



# The Ashlar



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**Kempsville Lodge No. 196, A.F.&A.M.**  
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## The Level And The Square

We meet upon the level and we part upon the square  
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere  
Come let us contemplate them, they are worthy of a thought  
From the ancient times of Masonry these symbols have been taught  
We meet upon the level, every country, sect and creed  
The rich man from his mansion, the poor man from the field  
For wealth is not considered within our outer door  
And we all meet on the level upon the checkered floor.

We act upon the Plumb the Junior Warden states  
We walk upright throughout our lives, we seek the pearly gates  
The All-seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true  
That we shall try to honor God and give each man his due  
We part upon the square as all good Masons do  
We mingle with the multitude a faithful band and true  
So the brotherhood of Masonry from every corner come  
To meet upon the level and act upon the plumb.

There's a world where all are equal we're coming to it fast  
We shall meet upon the level there when the days on earth are past  
We shall stand before the altar and our Master will be there  
To try the blocks we offer with his own unerring square  
We shall meet upon the level there but never thence depart  
There's a Mansion---'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart  
There's a Mansion and a welcome and a multitude is there  
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level then while these earthly ties we share  
And just hope we're there to answer when the roll is called up there  
As we travel through our lifespan time aids us prepare  
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square  
So remember all our teachings, that bright fraternal chain  
We part upon the square below to meet in heaven again  
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere  
We meet upon the level and we part upon the square.

Written by Brother Rob Morris  
Poet Laureate of Freemasonry  
August, 1854.



## From The East



Brethren, we are certainly feeling the full effect of summer in Virginia Beach. It's hot, sticky, and at times unbearable. Luckily most of us live and work in air-conditioned houses and buildings. Those who don't. God Bless you! I'm not a fan of extreme heat so on hot days you will almost always find me indoors.

Recently, on a particularly hot day, I took a trip down memory lane and read every newsletter posted on our website. It was an amazing journey into our past. Learning about the people, events, and happenings in our lodge over the years was fantastic. There's a wealth of information there and I encourage everyone to do the same. It will give you some perspective on our lodge in ways you may not have thought about.

One of the things I paid special attention to were the names of the officers throughout the years. It was interesting to see how many started their journey "in the chairs" who did not become master of the lodge. I am sure there were good reasons but it does make one wonder why. It was also fun to read articles written by brothers back during their time in the chairs who are Past Masters today. Some spoke to struggles the lodge faced with membership, attendance, and finances while others spoke to the successes and triumphs that were made. Either way the dedication of the members of Kempsville Lodge was consistently evident.

All in all it was an interesting and enlightening exercise and well worth the time to do so. You really can't see where you're heading without knowing where you've been or at least have some knowledge of how, when, and why things happened. We are certainly very fortunate to have a great website and newsletter. I want to recognize and thank Right Worshipful Buddy Pate for all he does to make both exceptional. I have viewed Masonic websites from around the country and have yet to find one that can hold a candle to ours.

I hope you take some time to read through the chronicles of Kempsville Lodge and hope you too will come away with a deeper appreciation of the Masons who helped build our great lodge. Remember, there is no better place to be on a Tuesday night than in Kempsville Lodge!

Brother Chris Anders, Worshipful Master

## From The West



As we get into the second half of the year, I would like to thank all the brethren for a very good first half. We are well on our way to completing some of the Masonic milestones for the year, the James Noah Hillman Award, the Morlock Award and meeting our blood drive goals with the Dr. Seymour Jonas Levy Award. We have completed some awesome degree work and have a lot more left to do after a short period of light work.

In the coming months we have to look forward to visiting some great lodges outside of our district including Hall Lodge on August 1st and later in the year Richmond Randolph Lodge. Please visit the lodge website, Facebook page or simply come to one of the work nights to get an updated Trestleboard. The rest of the year is certain to be as exciting and busy as the first part.

Brother Roger Taylor, Senior Warden

## From The South



Another month is behind us; it's hard to believe we are already more than 7 months into the 2018 Masonic year. Over the past month we have raised another Brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason, passed two to Fellowcraft, and initiated a fourth (who I am currently coaching) as an Entered Apprentice. I would like to thank everyone who attended our breakfast in July; we had another great turnout. My egg-scrambling hand is still recovering!

I would ask all of our Brothers to please keep an eye out for and take care of visitors to our Lodge, especially at Stated meetings. If you see someone you don't recognize at dinner or up in the Lodge Room sitting by themselves, please introduce yourself and sit with them or invite them to sit with you. We have received a number of nice compliments from visitors after Stated meetings on how welcome we made them feel when we did this for them. As a result, word gets around and more people come to visit us. In some cases, it made visitors decide to join our Lodge!

