



The Ashlar



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From The East



You can't have progress without change. What is change? Is it something from the past that has been reinvented or upgraded into something that we are told that we need and want? It is something from the future that we are told will restructure our lives and make it easier to live, or is it something that we already have that we make better simply by using it to its full potential?

Change can be many things. It can be a transformation as when the green leaves of summer turn in to the radiant colors of the fall as the shortening of the days allow the sun lesser time to aid in the manufacture of chlorophyll. It can be the rewards of determination and resolve, such as Christopher Columbus experienced when he insisted that he could reach the east by sailing west. It can be a product of persistence such as he demonstrated when he did not let the discovery of two continents get in his way or alter his insistence that he had reached the barrier islands of China. Change can result from honor, valor, war and victory, as it culminated on that October day two hundred and thirty two years ago when British aggressors surrendered to Worshipful General George Washington on a Yorktown battlefield.

I like to think of change as an improvement. Not only something that betters our station in life and those that we love, but also to the lodge that has become an integral and woven part of all of us. We are improving tremendously in our ritual and our Masonic education. We are extending a bigger helping hand to our Brethren and widows who are in need of help and assistance. We are ever mindful that every human being has a claim upon our kind offices. We are joining together to make our family days extremely fun and enjoyable. Everyone is pitching in more and more and making the workload less and less for all.

We know it is our charge to stand uprightly, be just and to live our lives as an outstanding ambassador of our fraternity. We are striving to become better leaders of the lodge, our church and community.

We know the impression that others form of us all is oftentimes shaped by the action of one.

It is the little things that we all try to improve upon every day that makes our lodge better and better. It is the big things we do from time to time that make our lodge great. We know that it is our province to set the bar, maintain the standard and vault above it. We are winning the gold and we are wanting to elevate even higher. I thank you all for your commitment and your improvement.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this month's stated meeting. Our guest speaker will be Worshipful Bill Nolan. He will present a most interesting talk about our Masonic heroes. Dinner will be served at 6PM and the Junior Deacon will close the door an hour later. I am looking very forward to it and hope to see all of you there.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

From The West



Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage? His dad takes him into the forest blindfolded and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not take off the blindfold until the ray of sun shines through it. He is all by himself. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience. Each lad must come into his own manhood. The boy was terrified, could hear all kinds of noise. Beasts were all around him. Maybe even some human would hurt him. The wind blew the grass and earth and it shook his stump. But he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could be a man. Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he saw his father sitting on the stump next to him, at watch the entire night. Let us remember that we are never

alone. Even when we do not know it, our Father is protecting us. He is sitting on the stump beside us. All we have to do is reach out to Him. IN WHOM DO YOU PUT YOUR TRUST???

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

From The South



We had our Lodge picnic on the 15th and from comments I've heard, it was a success. I want to thank all who participated and made it possible. We estimated around 270 people

attended. I thought this year's picnic was fairly easy. Participation was good with the exception of one brother banned from the cooking area ... he was welcome to hand out ice cream. Seriously, we had a good time, and socialized as a fraternity. Old friends, new friends, families, enjoying each other's company. While procrastinating doing this article (as usual), I was reading the newspaper when our WM called and told me to get busy with it. Less than 24 hours after we socialized, I was reading of the horrible tragedy in our nation's capital. Reading on told of floods in our Midwest, and violence around the world. World tensions could easily ignite more war. We were blessed with good weather, good people, and ample food. We all have challenges in life that test us. We also have a Lodge of brothers to share burdens with, to help make our loads tolerable. Millions of people on this planet would be envious of a simple Sunday afternoon picnic, like we had. I think we should all stop, and reflect, on the many blessing bestowed on us, on a regular basis, such as a simple Lodge picnic. Life is short and uncertain, let's savor the moments we have.

Brother John Preddy, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2013

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 October:

Helen VanHorne	October 20 th
Katie Lane	October 28 th
Fran Caldwell-Krause	October 29 th

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.

Masonic Birthdays for October

Sherwood Lee Allen '76	Kermit Jordan '83
Kenneth Robert Allen '96	Gary Alvin King '85
Eugene M. Ambrose '76	Anson T. Knowles, Sr. '76
Edward Keith Andrews '84	Andrew Louis Levy '99
Ronnie Wayne Anglin '71	George H. Lewis, III '70
Robert Hall Barton '90	Robert William Lewis, Jr. '71
Joseph Samuel Bloise '03	Ian Woodcourt Marks '96
David Wayne Broadway '91	Thomas E. Monahan '96
George Ray Bunch, Jr. '80	Henley A. Morgan, Jr. '87
Richard Donald Cedola '79	Gregory Cooling Muir '10
Richard A. Chrisman '00	Richard L. Naujoks '53
Thomas A. Collins '93	Michael Joseph Orman '82
Daniel Edwin Connor '85	Marc Fred Povondra '83
Richard V. Cooper, Jr. '12	James Boyd Seymour, Jr. '97
Thomas H. Cutchins, III '87	Clyde Shannon Sheely '69
Robert H. DeFord, Jr. '54	James E. Sheppard, Jr. '03
Harold C. Dickerson, Jr. '90	Robert Wesley Stanek '77
David Eugene Dodson '76	Matthew Steele '10
Thomas F. Doering, Sr. '92	Charles Lionel Stuppard '09
George Edward Fausel '82	Thomas N. Thomas '88
Fredrick Henrick Feller '67	Timothy Fossen '96
Frederick Ferguson, Jr. '03	Michael J. Webb '00
David Hughes Foxwell '07	David Allen White '00
Robert H. Foxwell, Jr. '59	Terry Lee Whitehurst '92
Jason Lee Fuller '11	Jimmie Wilder '75
Lawrence V. Greene '86	Robert J. Worthington '04
Michael John Harvey '00	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,328 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

September 28	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
October 1	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
October 8	Stated Communication Junior Warden's Night, 6PM
October 21	District Blood Drive, 2PM-7PM Bayside Lodge No. 218
October 26	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
November 8-9	Grand Annual Communication, Richmond, VA
November 12	Stated Communication Veterans' Day Program Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
December 10	Annual Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
December 14	Open Installation of Officers, 1PM
December 16	District Blood Drive 2PM-7PM, Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220

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

Welcome to Kempsville!

