



The Ashlar



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From The East



Summer is behind us and the fall season is fast approaching. Soon the leaves will change colors and bring us the beautiful scenery that reminds us that winter is fast approaching. We'll all complain that it's too cold and can't wait the kinder weather to return. And the cycle repeats itself again. During this transition, we shift our focus on the holiday season and shopping for those holiday gifts for family and friends. But my Brothers, forget not your Brothers and/or his family. If you know of a Brother or his family who is in need, please assist where you can or notify myself or one of the Wardens. We will endeavor to assist to the best of our ability and the needs of the Brother/family.

Our annual family picnic was a complete success. I want to thank our Senior Deacon, Brother Chris Anders for taking all his hard work and the Brothers who assisted him in making this a memorable event.

I have submitted our Noah Hillman application and according to my calculations we qualify. I would like to thank all the Brethren who assisted with degree work, visited Lodges with me, participated in Community events, attended youth events/meetings, and participated in our annual Bull Roast. Anyone who has had the honor of sitting in the East will tell you, that no Lodge is successful without the supports of the Brethren. I would also like to thank all the Brethren who also donated blood and due to your efforts we again qualify for the Levy Award.

Hope to see you in your Lodge. Have a great month!

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



"Together, Brethren." That short phrase opens and closes all lodges and is an admonition for life. We go through the motions in that ceremony, but do we continue that idea when we leave the lodge?

It is sometimes comical to see Masons who are just learning the "moves" or who have "forgotten" one or two try to fit in with the rest of the body. This was magnified during the recent one day conferral of the degrees. Remember to follow the Master. It helps when it is done in cadence. As much as I love marching bands and militaristic displays, this exercise needn't take on that degree of precision. But, it is a beautiful thing when done together.

Furthermore, remember the trowel and its symbolic use. In our efforts of togetherness in and out of the lodge, let us continue to spread that cement of brotherly love and affection that binds us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers. "Together, Brethren." It is a simple statement, yet one with many complexities and a noble aspiration not only for this month or next year, but throughout life.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



I am again writing you from sea, this time in the middle of a month long ride on HARRY S. TRUMAN. Things are going well professionally and personally for me here. I am happy to report that your tax dollars are being well spent and the officers, CPOs, and sailors of the TRUMAN Carrier Strike Group are performing well as they prepare for overseas operations. It does me good to say that the officers and sailors that have taken my and my shipmates places are on top of things and that I feel confident about our nation's security. Being a sailor is such a great job!

On a personal note, I have met some great Brothers on this ride. As always, I brought a Lodge polo and some Square and Compasses t-shirts with

hope that a Brother or two would introduce themselves. As always, it was a fail-safe plan and I have had the opportunity to exchange pleasantries with some really great guys. Each Brother ranging from a senior officer, to a Master Chief, to junior petty officers have greeted me on the level. My most interesting conversation occurred while I was leaving the wardroom chow line. A young cook, and Prince Hall Mason, introduced himself and we had a great conversation. He let me know that there were at least 10 Masons in the circles that he travelled here on the ship and that those guys got together every so often.

I just finished a book Titled “The History of Freemasonry in America” wherein military Square and Compass Clubs were addressed. The story has it that during WW I Masons not having authority to work would get together to share stories of their home Lodges. This made the young cook’s story of his Masonic experience here interesting to me. Being a Mason is such a great thing to share with other Brothers!

I know of no more sea time for me during 2015 and I am looking forward to sitting in Lodge for the final stated meetings and some good ritual work. All the best, I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Community Service

I would like to recognize Brother Joe Salt and Brother Dave Trzeciakiewicz for their assistance in our Adopt-A-Spot clean-up at Stratford Chase Recreation Park.

Our Lodge has been invited to the City of Virginia Beach Awards Recognition Ceremony on October 28th for our participation in the Adopt-A-Spot program.

Past Masters Degree

Our Senior Deacon, Brother Chris Anders is scheduled to participate in the Past Master’s Degree at Royal Arch Chapter Norfolk No. 1 on October 21st. If you are available, I am sure he would like to you to attend and led your support.

School Supply Drive

Brother Matt Millot, a new Entered Apprentice, has volunteered to be the School Supply Coordinator for the schools in the Kempsville area. He has sent out E-mails requesting a list of school supplies and awaiting responses. In the

meantime, if you are in Walmart, Target, etc, please pick up the usual items, writing paper, pencils, folders, etc. He will also be collecting Farm Fresh receipts, so please save them also. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Trestleboard

October 3 Annual Family Picnic, 1PM
October 6 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
October 13 Stated Communication
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
October 19 District Blood Drive
Bayside Lodge, 2-7PM
October 31 Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
November 6-7 Grand Annual Communication
November 10 Stated Communication

