



# The Ashlar



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## From The East



As the sun rises on the dawn of another year at Kempsville Lodge, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have walked with me the past five years. We have come a long way and traveled many miles together and our Journey is only beginning. I know not where the road will ultimately take us, but I look very forward to your support and sharing the ride with you.

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend my installation. I know it is an extremely busy time of year and I appreciate everyone who gave up something else to support me. I want to especially thank the Kempsville Chapter of the Eastern Star. The help, aid and assistance they gave went beyond the call and, to them, I am most grateful.

I want to thank the wives of my officers for allowing me to take precious minutes and hours that their husbands would otherwise be spending with them and their families. I want to promote what I will refer to as the Kempsville experience, whereby all Brothers and their families will get to know each other, just a little bit better and see each other a little bit more often.

The first opportunity to enjoy the Kempsville experience will be on the last Saturday of the month when we resume our monthly breakfast. Also, our February Stated will also be Ladies and Sweethearts night. All ladies are invited to dine with us and stay for a program that will follow dinner. The first opportunity the Brethren will have to get together will be at our January Stated. It will be RW Don Meyer's official visit as DDGM and I would love to see the house packed

The year will certainly be not without challenges for the Lodge. I look forward to them. Every challenge presents an opportunity for us to better ourselves and grow stronger. I will be asking for your time and talents to right anything that is contrary to attaining excellence for our Lodge.

Idea will be many and opinions will vary and these are healthy ingredients in the recipe that will result in a better lodge.

My goal for the year is to increase attendance and participation. My theme for the year is "Be the One". To this end, I will be calling on you frequently and often to ask you to "Be the One" to work in the quarries of masonry, attend school, learn a new part, enable others, and be a part of what will make Kempsville great.

I look forward to your positive response and an outstanding year for the Lodge.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

## From The West



A new Worshipful Master in a small town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first Lodge meeting. The following Thursday the Lodge was all but empty. Accordingly, the Worshipful Master placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the Lodge was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Masonic burial. The funeral would be held the following Monday afternoon, the notice said.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the Altar, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Chaplain delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited the Brethren to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead Lodge. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead Lodge," all the Brethren eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

Remember the obligation we all took. Attend and support your Lodge.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

## From The South



Brethren, as usual, every January, our Lodge will see new faces in old places. This is a good thing. Good, sincere, and new ideas keep us fresh and strong. Our Lodge traditionally has had a strong reputation of Masonic character and work. The new line for 2013 only hopes to make our good Lodge an even better Lodge. I encourage every member, in any degree, to participate whenever they get a chance. Many times small, insignificant acts have significant results. Make this coming year a success with your participation...it can only get better.

John Preddy, Junior Warden

## Masonic Birthdays for January

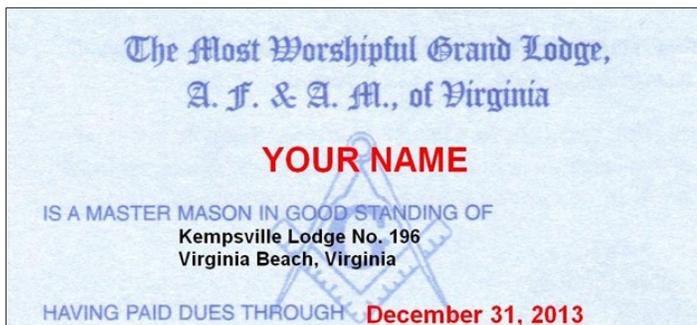
Onrubio L. Florendo, Jr. '10	Matthew David Pilgrim '11
Henry Lee Foiles, Jr. '59	John Royal Preddy, III '07
Fleatwood M. Frias, Jr. '57	Bill Rensko '96
Luician A. Gunter, III '58	George F. Roberts, III '96
Gerald Thomas Hallal '08	William Bruce Ross '03
Richard Ivan Kimbrell '93	Marvin Leroy Spruill '57
Ronald S. Melton, Jr. '04	Richard B. Temple, Sr. '55
Francis G. Mielkey, II '98	Charles G. Thompson '85
James E. Pearsall, Jr. '79	

## Masonic Veterans for 2013

March	Winston Edward Marchman	50 Years
April	Thomas Gray Webber, Sr.	50 Years
July	Joseph Francis Thornton	50 Years
October	Richard Leopold Naujoks	60 Years
November	Albert Lee Bonney, Jr.	50 Years
December	Ejnar Olaf Jorgenson	60 Years

## From the Secretary's Desk

Your current dues card should now have the below expiration date on it. If not, it's expired. If it is expired, please remit your 2013 Lodge dues now.



