



The Ashlar



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From The East



The next big event on the meteorological calendar is the spring equinox. It signals the exact moment when the sun in the south at meridian crosses the equator as it continues its annual journey to attain its highest ascent above the horizon. It is one of my favorite times of the year. Birds begin to nest, eggs are decorated, and spring training begins.

It is a time of new growth, a time when the dormancy of a winter season is invigorated by more light and warmth. It is a time when the explosive energy that nature endows to everyone and everything can be and is released into new expansions of learning and achievement.

We put away the tools of winter, we store our boots and shovels, and go to the garden shop to select seed that will nourish our bodies and beautify our surroundings. It a time when we go back to work, begin practice, and put effort into the things that will enrich and improve ourselves and those things whose advancement has become one of our main concerns.

It is a time to renew our vow to improve ourselves in Masonry. It is a time to consider attending lodge school or to begin that correspondence course that we have been putting off for so long. We can even make plans to attend the District Ritual School that will be held on the 13th and 15th of April.

We can make a special effort to call on a Brother or Masonic sweetheart that we have not seen in a long time. We can invite them to come to Lodge or attend lodge breakfast, or maybe even attend the Grand Master's official visit on March 29th. We can remind them of Past Master's night, which is scheduled for the 26th of March, or even just to drop by the lodge on any Saturday morning for coffee and conversation.

The next big event on our Masonic calendar is the March Stated. When I was combing through the Grand Lodge website last year, searching for ideas that could be used as programs for this year, I came upon article that had real meaning for me. The

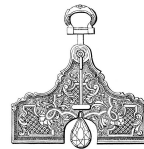
more I read it, the more I liked it. When I came to the end, I was pleased to see that a friend of Kempsville Lodge, and a friend of mine had written it.

Our guest speaker at the March 12th Stated will be Worshipful Rick Cazenave who will share with us what the words we say around our sacred Altar at the close of every Master Mason's Lodge mean to him. I know they will also be very meaningful for you.

Looking very forward to his presentation and to seeing you.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

From The West



At the Division Leadership Conference in Newport News the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, suggested that one of the avenues available for advancing public awareness of Freemasonry and possibly reversing the negative trend in membership was via the local media. This reminded me of a Newsweek Magazine article that I thought was worth repeating here. The magazine carried this account in November 1947.

By a companion's count, not one in 20 strollers recognized the black-hatted figure walking briskly up Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington last Thursday evening, November 6th. As his secret service guard trailed him discreetly, President Truman walked the three blocks from the White House to the Masonic Temple and, once inside, donned the traditional white apron. Reason: Capt. Thomas J. Burns, assistant White House physician, was taking the lodge's third degree. Though some of the officiating Masons flubbed their lines during the initiation ceremonies, all noticed that former Grand Master Truman of the Missouri Grand Lodge recited his, after a 12 year lapse, without missing a syllable. Later, the President chuckled: "I thought Burns' eyes would pop out. Wish I could get out this way more often."

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

From The South



It's hard to imagine that we've started our new year. Seems like only a few weekends ago we had our installation. I have a special "charge" to our membership, more especially our new initiates and newly raised masons. Start the year off right. For our new members, take advantage of Monday night school, volunteer for a committee, help out on a degree team. There's always tasks needed to be done around the Lodge. For our more experienced members, coaches are always needed. If anyone has any questions, our Worshipful Master will happily assist you in finding a spot. As usual, the more we participate, the more we enhance ourselves, and our Lodge.

John Preddy, Junior Warden

Masonic Birthdays for March

Robert Craig Belda '00	Winston E. Marchman '63
Jackson Rollins Bell, Jr. '09	George W. Messinger '94
Orlando C. Bitanga '98	Robert Carl Metz '92
Donald Ray Blair '77	Sidney Thomas Moore '69
James Delbert Boone '76	Gary Burke Nye '06
William Edwain Combs '80	Charlie L. Pallett, III '87
James F. Dombey '11	William H. Pierce '46
Patrick Walne Dunn '05	Michael S. Polychroni '85
George M. Harrell, Jr. '70	Charles Joseph Ridgely '09
William Harry Holland '57	Donald K. Robinson '93
Christopher John Jaeger '58	Frederick W. Rudiger '03
William M. Johnson '93	Michael Ryan Sheehan '96
John Duane Johnstone '64	Fredrick A. Steinmiller '01
Thomas William Lang '05	Thomas Ray Sutherland '77
Robert Lee Lankford '72	Roger Wayne Taylor '11
Lester Randall Lefler '89	Russell J. Tjepkema '10
Robert Dale Leonard, Jr. '05	Linwood Ray West '91
Thomas E. Lindner '83	James Arthur Widener '83

Masonic Veterans for 2013

March	Winston Edward Marchman	50 Years
April	Thomas Gray Webber, Sr.	50 Years
July	Joseph Francis Thornton	50 Years
October	Richard Leopold Naujoks	60 Years
November	Albert Lee Bonney, Jr.	50 Years
December	Ejnar Olaf Jorgenson	60 Years

Youth Corner

Support for Bethel 42's Joint Grand Visitation held at Kempsville Lodge was amazing, the Lodge room was at capacity with over a hundred in attendance. For those that came out to support our youth, Thank You from the Daughters and Adult Leadership of Bethel 42.

