

# The Ashlar



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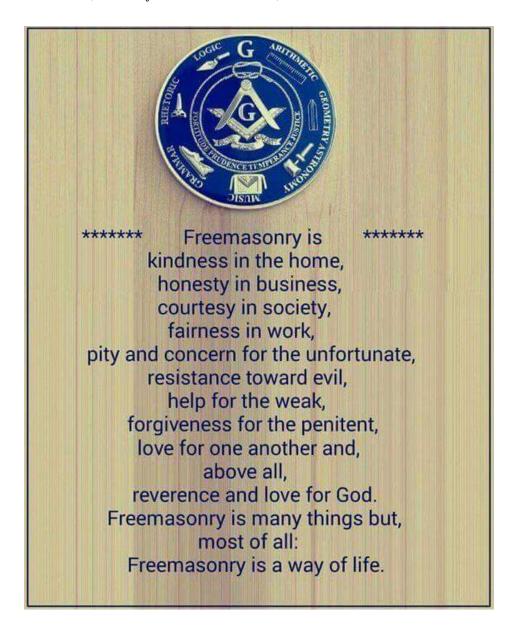
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## Mixing with the World

When moving through the line to become Master, opening and closing a Master Mason's Lodge can be an intimidating piece of ritual work to learn. Yet, when mastered, it is one of the many beautiful parts of our work.

When the lodge is opened there is that injunction on how to behave, so as not to disturb the tranquility that should pervade our meetings. Similarly, at the closing charge, we are reminded that we are leaving that special place and going out into the world again. We are reminded how to meet, act and part as Masons, but we often don't think about how to behave in the world as Masons. We know we should "do good unto all," but there is so much more to being a Mason. The following was shared with me and it needs to be front and center, not only on our newsletter, but in our hearts and minds.



### From The East



Although there seems to be no vacation from the work of the lodge, it has been nice to get away. Knowing that the lodge has been in great hands with the Senior Warden in June, and

the Junior Warden in July, has allowed me to be gone to two conferences with less worry about what's happening back home. Thank you, brethren, for your work in my absence. [Except for losing the song sheets]

One of our two air conditioning units upstairs decided to quit working. Our Building and Grounds Chairman, working with his faithful A/C man presented the lodge with a very attractive proposal to replace both units [26 years old each]. We have the money in the building fund to cover the cost, but it depletes the fund by half. If you are in a position to help the lodge with the cost of the two units, your donation to the building fund is most appreciated.

As usual, we have a lot going on in August. Join me if you are able as we travel to visit other lodges. Our speaker at the stated meeting is Right Worshipful Billy Irving, the District Instructor of Work for the 36<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. I look forward to being with the Grand Master at Bremond Lodge No. 241 on the 18<sup>th</sup> and at Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We have our Community Builder's Awards Night on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 6PM and our award recipients will be honored at 7PM.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Worshipful Master

### From The West



This has been a busy but relaxing month. We raised Brother Ben Jamal the day after Independence Day, I worked the remainder of that week, and then Teresa and I took off for a

couple weeks in the Rocky Mountains. The docket held Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, The Black Hills and The Badlands, Little Big Horn, Yellowstone and The Tetons, Great Salt Lake, The Arches of Utah, and a stop in Denver to visit my newlywed son and his beautiful wife. Added pleasure was added to the trip by the country DJs of XM Radio.

A massively high volume of email awaited my return to work, and the Lodge Breakfast and more degree work awaited my return to the Lodge. Both were tackled with pleasure and enthusiasm as our wonderful trip had completely recharged my batteries.

I hope each of you are able to get out and spend some special time with your special people throughout the year. Each life is a generous gift of time from God; make sure He knows that you love Him with your whole heart, and make sure He knows that you love your neighbor as yourself. I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Senior Warden

#### From The South



The dog days of summer are said to occur between July 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>. This happens when Sirius, the "dog star," rises and sets with the sun and is supposed to be the hottest time

of the year. (Personally, I thought Sirius was the cool radio where I listen to the Elvis channel) Here in Virginia Beach, we get to enjoy the sweltering heat and crazy high humidity into late September. Just last week we saw the mercury rise to 100 degrees and the heat index hit close to 110. Now that's hot! I bring this up, not to state the obvious, but to remind everyone that during this time we need to look out for our elderly Brethren and Masonic Widows. Take a few minutes to give them a call and check on them. Make sure they're doing okay and ask how their air conditioning is holding up in this heat. Seniors are prone to heat related illnesses and a simple phone call might be just what it takes to uncover a need. At the very least I know the call will be welcomed and appreciated.

Brother Chris Anders, Junior Warden

#### **To Our Masonic Widows**

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in August:

 $\begin{array}{lll} Dorothy \ Hudson & August \ 7^{th} \\ Joyce \ Stukey & August \ 11^{th} \\ Sarah \ Faye \ Ward & August \ 13^{th} \\ Samia \ Salesby & August \ 26^{th} \end{array}$ 

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.

