



The Ashlar



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From The East



I want to thank everyone who came out to support the Past Masters on the occasion of your Lodge's 60th Anniversary at the February Stated Communication. It was a very special evening with Right Worshipful Bill Knowles sitting in the East. Many stories were provided regarding Right Worshipful William H. Pierce, the first Worshipful Master in 1955 and the Lodge Secretary for 50 years. I also want to thank both youth organizations, the Order of the DeMolay and Job's Daughters for serving dinner that evening.

The Grand Master's Official visit to both the 56th and 36th Masonic District is March 20th at the Chesapeake Shrine Center. All Brethren, their Ladies and Sweethearts are encouraged to attend. If you are planning to attend, please call me or send an email response to wtpeterson@aol.com.

I have asked the Right Worshipful Bill Knowles, Chairman of the Building Committee, to provide me with plans to upgrade the bathrooms and renovate the upstairs. I have given him my thoughts and expectations and so far I have heard some excellent ideas. The goal is to have the work started by the end of this month completed this summer.

I am again seeking your support with the Morlock Award. I am asking each Brother to personally donate \$5 each in your name. In order for the Lodge to receive this award, a minimum of 15% of the membership, approximately 64 Brethren are needed.

Thank you all for the support you have given me, the Officers, and the Lodge!

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



What a happy anniversary it was at Past Master's Night in February. Our Past Masters distinguished themselves in the chairs. Once again, it was my pleasure to sit as the Musician. I was reminded, sitting at the piano-shaped device which

makes piano-like sounds, that our remodeled lodge room deserves a more fitting instrument. As I sit in the West, and gaze about the room, I dream of what remains to be done to continue to make our lodge a meeting space of which we can all be proud. It would be magnificent to see a grand piano behind the Treasurer's desk.

As our Worshipful Master tackles the remodeling of the stairwell this year, I hope to have the chairs refinished and reupholstered next year. I would like to see appropriate chairs procured for the officers and all of the furniture brought in harmony with the excellent altar.

These, however, are my dreams. It is hoped that the lodge will be receptive to these ideas and join in making them a reality. Perhaps there is someone in the lodge who would be willing to assist financially in funding these dreams. It benefits all of us and would be a blessing for years to come.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



We sure did have a rough month of weather in February, I hope that each of you got through the snow, ice, and wind chills without complication. Now that the weather has run its course and the boys of summer are down in Florida and out in Arizona I hope to see a great number of you in Lodge for degree work. A steady stream of degree work has been the case since we returned from winter break. I think you'll be happy to know that our degree teams are booked solid through the end of March and there appears to be more on the way. Notable is that we will have worked on all but 2 available Tuesdays between January 6th and March 31st (we missed February 3rd due to District Deputy visits and February 17th due to inclement weather.)

The heavy winter schedule means some very positive things for our Lodge: 1) we are bringing in new petitioners and raising those guys to the

sublime degree of Master Mason, we will have raised 4 Master Masons in the first quarter of 2015 (in the 1st Quarter of 2014 we had not raised a single Brother); 2) the work has helped the degree teams to grow in Masonic proficiency (except for Scott and me); and 3) and most of all, we are having a great time sharing Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love in the processes of lodge school and putting on the degrees.

Additionally, I also I understand quite a few of the other Virginia Beach Lodges are conducting steady work as well so Masonry is obviously beginning to get back on its roll. Heck, it seems as though I see the Square and Compasses more and more during my daily commute to and from work. This could possibly be from all of the good press we are getting on the History Channel and on American Heros Channel (former Military Channel), I have really enjoyed those programs and I hope each of you have watched and enjoyed them as well.

All of this good news said, it is now on us to demonstrate effective Masonry to the new Brothers who are knocking on the Kempsville West Gate. Easy stuff really, just come to Lodge and be the fine Americans that you are and nature will take its course. I hope to see you in Lodge soon, come on out and shake the hands of the new Brothers each time they complete a degree.

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Community Service

I wish to recognize the following Brethren with assisting me with the Lodges Adopt-A-Park at Stratford Chase Recreational Park on February 14th: Worshipful Bob Stanek, Brother Dennis DiMaggio, and Brother Joe Salt.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

Blood Drive

When I was a young sailor, deployed on the other side of the world, I received notification from my mother that my father was passing and that it was time for me to come home. I had no idea how to proceed to get to my father's side. The American Red Cross stepped in to help me with flight and arrangements to get home. Can you imagine how lost I would have been without the assistance of the Red Cross? Many of the brethren are unable to donate blood to this praise worthy organization because of their schedule or personal medical issues. There are many ways to help by donating

time or money. Go to the website americanredcross.org to see if you can help in some way other than donation of blood. For those brethren who are eligible and able to donate blood, our next 56th Masonic District blood drive will be held at Kempsville Lodge on April 20th from 2-7PM. If you can not donate, can you move tables and chairs, serve soup and have good fellowship with visiting brothers and guests? There are many ways you can help make our next blood drive to be a big success.

