



# The Ashlar



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## From The East



Freemasonry is unique amongst human institutions, for it is evident that its pattern was drawn under divine inspiration from the accumulated spiritual wisdom of the ages. Its lessons are derived from the powerful drama of life and death as portrayed in its allegories, where the ultimate meaning of life is interpreted in terms of moral and spiritual values which fortify the soul against the trials and vicissitudes of life.

By keeping the great principles of Truth, Honour, Charity and Justice strong and active in the lives of individuals, Freemasonry believes that goodness and honour in society must result from the presence within it of men who are actuated by these high principles, and whose desire shall be to mold the life of the world nearer to the masonic ideal. When every Freemason carries over into his particular sphere in society the great precepts of the institution, an inevitable impact is made upon the whole life and transactions of mankind. Raise, and set in motion, the spiritual potential of Freemasonry, and a force is thereby generated that can transform the world.

(Taken in part from an address by Laurence Healy, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of British Columbia.)

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

## From The West



I usually try to look ahead. We, as Masons, have an obligation to look ahead and look out for our fellow brothers. At our meetings, we are given a Trestle Board so we know what is planned for us in the coming weeks.

However, sometimes it is nice to sit back and reflect on what has just happened. September was that kind of time. I had a great time at the Stated

Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who attended. The Grand Master's Official Visit to the district was also a pleasant event on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We had a nice turnout and great weather for our lodge picnic on the 14<sup>th</sup>. I must apologize for losing my composure in the East during degree work on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, something struck me as funny and it was difficult for me to recover. Past Master's Night is always a highlight of any year.

Here's hoping the coming weeks will bring many more good times like these. You don't know what you're missing when you don't participate. Check out our Trestle Board and plan to join us.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

## From The South



What are the mysteries of Freemasonry and how do I learn them? That's something I often wondered when I would see a lodge, a ring, a car ornament, or hear friends and family members discuss Masonry. These items and occurrences always made me curious, made me ask myself "what is Masonry and what do Masons do." Little did I know that was just chum on the surface and the truth lay below.

I took the action to begin my Masonic Journey in January 2010 when I gave Brother Floyd Gilbert my petition. When I gave it to him he said "if more men were Masons the locksmiths would go out of business." After that I was visited by Worshipful Ejnar Jorgensen who said "Floyd asked me to sign your petition but I wanted to meet you first." Then Worshipful Bob Stanek, Worshipful Jerry Hallal, and Brother John Preddy visited my house. We had a nice talk and I was initiated in April 2010. Here is what I have figured out so far.

Masonry is a society of friends and brothers who live by moral and Masonic principles. Masons serve and believe in God, Masons strive to walk

uprightly before God and Man, Masons understand equality and how to meet on the level, Masons understand that our blood is derived from God and to Him we will return, Masons strive to divest themselves of life's vices and superfluities, Masons keep conversations with worthy brothers private when asked to do so, Masons befriend Brother Masons even when they are meeting them for the first time, Masons relieve distressed Brother Masons and protect their widows and orphans, Masons endeavor to do good unto all, Masons mix with the World and live in peace.

I know that many of you are thinking as you read "okay Muir, got it, but how do I get this whole Masonic thing into my life?" How do I know this stuff is true? What do I do? My answer is you will get from Masonry what you put into it. If you aspire to be raised, buy a ring and a car ornament, and go on your way then that's fine; but you will be sub-optimizing the fraternity. If you want more than the recognition that will follow those actions then go get it!

If you want to learn more of the moral and Masonic principles then attend ritual work and listen to the words, the stories, the lessons, the history. If you want to learn even more then be a part of ritual work. Coach a Brother and you will gain more of a personal understanding. Here's a thought, how many Kempsville Brothers can say "I was conducted to the door of a lodge by Brother Bob Metz or I was conducted around a lodge by Brother Joe Salt (aka Bos'n)?" I can truthfully make both statements. Bob and Joe have been part of making Masons for a long time and we each should thank them the next time we see them. These brothers better understand the moral and Masonic principles because of their continuing presence during degree work.

If you want a more personal inclusion in the Society of Friends and Brothers there is more involvement required, AND there are some great examples to be followed. Come help at our social events: set up, cook, serve, clean up and you will work alongside and meet some great guys doing the same thing (remember, bad guys don't do good stuff). How many people know what happens at 0400 on the day of EVERY Lodge Breakfast? Here is what happens; Brother Bud Marchman opens the Lodge and gets things started. Shortly thereafter Brother Jack Bell, Brother Dennis Eaton, and Worshipful Mike Johnstone come in to continue the work. Well before that Worshipful Bob Stanek and Brother Hank Foiles go buy all the stuff that will be cooked.