Our Demolay Chapter continues to grow with the addition of several new members and an increasing list of prospects. Success in recent ritual competition and strong adult leadership is keeping Kempsville at the top of Virginia's Demolay and is a direct reflection of your support.

March 3rd at 2PM is the Bethel's next meeting, March 7th at 7PM for the Demolay. Come on out and support the youth.

Brother Rob Worthington, Youth Advisor

Trestleboard

March 6	DDGM's Official Visit Princess Anne Lodge No. 25, 6PM
March 12	Stated Communication Speaker: Rick Cazenave, 6PM
March 25	District Blood Drive Kempsville Lodge No. 196, 3PM-7:30PM
March 26	Spring Past Masters Night, 6PM
March 29	Grand Master's Official District Visit Khedive Shrine Center, 6PM
March 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
April 9	Stated Communication White Leather Apron Play, 6PM
April 13	C. Frank Hicks Ritual School District 36/56, 8AM-1PM Lake Drummond Lodge
April 15	Parkerson Ritual School District 36/56, 6PM Kempsville Lodge
April 27	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

Thoughts and Prayers

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

Chris Anders – 635-7617
Brother George Boggs – 461-7939
Brother Fred Feller – 422-3219
Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in March:

Edna St. John	March 1 st
Catherine Mote	March 4 th
Vivian Estes	March 17 th
Kaye Peters	March 18 th
Carol Wicks	March 24 th
Mary Hawker	March 25 th
Leona Cronemiller	March 27 th
Carol Leszczynski	March 27 th
Jean Mordica	March 28 th
Sharon Nolan	March 29 th

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

We'd also like to remind all our ladies that if you are considering any major repairs to your home and want to make sure they're needed, feel free to contact us. We'll be glad to offer advice and assistance.

Masonic Blood Program

Brethren, the 56th District provided the Red Cross with 35 units of blood during the January donation, this effort exceeded the Red Cross goal of 33 units for the district. Kempsville Lodge No. 196 was represented by 9 brothers who made us the second most represented lodge during the donation night. Our participation was surpassed by Princess Anne with 16 brothers donating; our standing was reduced to fourth when the computation was adjusted for platelet donation. Thank you very much to the participating brothers. For the information of all hands, our next blood donation will be held at Kempsville Lodge No. 196 on March 25th from 3 to 7:30PM. Thanks in advance to all brothers who support the donation effort.

Brother Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Light In Masonry

My Brethren, from the moment you enter the West gate I challenge each of you to continuously seek light in Masonry. For purposes of this article, by light in Masonry is meant the pursuit of knowledge. Once you are initiated as an EA, you should continue seeking more light in Masonry until at last you pass to the celestial Lodge above.

Yes, education is a lifetime learning process. I urge you to encourage each other to become proficient in all the degrees of Freemasonry, and to take the initiative to complete all of the Masonic educational courses made available to you by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Share the light my Brethren. Pass it on to those who wish to be brought from darkness to Masonic light. Remember, a candle loses nothing by igniting another wick.

Et lux in tenebris lucet
(and the light shineth in the darkness)

You hold the future of Masonry in your hands Brethren. Please do not let the light flicker and die. Do whatever you can to make certain that the light of Freemasonry continues to shine, and may it never be extinguished.

Worshipful Bill Nelligar

On This Day

If it has pleased the supreme architect of the universe to make me a humble instrument to promote the welfare and happiness of my fellowmen, my exertions have been abundantly recompensed by the kind partiality with which they have been received; and the assurance you give me of your belief that I have acted upon the square in my public capacity, will be among my principal enjoyments in this Terrestrial Lodge.

Brother George Washington

Brother George Washington received the second degree of Masonry on March 3, 1753.

"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people."

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

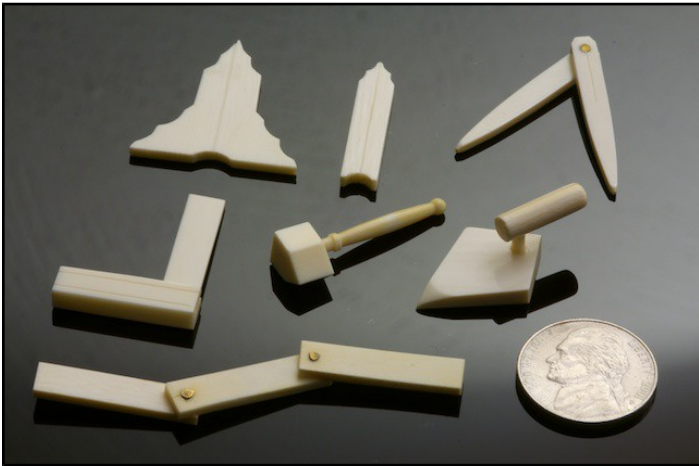
"Everyone is ignorant, only on different subjects."

"Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."

Brother Will Rogers

Brother Will Rogers was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 16, 1908 in Clarence Lodge No. 53 in Oklahoma.

Tiny Masonic Working Tools



A tiny set of Masonic working tools, possibly made of ivory by the Hang On Ivory Factory Products of Hong Kong. Provided by Worshipful Joe Thornton.

A Bag of Tools

*Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common people like you and me
Are builders for eternity*

*Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, a book of rules;
And each must make - ere life is flown-
A stumbling block or a steppingstone.*

R.L. Sharpe

Visit www.kempsvillelodge.org for more interesting Masonic trinkets owned by our members.

The Last Laugh

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

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