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

Masonic Birthdays for October

Sherwood Lee Allen '76	Gary Alvin King '85
Eugene M. Ambrose '76	Anson T. Knowles, Sr. '76
Ronnie Wayne Anglin '71	Andrew Louis Levy '99
Robert Hall Barton '90	George H. Lewis, III '70
Joseph Samuel Bloise '03	Robert William Lewis, Jr. '71
David Wayne Broadway '91	Ian Woodcourt Marks '96
Jonathan W. Bunch '14	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 C. Steele '10
Thomas F. Doering, Sr. '92	Charles E. Streeter '13
George Edward Fausel '82	Charles Lionel Stuppard '09
Fredrick Henrick Feller '67	Thomas N. Thomas '88
Frederick Ferguson, Jr. '03	Timothy C. 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
Kermit Jordan '83	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,387
years in Masonry!

Youth Corner

Kempsville's Jobies kicked off the month with their ongoing supply drive for the Norfolk SPCA. A box has been placed downstairs in the fellowship hall for any items that you may wish to donate. The Bethel will be traveling to join their Northern

Virginia Jobie sisters for a Grand Visitation later in the month, and to the Virginia Beach oceanfront to support their charity, the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment. They'll wrap up the month volunteering at the Food Bank for "Project Backpack" and joining their sisters from around the state in Norfolk to tour the USS Gonzales.

Kempsville DeMolay presented Worshipful Bill Peterson and the lodge with the Sponsoring Body of the Year Award, a recognition conveyed annually by



the Virginia State Association to a sponsoring body that has shown outstanding support to a DeMolay chapter. Congratulations to Jacob Jackson, Jared Jackson, and Heath Robinson, who were just installed to serve Kempsville DeMolay for the fall term as Master Councilor, Senior Councilor and Junior Councilor, respectively. Congratulations also to Jared Jackson and Heath Robinson, who represented Kempsville Chapter and Virginia DeMolay at the Mid Atlantic Tournament of Champions in Pennsylvania. Jared and Heath took home honors in a number of categories for their excellent exemplification of ritual work.

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

Definition of Freemasonry in all Times and Places

Freemasonry is an oath-bound, fraternal order of men; deriving from the medieval fraternity of operative Freemasons adhering to many of their Ancient charges, laws, customs, and legends; loyal to the civil government under which it exists; inculcating moral and social virtues by symbolic application of the working tools of stonemasons and by allegories, lectures, and charges; the members of which are obligated to observe principles of brotherly love equality, mutual aid and assistance, secrecy, and confidence; have secret modes of recognizing each other as Masons when abroad in the world; and meet in Lodges, each governed somewhat autocratically by a Master, assisted by Wardens, where applicants, after particular inquiry into their mental, moral, and

physical qualifications, are formally admitted into the Society in secret ceremonies based in part on old legends of the Craft.

Every Masonic Lodge in existence or that ever existed, so far as known, answers that description; no other order that exists or ever has existed does so.

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan.

Welcome to Kempsville

Let's all welcome Brother William D. Masters, our newest Master Mason, raised on September 1st.

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in October:

Millie Maddox	October 11 th
Helen Van Horne	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.

Blood Program

Blood transfusions are very common. Each year, almost 5 million Americans need blood transfusions. This procedure is used for people of all ages.

Many people who have surgery need blood transfusions because they lose blood during their operations. For example, about one-third of all heart surgery patients have a transfusion. Some people who have serious injuries—such as from car crashes, war, or natural disasters—need blood transfusions to replace blood lost during the injury.

Some people need blood or parts of blood because of illnesses. You may need a blood transfusion if you have a severe infection or liver disease that stops your body from properly making blood or some parts of blood. Other types of treatment need parts of blood if they have an illness that causes anemia, such as kidney disease or cancer or a bleeding disorder such as hemophilia.

Please find it in your heart to reach out to sustain a falling brother and donate blood or platelets. Our next drive is at Bayside Lodge on October 19th.

Patrick Blankenship, Blood Coordinator

Masonic Veterans in October

Brother H. C. "Dickie" Dickerson 25 Years
Brother Robert H. Barton 25 Years

Fall Past Masters Night



16 Past Masters attend the Fall 2015 Past Masters Night on September 22nd.

This was an especially significant evening as Logan Spruill, grandson of Worshipful Ray Connard and Worshipful Bobby Spruill was initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry.



Around The Lodge



Worshipful Bob Stanek, Worshipful Frank Creasy, Brother Hank Foiles, and Worshipful Bill Peterson (not shown) recently took a road-trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Bill Peterson	237-5249
Senior Warden	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
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	Charles Bateman, Jr.	309-2399
Junior Steward	Jackson Bell	831-0818
Chaplain	Jim Boone	496-9595
Musician	Bob Johns	478-0751
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Dennis Eaton	499-6720
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

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 18th of each month to
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