These brothers understand the meaning of "a society of friends and brothers" and deserve a pat on the back from each of us.

Want to research history and learn about the Brotherhood standing up to the bad guys, want to know some of the truth in action. Go on the web and search for "Hitler and Forget Me Not Flowers" for an excellent example. Here is a link to an excellent documentary on Prince Hall Freemasons and the Underground Railroad <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngEL9Rh2E2E>. Please think about the mysteries, the moral principles, and the brotherhood of Masonry as you read, watch and listen.

I hope to see you in Lodge or at an event soon.  
Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2014

October	Robert Halstead DeFord, Jr.	60 Years
November	Joe Emerson Brown	50 Years
	William Keith Cole	25 Years
	Donald Lee McBride	60 Years

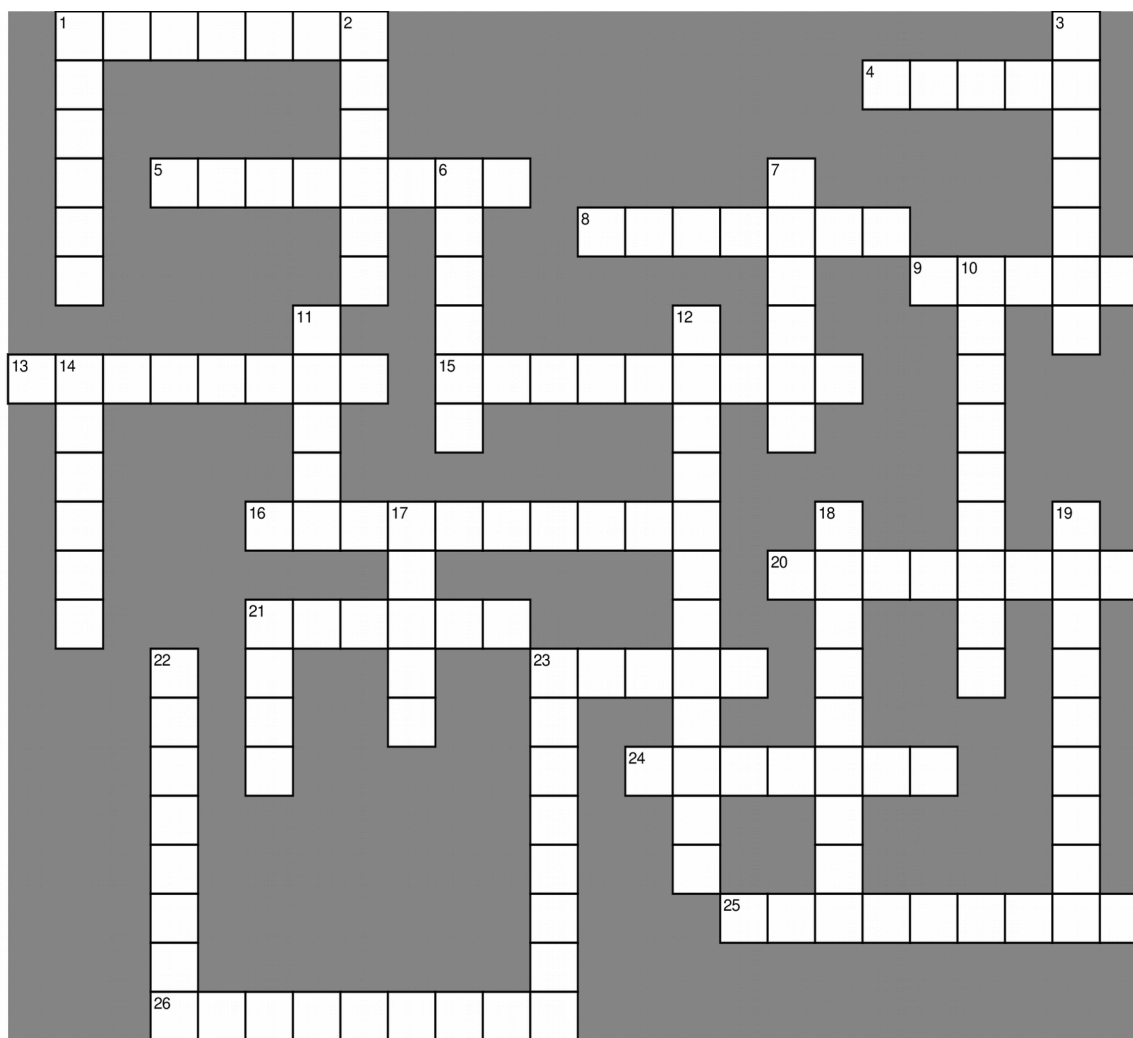
Trestleboard

October 7	.....	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
October 11	.....	MAHOVA Family Day 8AM-12PM at Masonic Home of Virginia
October 14	.....	Stated Communication Speaker: Worshipful Harry Kellett Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
October 20	.....	District Blood Drive 2PM-7PM at Bayside Lodge
October 25	.....	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
November 7-8	.....	Grand Annual Communication 8AM-4PM at Richmond, VA
November 11	.....	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
December 9	.....	Annual Stated Communication Lodge 5PM, Dinner 6PM
December 13	.....	Open Installation of Officers, 1PM
December 15	.....	District Blood Drive 2PM-7PM at Lynnhaven Lodge

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

Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome to Brother Blake Cameron Miller, Raised on September 16<sup>th</sup> and Brother Fritz Edward Trojahn, Raised on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.



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## ACROSS

- 1 the ornamental slab placed above the capital of a pillar
- 4 King Solomon was a prince of the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 belonging to the throat
- 8 son of King David
- 9 jewel of the Senior Warden
- 13 Unwritten
- 15 a craftsman or skilled worker
- 16 due restraint upon our affections and passions
- 20 a place for the safe keeping of records; the records themselves
- 21 one of the principle supports of Masonry
- 23 belonging to the feet
- 24 a written record of the proceedings of a Lodge
- 25 a series of questions and answers intended to teach
- 26 an emblem of human life

## DOWN

- 1 profanes, pretenders, intruders
- 2 meaning "I have found it"
- 3 to correct by discipline
- 6 a block of stone from which a column, capital or other finished product is carved or hewn
- 7 a representation of an idea by a visible object