Brother Dave Trzeciakiewicz, Junior Warden

## Masonic Birthdays for August

Allen V. Alewine '08	Walter A. Liffick '94
Joshua A. Arkin '08	David W. McGowan '05
Ramon L. Baez, Jr. '08	Newbury E. Meader, Jr. '99
Ray L. Benton '88	Donald E. Meyer '77
R. Dean Blazier '93	Michael N. Miller '05
Curtis E. Brannon '65	Edward F. Myers, III '08
Raymond Clyburn, Sr. '64	Christopher B. Ovide '11
Homer J. Cullifer '65	Bennell W. Powers '93
Bruce A. Cunningham '08	Gregory M. Remy '08
Dennis A. DiMaggio '10	Jeffrey S. Rohrer '08
John N. Farr '98	Larry B. Scott '10
R. Scott Foxwell '02	David T. Silvey '04
Moss S. Friedman '91	Benjamin D. Stair '16
Noel L. Garo '10	Wesley C. Thompson '06
Raymond E. Hall, III '05	Anthony K. Turner '08
Brian K. Headley '00	Claude W. Watkins, Jr. '91
Walter L. Humphries '71	Thomas G. Webber, Jr. '08
William T. Kemp, Sr. '66	William R. Wood '77
Jonathan R. King '00	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 778 years in Masonry!

## Welcome to Kempsville!

Join us in welcoming a new "Affiliate" brother to the Lodge, Brother Richard Tsikuris, Jr., who affiliated with us from Lake Drummond Lodge on July 10, 2018. And we welcome back Br. Tracy Gilbert, who was reinstated to membership on July 10, 2018.

## Trestleboard

July 28 .....	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
August 1 .....	Fraternal Visit to Hall Lodge No. 53 Shawboro, North Carolina
August 7 .....	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
August 14 .....	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
August 20 .....	District Blood Drive Kempsville Lodge, 2-7PM
August 21 .....	Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
August 25 .....	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
August 28 .....	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
September 8 .....	Annual Family Picnic, 1-4PM
September 11 .....	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

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

## The Finer Points

A Freemason should avoid intemperance or excess, which might obstruct the performance of his duties, or lead him to actions that would stain his

honor and reflect dishonor to the Fraternity. He is to practice the virtues of patience and forbearance, which give him command over his actions.

What leisure his labors allow should be employed in the studying the seven liberal arts and sciences in order to better perform his duties to his Creator, his country, his neighbor, and himself. It is the truly indispensable character of a Master Mason, "to walk humbly in the sight of God, to do justice, and love mercy."

Freemasons promote warmth, love, and service. It is mandatory to learn to abstain from malice, slander, evil-speaking, backbiting, and unmannerly, scornful, provoking, reproachful and ungodly language.

Mike Denning, Senior Deacon

## To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in August:

Dorothy Hudson	August 7 <sup>th</sup>
Joyce Stuckey	August 11 <sup>th</sup>
Betty Seymore	August 11 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Faye Ward	August 13 <sup>th</sup>
Samia Salesby	August 26 <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.

## Thoughts and Prayers

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

Worshipful Frank Creasy	757-390-0679
Worshipful Jerry Hallal	757-472-1200
Brother Don McBride	757-497-2777

## The Drama of Faith

Man does not live by bread alone; he lives by Faith, Hope, and Love, and the first of these is Faith.

Nothing in the human story is more striking than the persistent, passionate, profound protest of man against death. Even in the earliest of times we see him daring to stand erect at the gates of the grave, disputing its verdict, refusing to let it have the last word, and making argument on behalf of the soul. For Emerson, as for Addison, that fact alone was proof enough of immortality, as revealing a universal intuition of eternal life. Others may not be so easily convinced. But no man who has the

heart of a man can fail to be impressed by the ancient, heroic Faith of his race.

From the Builders by John Fort Newton  
Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

From the Secretary

Brethren all – FYI: DUES INCREASE! Be informed in advance of the dues increase for 2019. The delegates to the 2017 Grand Annual Communication voted and approved a \$10. increase for the “Grand Lodge portion” of dues of all Subordinate Lodges, effective January 1, 2019. Accordingly, our Lodge dues must increase \$10. So, our Lodge annual dues for 2019 will be \$117. The next dues notice you receive, mailed to you in November, will indicate this amount. Dues are normally payable in January, annually. (Electronic credit-card payments are available as a convenience in the “Payment Center” on the Lodge web site.)

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

We now accept electronic payments for annual dues and donations. Accessible on the Lodge Web Site.

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Community Service

Our Lodge Community Service Coordinator, Worshipful Bill Peterson, with the assistance of Worshipful Bob Stanek, Worshipful Greg Muir, Brother Karl Wessler, Brother Joe Salt, and Brother Dave Porrier have faithfully kept our Adopt-A-Spot clean all year. Hats off to these fine brethren for taking great care of our community and representing Kempsville Lodge!

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Chris Anders	635-7617
Senior Warden	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Junior Warden	Dave Trzeciakiewicz	620-8311
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	255-8336
Senior Deacon	Mike Denning	651-0712
Junior Deacon	John Settle, III	675-9695
Senior Steward	Todd Moissett	604-3085
Junior Steward	Doug Dunn	781-389-6557
Chaplain	Justin Gray	338-7218
Musician	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Marshal	Scott Sherman	597-1150
Tiler	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
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