Patrick Blankenship, Lodge Blood Chairman

Trestleboard

February 28 Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
March 3 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
March 10 Stated Communication, 7PM
March 17 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
March 20 Grand Master's Official District Visit
Khedive Shrine Center, 6PM
March 24 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
March 28 Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
March 31 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
April 11 C. Frank Hicks Area Ritual School
Districts 36/56, 8AM
Lake Drummond Lodge No.178
April 13 James H. Parkerson Area Ritual School
Districts 36/56, 6PM
Kempsville Lodge No. 196
April 14 Stated Communication, 7PM

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

Youth Corner

The young ladies of Bethel 42 joined members of Kempsville DeMolay for an evening of Masonic service and fellowship as they helped serve dinner and dessert at Kempsville Lodge's 60th anniversary stated in early February. Bethel 42 will reconvene at the Khedive Shrine Center in Chesapeake later this month to help serve dinner at the Potentate's Ball and Reception. Bethel 42 invites you to bring out your granddaughters, nieces, and other prospective young ladies who would benefit from being a part of this amazing organization and join them on Sunday, March 1st at 6:30PM at Color Me Mine at the Marketplace at Hilltop for a fun-filled evening of pottery painting and fellowship.

The young men of Kempsville DeMolay returned from the state's Brotherhood Weekend quarterly meeting having masterfully exemplified several parts of the DeMolay ritual. Congratulations to Kempsville Chapter and Kempsville's own Heath Robinson, Jared Jackson and Jacob Jackson, the

new Nine O'Clock Interpolation state champions, and congratulations to Jared Jackson, the state's new Magnificent Seven state champion. Earlier in the month, Kempsville DeMolay members seized upon a unique opportunity and enjoyed an amazing tour of the FBI regional headquarters in Chesapeake. Members got to tour the weapons vault, spoke with the evidence recovery team and learned defensive tactics from the field agents. Please join Kempsville DeMolay for their public installation of officers Saturday, March 7th at 7PM at Kempsville Lodge.

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

From the Archives of the Lodge



According to the minutes recorded on April 27, 1954, the lodge's third meeting was held in the Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department. This would remain the home of Kempsville Lodge until it moved to its present location.



The cornerstone was laid on June 1, 1957 by Most Worshipful Willis V. Fentress, Sr., Past Grand Master. Contained within the cornerstone is one of the original petitions for Dispensation to form the

Lodge, 1954 and 1955 coins, a copy of the Lodge By-laws, a copy of the Masonic Herald, and a picture of the first officers receiving the new Charter. On September 11, 1957 the Lodge held its first Stated Communication in the new building.

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.

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

Community Builders Award

I would like to present the Grand Lodge Community Builders Award this year. If you know of an Eagle Scout, Girl Scout, EMT, Fireman, Virginia City Police, State Highway Trooper, school teacher, etc., deserving of this award, please contact me.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in March:

Edna St John	March 1 st
Vivian Estes	March 17 th
Kaye Peters	March 18 th
Mary Nickerson	March 22 nd
Mary Hawker	March 25 th
Carol Weeks	March 24 th
Leona Cronmiller	March 27 th
Carol Lesyzczynski	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 Right Worshipful Bill Knowles or the Secretary.

Masonic Birthdays for March

R. Craig Belda '00	George W. Messinger '94
Orlando C. Bitanga '98	Robert C. Metz '92
Donald R. Blair '77	Sidney T. Moore '69
James D. Boone '76	Gary B. Nye '06
William E. Combs '80	Charlie L. Pallett, III '87
James F. Dombey '11	Michael S. Polychroni '85
Aaron J. Dyer '12	Donald K. Robinson '93
George M. Harrell, Jr. '70	Frederick W. Rudiger '03
W. Harry Holland '57	Michael R. Sheehan '96
William M. Johnson '93	Fredrick A. Steinmiller '01
J. Duane Johnstone '64	Roger W. Taylor '11
Thomas W. Lang '05	Russell J. Tjepkema '10
Robert L. Lankford '72	Linwood R. West '91
Lester R. Lefler '89	James A. Widener '83
R. Dale Leonard, Jr. '05	Clifford J. Williams '13
Thomas E. Lindner '83	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 739 years in Masonry!

Diamond Anniversary Coin



The commemorative coin given out by the Worshipful Master at the February Stated Communication.

Around the Lodge



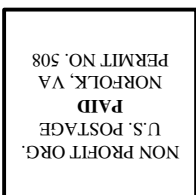
Congratulations to Worshipful Arthur Fredrick Wadford, Jr. on being installed as Worshipful Master of Salado Masonic Lodge No. 296 in Salado, Texas. Brother Wadford was raised in Kempsville in 2008, is a Life Member in Perpetuity and after retiring from the Navy in 2009, moved to Texas.

Congratulations, Brother Art! We're all very proud of you!

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 Right Worshipful Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (bob.stanek@gmail.com)



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