- 10 forcible ejection from membership for such reasons as un-Masonic conduct, crimes, etc.
- 11 the Great Light in Masonry
- 12 permission to do that which would be forbidden otherwise
- 14 reminds us of the rapid flights of time
- 17 jewel of the Junior Warden
- 18 one who designs buildings
- 19 the columns before the Master and Wardens of a Lodge
- 21 the name of the left-hand pillar that stood at the porch of King Solomon's Temple
- 22 to gently and constructively counsel another person
- 23 not proper for discussion in a Masonic Lodge

## Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these Brethren and family members in your thoughts and prayers.

- The Family of Brother Edward K. Andrews– on the passing of Brother Andrews
- Brother Henry Morgan and family - on the passing of his Mother
- Brother Richard Shibley – recent pacemaker recipient

And always keep our military in your thoughts and prayers as they serve our country in the fight against global terrorism.

## To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in October:

Millie Maddox	October 11 <sup>th</sup>
Helen Van Horne	October 20 <sup>th</sup>
Katie Lane	October 28 <sup>th</sup>
Fran Caldwell-Krause	October 29 <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.

## Youth Corner



The young ladies of Bethel 42 took part in the Grand Master's official visit to the 56th Masonic district on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Bethel members served food and

refreshments and ensured a smooth reception for the brethren in attendance, after which they entertained the ladies and delivered an impressive ceremony detailing the history of the flag of Job's Daughters. Bethel 42 cordially invites you to its Lasagna Dinner, Fall Plant and Pumpkin sale on Saturday, October 4th from noon to 6pm at the lodge. Bethel 42 will be initiating three new members on Sunday, October 5th at 2pm, and the young ladies of your Bethel would love to see as many Master Masons on the sidelines as possible to help welcome these newest members into Job's Daughters.

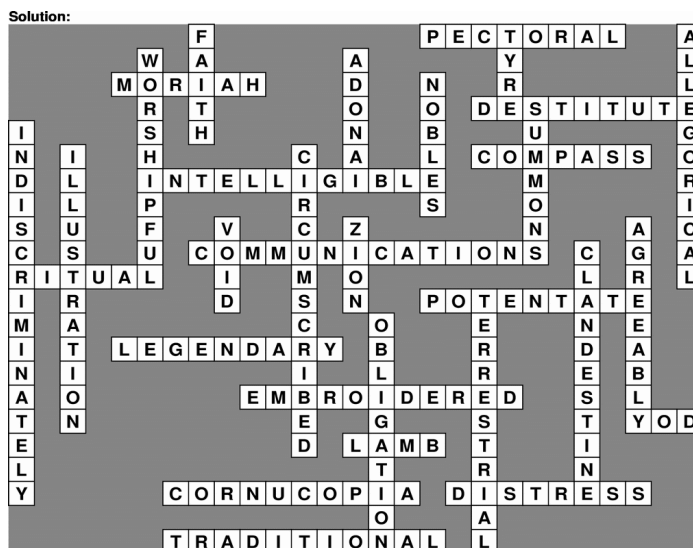


Kempsville DeMolay held its semi-annual installation of officers on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Geoffrey Sisco was installed as Master

Councilor for the fall term. Congratulations to Geoffrey and his officers on being installed to lead the chapter for the next six months. The young men of Kempsville DeMolay will head to Richmond for MAHOVA Family Day on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> and on to Clifton, Virginia later in the month for team building and fellowship at the state's Fall Quarterly. If your schedule permits, the young men of Kempsville DeMolay welcome you to join them on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM for their first stated meeting of the term.

