate. Even with this admonition, it is not uncommon to see people texting, playing games, or surfing the internet during discussions of matters of great importance. Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go...hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because God already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities?"

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Junior Warden

## Masonic Veterans for 2012

November	Donald Eugene Howard	25 Years
	Raymond Russell Rowley	50 Years
December	David Howard Weast	25 Years

## Masonic Birthdays for November

Warren L. Aleck '66	Ronald S. Jacobson '03
Charles E. Austin '93	Philip R. Jennings '94
Albert L. Bonney, Jr. '63	Michael D. Johnstone '05
Joe E. Brown '64	Burton H. Jones '64
Gordon C. Burton '71	Jerry W. Ledbetter '83
Dario Joseph Canclini '75	John L. Long '01
Herbert L. Carter '66	Charles J. Lund '86
William K. Cole '89	Andrew C. Mahrenholz '07
Roger Cort '65	Donald L. McBride '54
Harry L. Cummings '71	Richard D. McCollum '95
Richard D. Diffie '82	Meade E. McCubbin '57
Lewis Alton Dodson '77	Charles C. Mills, Jr. '79
David M. Dutcher '86	Dorman K. Miner '79
Michael C. Elliott '65	River D. Morris '11
C. Raeford Eure '59	Robert J. Oliver '08
Clarence G. Felts '69	Edward Franklin Parton '05
Michael P. Fitzgerald '92	Paul W. Pennybacker '68
Rolfe Martin Fleming '72	James S. Perry '79
Douglas R. Fortier '10	William H. Rawson '04
Franklin M. Gamage '59	William Lewis Rice '83
Steven M. Gilbert '83	Steve A. Ridgeway '77
Timothy D. Givan '93	Raymond R. Rowley '62
Justin Lee Glasgow '78	Joseph S. Salih '63
Cecil Anthony Goodwin '71	Henry Sargent '69
Justin M. Gray '06	Jerry Silla '99
Arthur J. Guarino, Jr. '92	Cecil C. Smithson '98
Raymond E. Hall, Jr. '76	Stephen E. Spratt '09
James T. Hare, Jr. '73	William J. Swanner, III '74
William T. Haste '61	Charlie B. Taylor, Jr. '81
Donald O. Hawkins, Jr. '97	Robert R. Teller '88
Russell Lee Houston '85	Prentice G. Tuck, Jr. '98
Donald E. Howard '87	Ralph W. Ward '76
Willie L. Hudson, Jr. '61	Ronald H. Whitehead '67

## Thoughts and Prayers

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

Brother George Boggs – 461-7939  
Worshipful Ray Connard – 499-7511  
Brother Fred Feller – 422-3219  
Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778  
Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson – V.A. Hospital  
Brother Joe Salih – 497-8345

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## From the Secretary's Desk...

Brethren, dues notices for Masonic year 2013 have been mailed; they are payable January 1, 2013. (Please remember, your 2012 dues card expires December 31, 2012.) Thank you in advance for your prompt attention and return payment. Your Lodge depends on dues income for routine operational expenses. (Annual dues remain at \$100 for 2013.)

Fraternally, Bob Stanek, Secretary

## Trestleboard

November 6-7 ..... Grand Annual Communication  
November 13 ..... Stated Communication  
Honor the Veterans, 6PM  
November 19 .... District Blood Drive, 3PM-7:30PM  
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220  
November 20 ..... Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM  
November 27 ..... Master Mason Degree, 7PM  
December 4 ..... Annual Stated  
Willis V. Fentress No. 296, 6:00PM  
December 5 ..... Annual Stated  
Princess Anne No 25, 6PM  
December 6 ..... Annual Stated  
Bayside No. 218, 6:30PM  
**December 11 ... Annual Stated Communication  
Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM**  
December 12 ..... Annual Stated  
Virginia Beach No. 274, 6:30PM  
December 13 ..... Annual Stated  
Lynnhaven No. 220, 6PM  
December 15 .... Open Installation of Officers, 2PM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at  
[www.kempsvillelodge.org](http://www.kempsvillelodge.org).

## Youth Corner

The Jobies of Bethel 42 continue to be busy. On Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, not only did they help clean the lodge, but they performed the Closing Cross for the Eastern Star's Grand visitation and helped serve for the Shrine.

Please come out and support the girls at a Baked Ziti Dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 7:30 PM. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids under 10.

They would love to see everyone.

Brother Rob Worthington, Youth Advisor

## What Will Matter?

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear. So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage, or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter are not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and what for.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstances but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

From "The Fishwrapper," Meyerstown, PA.  
Submitted by Tom McGowan, LEO

## To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in November:

Ruth Simpkins – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Irma Porter – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Merlene Ballance – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Margaret Bush – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Ann Monahan – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Dorothy Hinckle – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mary Bullock – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Barbara McGregor – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Iris Midgett – 25<sup>th</sup>

A special "Thank You" to Mrs. Elizabeth "Boots" McBride for donating the flowers for the foyer. They are greatly appreciated!

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).

### On This Day...

I think there are some wrong impressions about the Masonic Order. I happen to come in contact with some of them in my official work. I know nothing about it, in a single note I ever heard sounded, that is not in consonance with the best thought and the best aspiration, and the highest conception of American justice I have ever known from any quarter. I know I am a better citizen for being a better Mason. Sometimes—and there are moments of anxiety when one wonders what the morrow will bring forth—but I can say it publicly—I find myself heartened, my courage strengthened, and my hopes refreshed, because I know there is in

this great Fraternity which is ever ready to give its all for the maintenance of law and order and of our government.

Warren G. Harding  
President and Brother Harding was born on  
November 2, 1865.

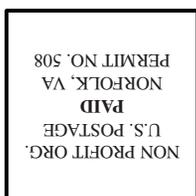
To me the ceremonies of Freemasonry in this State of ours, especially these later ones that I have taken part in, make me wish that more Americans, in every part of the land, could become connected with our Fraternity.

Spoken by President Roosevelt on  
November 7, 1935 before Architect  
Lodge No. 519 in New York.

### Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Senior Warden	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Junior Warden	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
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Senior Steward	Chris Anders	635-7617
Chaplain	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Marshal	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Tiler	Robert L. Lankford	499-0115
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MAHOVA Ambassador	Wor. Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	R. Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Youth Advisor	Rob Worthington	464-2398

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to  
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