Thank you and fraternally, Bob Stanek, Secretary

## Youth Corner

Congratulations to Rowan as she was installed as the new Honored Queen and thank you to everyone that attended Bethel 42's installation of officers on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Carlotta Contada, the Virginia Job's Daughters Grand Guardian, five Worshipful Masters, High Priestess of the Ladies Shrine, Masons, Eastern Star and Kempsville Master Councilor, Jeremy Hall with several Demolay were in attendance. It has been a fantastic term with your Bethel initiating five daughters under Kylie's leadership and the girls traveling throughout the state earning numerous travel awards.

In the current issue of Hampton Roads Magazine, the International Order of Job's Daughters was awarded the "Give It Back Award 2013" for its philanthropic efforts in supporting the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) and rated as one of the top five non-profits in Virginia. More information is available in the November/December issue of the Hampton Roads Magazine or online at <http://tinyurl.com/cxhapr8>

Kempsville Lodge has the privilege of supporting the largest DeMolay Chapter and Job's Daughters Bethel in the State of Virginia. Your attendance of youth events is recognized and appreciated. Check the Lodge calendar for upcoming meeting times and let's support our youth!

Brother Rob Worthington, Youth Advisor

## Trestleboard

January 8 ..... Stated Communication  
DDGM's Official Visit, 6PM

January 10 ..... DDGM's Official Visit  
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 6PM

January 15 ..... Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM

January 19 ..... Division Leadership Conference,  
Newport News Scottish Rite Temple, 8:30AM

January 26 ..... Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

January 28 ..... District Blood Drive  
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 3PM-7:30PM

January 29 ..... Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM

February 5 ..... DDGM's Official Visit  
Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296, 6PM

February 7 ..... DDGM's Official Visit  
Bayside Lodge No. 218, 6PM

February 12 ..... Stated Communication  
Ladies and Sweetheart Night  
Speaker: Ken Harris, 6PM

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

## Thoughts and Prayers

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

Brother George Boggs – 461-7939  
Brother Fred Feller – 422-3219  
Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778

## To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in January:

Barbara Cole	January 16 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Baraber	January 20 <sup>th</sup>
Wanda Webb	January 27 <sup>th</sup>
Dorothy Sykes	January 28 <sup>th</sup>

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).

We'd also like to remind all our ladies that if you are considering any major repairs to your home and want to make sure they're needed, feel free to contact us. We'll be glad to offer advice and assistance.

## Help Your Community with a Blood Donation

Brethren, every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood, statistically the same fact can be translated to Greater Hampton Roads. Masonic Lodges consistently remain at the vanguard of meeting this demand in our community. The truth is only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood in any given year. As it is, healthy donors are the only source of blood and there is no substitute. Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell, anemia and other illnesses. For nearly five million people who receive blood transfusions every year, your donation can make the difference between life and death.

Please lend a hand at the first Masonic blood donation effort at Lynnhaven 220 on 28 January between 3PM and 730 PM. Thanks in advance.

Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

## Brother Hank Foiles in Aruba



Brother Hank Foiles visits Masonic Lodge El Sol Naciente No. 113, Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, while in Oranjestad, Aruba. Apparently, coffee is another universal part of Masonry throughout the world.



A Masonic postage stamp from the Lodge's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## A Proclamation

Most Worshipful Louis K. Campbell, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, directs that this Grand Lodge shall observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first day of every month by wearing Masonic apparel such as hats, shirts, jackets, belts, etc.

## Installation of Officers



The 2013 Officers being installed during the December 15<sup>th</sup> Open Installation.



Left: Worshipful Brother Clark Somerville, of Walker Friendship Lodge No. 321, presents a Canadian Flag to Kempsville Lodge No. 196.

Right: Worshipful Jerry Hallal presents an American Flag to Worshipful Brother Somerville.

## On This Day in Masonry – January 6

It is possible for each of us to go out into the world trying to apply in his dealings with his fellows the lessons of Masonry as they are taught in the Lodge, and as they are applied in the Brotherhood.

Theodore Roosevelt

Brother Roosevelt departed this life on this day in 1919. The Grand Lodge of Indiana was founded on this day in 1818.

## Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Jerry Hallal	472-1200
Senior Warden	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Junior Warden	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	619-7646
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	R. Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Junior Deacon	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Senior Steward	Todd DeFord	362-4062
Chaplain	Chris Anders	635-7617
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Terry Bledsoe	589-8210
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	646-5878
Education Officer	Wor. Jimmie Wilder	467-1336
MAHOVA Ambassador	Wor. Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
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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 Worshipful Bob Stanek (bob.stanek@gmail.com)

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