



# The Ashlar



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## From The East



Two hundred and thirty seven years ago we severed our ties with Great Britain and dissolved the political bands which connected us with them and assumed our separate and equal station among the powers of the earth. We declared our independence, we became a nation, we became one. The next year, a Convention of Delegates met in Williamsburg for the purpose of choosing a Grand Master to preside over the Craft in our Commonwealth. Prior and unto this, the several Lodges in the state, and former colony, were beholden unto several different Grand Lodges. They being those of England, Scotland, Ireland and two others. A motion was made, essentially ordered to lay over nearly a year, and in October 1778, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was established.

The creation of the United States of America and the Grand Lodge of Virginia follow similar paths. They are played by the same players, share a common ideology and have a familiar theme, E Pluribus Unum – out of many, one. It is an expression of unity and togetherness. It is one helping all and all helping one.

There is another similarity that I find quite profound. Our founding fathers, when signing and in support of our Declaration of Independence, mutually pledged and committed to each other their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. We echo these same thoughts and spirit when we offer to each other help, aid and assistance and respond to the calling and sign of a distressed Brother.

Have a fun and safe celebration of our independence, but remember those who sacrificed to win it and those who sacrificed to keep it, and also celebrate your commitment to Masonry. Celebrate all the good things you have done for your Brother and for every human being and for all the good things you will continue to do.

Thanks to all who helped make the Bull Roast a tremendous success. Our guest speaker at the July

stated will be Right Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora and it will be Hawaiian shirt night. I am looking very forward to seeing everyone there.

Worshipful Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

## From The West



If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up! The first degree ritual teaches us to have faith in God, hope in immortality and charity toward all mankind.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

## From The South



Brethren, as Junior Warden, I'm responsible for lining up degree teams for ritual work. I've learned that a ballpoint pen is senseless to use...a pencil with a GOOD eraser is much more efficient. Jobs, travel, personal issues almost always affect the lineup. Recently, I was exposed to our Lodge's "sideline degree team". This is a group of brothers that have volunteered to back up our ritual teams. Our WM saw a need for this group, and recruited help. He was definitely not disappointed. They are learning ritual parts, so that when there is a need, they can fill these vacancies. As we all know, learning new ritual takes time....we all perform differently. I would encourage everyone, that when they hear something correct, please compliment these brethren. If there are problems, please don't criticize..."in the most friendly manner, aid a reformation". I've heard that statement somewhere before. Support this team. Encourage this team. When actions like this shine, our Lodge shines. Freemasonry shines.

Brother John Preddy, Junior Warden

## Masonic Birthdays for July

Ramon Luis Baez, Sr. '97	Carl William Nolan '80
Thomas Martin Beverly '10	William T. Parks, III '89
Toney Edward Brown '10	William T. Peterson '07
David Lewis Cline '91	Joseph Andrew Posey '79
David C. Davenport '76	Michael E. Richards '01
Alexander R. Echols '09	Spencer McMath Rogers '48
Darin Matthew Ely '04	William Karl Sheppard '08
James Charles Gardner '70	Dale Edward Smith '79
Brian Keith Goodwin '90	Joseph Francis Thornton '63
George D. Johnston, Jr. '72	Dennis G. Tompkins '02
William Ray Knowles Sr. '71	Richard L. Tyson '08
Ovey Eugene LeJeune '90	Robert Lowell Tyson, Jr. '08
Ronald Lawrence Levy '04	Robert Lowell Tyson, Sr. '08
Seth Adam Miles '09	Jack Lee Waller '62
Melvin Sherwin Mizelle '67	Charles E. Willman '69
Edward F. Myers, Jr. '76	

## 2013 Bull Roast Recap

Another successful Bull Roast is in the books! I am so very grateful and appreciative for all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our 30th annual Bull Roast a great success. The weather was perfect and our guests enjoyed a good time and a great meal. Kudos to the Pit Crew for the

tasty and tender beef. A huge thank you goes to the Galley Gang for the amazing baked beans, potato salad, & cole slaw. Hats-off goes to all the bakers for the delicious desserts. Thank you to all the Servers and the Take-Out and Delivery crew for keeping the food moving in the dining hall and out the door. To all the Brothers who helped with clean-up, thank you so much. The Lodge was cleaned in record time and it was spotless. Lastly, I want to thank everyone who helped with planning, preparing, shopping, providing seed money, ticket sales, peeling potatoes, and spreading the word throughout the community and to other Lodges. It was great to see the Brethren of Kempsville Lodge No. 196 working together in harmony to put on a fantastic Bull Roast and support our Scholarship Fund and the Masonic Home of Virginia! Below is the Financial Report:

Total Donations:	\$7,924
Less Expenses:	\$2,052
Less Scholarships:	\$1,000
Less MAHOVA:	\$1,700
Net Profit:	\$3,171
To The Building Fund:	\$2,000
To The General Fund:	\$1,171

Brother Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

## Thoughts and Prayers

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

Brother Bob Johns	467-8804
Worshipful Jimmie Wilder	467-1336
Worshipful Jim Gardner	499-2816
Worshipful Bill Nolan	467-2252
Brother Richard Naujoks	340-4412

## Youth Corner

The Kempsville DeMolay and Job's Daughters are running strong. With summer upon us the masonic youth groups are representing Kempsville Lodge 196 and the other VA Beach Lodges with pride.