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

## September Crossword Answer



## The Morlock Award

The Morlock award (named in memory of Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, 1993-94) is presented to Lodges that have shown exemplary participation in giving to the Masonic Home of Virginia. The award is presented to a Lodge in which at least 15% of the members each make gifts of \$5 or more in any one year. This award recognizes the number of active donors, not necessarily the total dollars given. The Masonic Home is convinced that as more Masons learn to give to support the Home, the dollar totals will follow. This is the most significant award which

can be presented to a Lodge for their gifts to the Masonic Home of Virginia. We currently have fifty (50) contributors. We need an additional twenty (20) contributors to qualify for this award this year. If you have not already done so, PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING.

Blood Drive

If you found me bleeding on the side of the road:

- Would you help me brother?
- Would you take an hour from your busy schedule to save my life?
- Would you take the time to save my family member who needs your help?

What if you did not know me:

- Would you help save my life?

Of course you would! It takes just about an hour to help save lives by giving of yourself when you donate through the Red Cross. You may never meet the person who receives your blood, but you'll feel good knowing you helped change a life.

Our next District Blood Drive is at Bayside Lodge on October 20, 2014 from 2-7PM. To meet this years challenge of 25% over last years superb total of 247 units, we need to donate an additional 62 units. We can do it, together!

Patrick Blankenship  
Lodge Blood Chairman

Lodge Renovation



The walls are done, the ceiling has been painted, new light panels have been installed, and the carpet may be going in at this very moment. Come by and check out the progress of your lodge's renovation.

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 W. 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 Allen 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 B. 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 E. Streeter '13
George Edward Fausel '82	Charles L. Stuppard '09
Fredrick Henrick Feller '67	Thomas N. Thomas '88
Frederick Ferguson, Jr. '03	Timothy Van Fossen '96
David Hughes Foxwell '07	Michael J. Webb '00
Robert H. Foxwell, Jr. '59	David Allen White '00
Jason Lee Fuller '11	Terry Lee Whitehurst '92
Lawrence V. Greene '86	Jimmie Wilder '75
Michael John Harvey '00	Robert J. Worthington '04

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,382 years in Masonry!

In Memoriam

Brother Edward Keith Andrews

Born .....	August 23, 1942
Initiated .....	April 17, 1984
Passed .....	July 17, 1984
Raised .....	October 16, 1984
Entered into Rest .....	September 16, 2014

Masons – Not Hermits

There is work at hand for the more than two million American Masons, and they should do it now. The task involves a movement where they combine to hold to and promulgate the teachings and professions that have made the craft a power and a unit for fraternal justice and truth, The closer the bonds of Brotherhood are drawn, the more efficacious and speedy the outcome for world welfare. There is no need to exalt Masonic teachings. They stand for themselves in the test of time and in the sacrifice made when the cry of

distress and oppression has appealed. The have one voice, the universal Fatherhood of God, righteousness and action.

The fraternity cannot afford to adopt any hermit policy amid existing stress, but it must act from a sacred sense of duty. Masonry can never falter nor afford to deny the essential spirit of its principles, whose province in protest, the maintenance of law and order and sympathy and practical help where needed, is recognized as a true beacon light for humanity.

John Lloyd Thomas  
Brotherhood, June 1921

When is a Man a Mason?

"When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage, which is the root of every virtue. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic and as lonely as himself; and seeks to know, to forgive and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them and above all, how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt birds without a gun and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When starcrowned trees and the glint of sunlight

on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things and see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a wayside puddle and sees something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song; glad to live, but not afraid to die! Such a man has found the only secret of Freemasonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world."

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
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Junior Warden	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	619-7646
Senior Deacon	Chris Anders	635-7617
Junior Deacon	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Senior Steward	Michael Johnstone	334-3013
Junior Steward	Jackson Bell	831-0818
Chaplain	Karl Wesseler	439-1858
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Dennis Eaton	671-1187
Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Bill Rawson	724-4867
MAHOVA Ambassador	Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Patrick Blankenship	406-6166
Youth Advisor	Cliff Williams	870-2539

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