## **Trestleboard**

August 2	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
August 3	Fraternal Visit to Princess Anne
	Lodge No. 25
August 6	Eastern Star Yard Sale, 8AM
August 9	Stated Communication
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
August 10	Fraternal Visit to Virginia Beach
_	Lodge No. 274
August 15	District Blood Drive
	at Kempsville Lodge No. 196, 2-7PM
August 18	Fraternal Visit to Bremond
J	Lodge No. 241
August 24	Fraternal Visit to Great Bridge
	Lodge No. 257
August 27	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
	. Community Builder's Award Night
ragast 50	Dinner 6PM, Presentation 7PM
Sontombor 11	Annual Family Picnic, 1-4PM
september 15	Stated Communication, 7PM

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

## **Masonic Birthdays for August**

Allen Victor Alewine '08 Joshua Allen Arkin '08 Ramon Luis Baez, Jr. '08 Ray Leon Benton '88 Robert Dean Blazier '93 Curtis Edward Brannon '65 Michael Neal Miller '05 Raymond Clyburn, Sr. '64 Homer J. Cullifer '65 Bruce A. Cunningham '08 Dennis A. DiMaggio '10 John Newton Farr '98 Robert Scott Foxwell '02 Moss Samuel Friedman '91 Larry Brett Scott '10 Noel Lee Garo '10 Brian Keith Headley '00 Walter Lee Humphries '71 William T. Kemp, Sr. '66 Jonathan Robert King '00

Harry W. Lamer, Jr. '08 Walter A. Liffick '94 David W. McGowan '05 Newbury E. Meader, Jr. '99 Donald Edward Meyer '77 Edward F. Mvers. III '08 Christopher B. Ovide '11 Bennell Willard Powers '93 Gregory Michael Remy '08 Jeffrey Scott Rohrer '08 Larry Duane Santos '93 David Tyrone Silvey '04 Raymond Elnor Hall, III '05 Wesley Clay Thompson '06 Anthony K. Turner '08 Claude W. Watkins, Jr. '91 Thomas G. Webber, Jr. '08 William Roy Wood '77

The Brethren shown above have a total of 735 years in Masonry!

# Welcome to Kempsville

Brother Jamal "Ben" Jamal - raised on July 5th, Brother Raymond G. Clyburn, Sr. - affiliated on July 12th, and Brother Rickey P. Brooks - raised July 26<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to Kempsville Lodge, Brethren!

#### **Youth Corner**

Kempsville's Jobies made their annual trek to Ferrum College in July for the state's annual Grand Session. Daughters represented



their bethel well, competed in a number of events, and enjoyed fellowship with their Jobie sisters from across Virginia. Congratulations to Bethel 42's own Tori Sorensen, who received the Grand Master's 2016 Outstanding Masonic Youth Award, and Kaitlynn Gray, who was awarded a number of Masonic family scholarships. The bethel took home awards too numerous to list in field events. arts and crafts, dance and dress-a-like. Congratulations to Briana Snow, Keita Gain and Chiara Baez who were selected to be the state's Grand Bethel Representatives to Brazil, Montana and Oregon, respectively, and to Charlye Levine who was selected Grand Bethel Musician for the ensuing term.

Kempsville DeMolay started the summer off right with a car wash fundraiser at Worshipful Jody Dudley's Cavalier Garage. The young men enjoyed a few days of fellowship and fun at the North



Landing Beach Camping Resort in Virginia Beach. After starting the weekend at Pungo Pizza, they pitched their tents and

progressed to more primitive grub, cooking their meals over the campfire. The chapter continues to grow, having added one new member at the Luray Quarterly and initiating a second new member on Iuly 28th. Members also traveled to Christopher Newport University in late July to join with other DeMolay from across Virginia at the state's annual Conclave, where a number of Kempsville's young men represented the chapter on the state level competing in various events.

Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

## Flag Presented to Lodge



At the July Stated Communication, Brother Matt Esper presented the Lodge with an American Flag flown over the Ground Mobility Compound in Afghanistan on June 1, 2016.

# **Community Builder's Award**

The Community Builder's Award is designed to recognize and show our appreciation for outstanding community-oriented achievements of

non-Masons who reside and work in our city. There are many hard working, dedicated men and women in our community who have served others with no expectation of reward. We have selected two recipients and want to show them that we are proud of their good works, that we are happy that they are personally instrumental in making/building our communities into a better place for all people to live, work, and play. Our two honourees are John Brewington, Conductor of the Tidewater Winds, and Dr. Sandi Billy, Director of the Center for Sacred Music at Virginia Wesleyan College. Come out on the 30th to learn how these individuals have enriched our community and to show your support for their work.

## **Lodge Officers**

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