The DeMolay and Daughters will be at the Mount Trashmore festivities this July 4<sup>th</sup> in support of the 56<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Child ID event. Come early to help or just to bring a child.

DeMolay boys have been invited as guests on July 6<sup>th</sup> to the Grand Master's visit to Masonic Districts 35A/B at the Norfolk Lodge.

The DeMolay will be attending Conclave at Christopher Newport University from July 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be competing in ritual and other Athletic events. They will be attending the DeMolay University, which was founded by Kempsville’s Nick Cook. The DeMolay will hold State Officers elections for the 2013 and 2014 year. And to end the weekend with a bang, there will be a dance.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the new Bethel 42 Honored Queen, Miss Tori Sorensen. Tori and her officers were installed on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at a wonderful ceremony. Tori and the Bethel want to thank all who attended the installation.

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Virginia Grand Session for Job’s Daughters. We will travel 5 hours to Ferrum VA along with all of the other Job’s Daughters from Virginia and take over Ferrum College campus. There will be business meetings, fun events, competitions, fun events, Grand Bethel and Grand Officer Elections, fun events, Installations and more fun events all weekend. The Daughters have spent this year doing many fundraisers to raise money to help them attend this wonderful experience and they thank you for your support.

Brother Ray Baez, Youth Advisor

## Trestleboard

June 29 ..... Monthly Breakfast, 8AM  
 July 2 ..... Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM  
 July 9 ..... Stated Communication  
                     Ladies Night, Hawaiian Shirt Night  
                     Speaker: Wayne Flora, 6PM  
 July 20 ..... OES Yard Sale, 9AM-5PM  
 July 27 ..... Monthly Breakfast, 8AM  
 August 13 ..... Stated Communication  
                     Speaker: Buddy Pate, 6PM  
 August 19 ..... District Blood Drive  
                     2:45PM-7:00PM, Kempsville Lodge No. 196  
 August 22 ..... Bring A Friend Night  
                     6PM, Bayside Lodge No. 218)  
 August 31 ..... Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

## Masonic Veterans for 2013

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

## To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in July:

Mrs. Ouida Young 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Mrs. A.J. Guerino 18<sup>th</sup>

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

## Welcome to Kempsville!

Worshipful Dean Carras, Past Master of Excelsior Lodge No. 261 in Charlotte, NC, affiliated on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Doctrines of Masonry

The doctrines of masonry are the most beautiful it is possible to imagine. They breathe the simplicity of the earliest ages animated by the love of a martyred God. That word which the Puritans translated CHARITY but which really is LOVE, is the key-stone which supports the entire edifice of this mystic science. Love one another, teach one another, help one another. That is all our doctrine, all our science, all our law. We have no narrow-minded prejudices; we do not debar from our society this sect or that sect; it is sufficient for us that a man worships God, no matter under what name or in what manner. Ah! rail against us bigoted and ignorant men, if you will. Those who listen to the truths which Masonry inculcates can readily forgive you. It is impossible to be a good Mason without being a good man.

Winwood Reade: The Veil of Isis  
 Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

## Masonic Blood Program

I felt the need to communicate a few blood donation alternatives as we will not have a July blood donation. Our July effort has been rescheduled to August 19<sup>th</sup> and will be held in our lodge social hall. I also wanted to take this opportunity to raise your awareness to the people who generally donate blood and to those who use blood.

There are many places where blood donations can be made. Bloodmobiles (mobile blood drives on specially constructed buses) travel to high schools, colleges, churches, and community organizations. People can also donate at community blood centers

and hospital-based donor centers. Many people donate at blood drives at their places of work. Community blood centers collect approximately 88 percent of the nation's blood, and hospital-based donor centers account for the other 12 percent.

Less than 5 percent of healthy Americans who are healthy enough to participate in blood donation actually do so. According to studies, the average donor is a college-educated white male, between the ages of 30 and 50, who is married and has an above-average income. However, a broad cross-section of the population donates every day. Furthermore, these "average" statistics are changing, and women and minority groups are volunteering to donate in increasing numbers. While persons 65 years and older compose 13 percent of the population, they use 25 percent of all blood units transfused.

Patients scheduled for surgery may be eligible to donate blood for themselves, a process known as autologous blood donation. In the weeks before non-emergency surgery, an autologous donor may be able to donate blood that will be stored until the surgical procedure.

I hope this message finds you all in good health and able to lend a blood donating arm to our fine community.

Brother Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

## Around the Lodge

Congratulations to Brother Robert "Bob" Wadsworth who completed the "Keys 100

Ultramarathon" by *running* 100 miles (yes, 100 miles!) from Key Largo to Key West in 19 hours and 31 minutes on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Way to go, Bob!

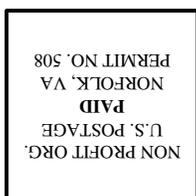
Congratulations to Brother Joe Salt on having the honor of participating in the raising of his grandson, Joshua Otey, in Libanus Lodge No. 47 in Bristol, Vermont on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Hannah Cooper, twelve year old daughter of Brother Dickie Cooper, who performed at the Sandler Center on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. She and her teammates showcased their dance skills which included exhibitions in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and other dance genres and styles.

## 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

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