Congratulations and welcome to Brother Charles E. (Chuck) Streeter, our newest Master Mason, raised on October 1st.

Thoughts and Prayers

Right Worshipful Bill Pierce is receiving hospice care at the Masonic Home. Brother Richard Naujoks continues to receive treatment in his home. Please keep these Brethren in your thoughts and prayers.

Think Not The Lodge Is Ended

With the closing of the volume and the opening of a door,
Think not this lodge has ended, think what has gone before.
Remember all those worthy men who as apprentice came,
And who developed love and skill and worked in friendships name.
When you take up the working tools to gently put aside,
Think not their work is ended, think how they were applied.
Remember well the lessons taught, to craftsmen tried and true;
Of Masons worthy of the name and apron white and blue,
When your tracing boards are covered and the columns laid at rest,
Think not their teaching ended, think more a message blessed
Remember the special meaning to Master Masons all,
Of birth and life and learning and waiting for the call
With the sounding of the gavel and as the lights at last go out,
Think not your lodge has ended, dispel all lingering doubts,
Master, 'Wardens, 'Brethren, remember as you depart,
Your lodge will live forever in every Mason's heart.

J.M. Kelley, Past Grand Lecturer
Published in Mehr Licht!
Number 135 – August 20, 2007

Youth Corner

Congratulations to the DeMolay who installed their new Master Counsel, Mr. Zachary Doubikin, and other new Line Officers. They had a medieval theme dinner before the installation that was fantastically prepared by the Mom's Club.

Congratulations to the Daughters for their installation of new Adults. Mom Debbie Sorensen

remained the Bethel Guardian and has a new Associate Bethel Guardian, Worshipful Chad White Past Worshipful Master of Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274. The Guardian Secretary, Mom Coleen Masters, the Guardian Treasurer, Mom Wendy Johnson, and the magnificent Guardian of Music, Mom Nancy Pope, continued in their support of Bethel 42 Daughters. The Daughters, along with Bethels 3, 37 and 46, will have their Grand visitation on 5 October starting at 7PM in the Bayside Masonic Lodge No. 218. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner also at Bayside from 3-5PM, cost is \$8 per person, and this is to support HIKE.

Both the Daughters and the DeMolay will attend the semi-annual Honored Queen, Master Counsel and Worthy Advisor (HQMCA) ball at the Kena Shrine in Arlington VA on September 21st. The Kena Shrine hosts this formal ball each term to honor those who lead these youth groups. Both the Daughters and the DeMolay invite you to attend their Monthly stated meetings.

Brother Ray Baez, Youth Advisor

The Cornerstone of Masonry

No institution that is dumb concerning the meaning of life and the character of the universe, can last. It is a house built upon the sand, doomed to fall when the wind blows and the floods beat upon it lacking a sure foundation. No human fraternity that has not its inspiration in the Fatherhood of God, confessed or unconfessed, can long endure; it is a rope of sand, weak as water, and its fine sentiment quickly evaporates. Life leads if we follow its meanings and think in the drift of it's deeper conclusions, to one God as the ground of the world, and upon that ground Masonry lays her corner-stone. Therefore, it endures and grows, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it.

Joseph Fort Newton, From the Builders
Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

Masonic Blood Program

Please continue to give life in Hampton Roads through your most generous support of the Masonic Blood Donation Program. This month I would like to provide a couple pieces of information on sickle cell anemia. First, our hospitals require access to specific blood types that match sickle cell patients' individual needs in order to help minimize their risks and reactions to repeated transfusions. Additionally, individuals

with the sickle cell trait can qualify to serve as a blood donor just like any other potential blood donor.

By making a blood donation you join 56th Masonic District efforts to support life and help give sickle cell patients in our community the blood products they need. Your donation gives these courageous patients a chance at a better quality of life.

Be a giving Mason on October 21st at Bayside Masonic Lodge located on South Independence Blvd. in Virginia Beach. Together, we can provide strength, hope and courage for local patients in need.

Brother Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

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www.facebook.com/kempsvilleglodge

This is just another way that you can stay informed about what's going on at your Lodge.

Grand Master's Reception

The Grand Master's Dinner/Reception honoring the newly installed Grand Master, Wayne Sawyer Flora, will be held after the Installation of Officers on Saturday, November 9th from 7 to 11PM at the Acca Shrine Center Ballroom. It's open to all Brethren and their ladies. The cost is \$25 per

ticket and must be ordered and prepaid in advance through the Grand Lodge office no later than October 26th. Dinner will be served at 7PM followed by a reception with the newly installed Grand Lodge Officers. It's a wonderful event and you won't want to miss this opportunity to support our new Grand Master from "down in the county."

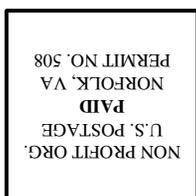
Around the Lodge

Congratulations are in order for Leah Cort, daughter of Brother Greg and grand-daughter of Right Worshipful Roger, as she decides which of several college scholarships to accept to play softball at the collegiate level. We know she will choose the right one and we are all very proud of her.

Lodge Officers

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