



The Ashlar



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From The East



I want to personally thank those who attended the March Stated Communication. It was a great turnout. Worshipful Ed Meise, the District Education Officer gave a wonderful presentation on the Miami Dolphin's football coach Don Shula's "Winning Edge" as it relates to Masonry. Our own Worshipful Bill Rawson, your Lodge Education Officer, gave an excellent presentation on the importance of Masonic Education. I also want to personally thank those who individually donated \$5 to the Morlock award. Due to your generosity, we already have 33 of the 64 donations necessary to qualify. Please accept my hearty thank you!!!

It was a memorable event, to have Worshipful Joe Thornton and his Son, Brad, in attending Lodge together. Both Brad and Joe spoke on how special that moment meant to each of them.

Worshipful Teddy Adams, the Worshipful Master from Zia Daylight Lodge 77, from Albuquerque, New Mexico was in town and attended our meeting. He was overwhelmed by the Brotherly Love and Friendship given to him by the members of the Lodge. He expressed the same feelings in an e-mail on March 16th. Thank you Brethren for extending your warm wishes and welcoming to him to your Lodge.

Worshipful Bill Nolan will be our guest speaker at our Stated Communication on April 14th.

Worshipful Bill has a couple of topics to choose from, and I asked him to decide which he prefers to present. I'm truly looking forward to hearing what he has to share. Please come out. I think you'll enjoy Worshipful Bill's presentation.

I have met with the Right Worshipful Bill Knowles, Chairman of the Building Committee. At the printing of the April Ashlar, renovation of the bathrooms should have started. The long range plan is to start with the bathrooms, then the ladies dressing area and finish with the hallway.

Some of you may have noticed that the new carpet in the Lodge needs some work, Right Worshipful Knowles is working with the contractor to resolve

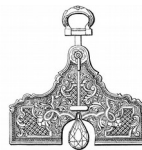
those issues. Additionally, some of you may have seen the stain on the carpet near the Treasurers desk. During my meeting with the appendant bodies in January, I informed them that that open drink containers or drink cups from fast food chain businesses with the flimsy lids were not permitted upstairs. If you must take a drink upstairs, use a bottle with a cap or spill proof cup. If there is an accident, please do the right thing and clean-up the spill.

The Annual Bull Roast is around the corner. Please provide any support you are able to Brother Chris Anders, your Senior Deacon, with your annual fund raising event.

There are many good events planned for this year, i.e., Adopt-A-Program, the Virginia Child ID Program at the Strawberry Festival as well as a Tides Baseball Game in June/July as well as our degree team. Right Worshipful Buddy Pate does a great job keeping our website up-to-date, so please check out the events posted on our website. Come out, get involved, and have fun with your Brethren.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



We continue to look ahead and plan for 2016. The speaker for the January stated meeting is lined up and the DDGM2B has let us know of his plans to visit in February. Other speakers are in waiting for an assignment. All will be asked to speak on the theme of "Music and Education."

The only thing that is causing some anxiety at this point is officers. I could not be more pleased with the elected officers I am inheriting. After two years of serving together, Greg, Chris, Roger and I have become a fun team. The big question is finding that person in the lodge to join us and be the Master in five years. The other question is finding a person to be the "face of the lodge," greet guests, sit outside the door and be the Tiler. Perhaps a reader of this article will be inspired to

step forward, better themselves and the lodge and take a leadership or service position.

Several brothers have already offered their services to the lodge for next year. As we continue to look for leadership for the lodge, not only next year, but for the years to come, the assistance of the brethren in recommending and encouraging their fellow brothers is most appreciated. Your input into activities and suggestions for scheduling is also welcome. Together we will continue to have another great year at Kempsville.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



As I have eluded to in previous articles, degree work continues to be steady and I will not be surprised if we raise 20 Master Masons in 2015. We may be able to raise even more considering we will have a one-day conferral this year. The reason that I am bringing this to your attention is to not only invite you out to be on the sidelines, but to invite you to participate in the degree work. Especially if you have a friend who will be going through his degrees. In 2015, we have already had a son conduct his father during his Entered Apprentice degree, another Brother who sat in the South during a friend's Master Mason Degree, and a third who sat in the South and delivered the Charge during a friend's Entered Apprentice Degree.

In my opinion, participating in one or all of a friend's degrees is an excellent way to follow up on bringing that new Brother into the Lodge. I can remember when I was raised to the Sublime Degree, the first voice I heard was an old Navy buddy from Minnesota who travelled to Virginia to be on my degree team. He was installed as Master of Lake Harriet Lodge in Minneapolis a few years later and I was there to present him with an autographed copy of Brother Hank Foiles "A Pirate's Journey." I thoroughly enjoyed both experiences.

Brothers, please don't be shy if you want to be involved in a friend's degree work. Let me know and we will get you prepared, and I will guarantee you that you will enjoy yourself and you and your friend will happily discuss the occurrence for years to come. I hope to see you in Lodge soon.

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Community Service

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

Blood Drive

Kempsville Lodge is hosting the next blood drive on April 20th and we need to have a good showing from all brethren. Our Operative brethren did a good job in building shelter against the rigors of inclement weather where people did not leave their shelter to donate. There is currently a severe national shortage because of many drives having to be canceled or not having the expected numbers show up to donate blood and platelets. I know the brethren of Kempsville will step up and donate to help stem this national shortage.

Patrick Blankenship, Lodge Blood Chairman

Trestleboard

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
April 20 District Blood Drive, 2-7PM
April 25 Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

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

Youth Corner

Kempsville DeMolay held its public installation of officers on Saturday, March 7th, and more than 160 visitors were



counted on the sidelines for this well-attended event. Congratulations to Dylan Masters who will serve the Chapter as its Master Councilor for the

ensuing term. The Chapter has been actively engaged in DeMolay Month activities marking the official anniversary date of the founding of DeMolay. Members enjoyed a unique opportunity to visit with Chesapeake Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff, who presented them with an official proclamation designating March DeMolay month in the city.

It's been a busy month of travelling and service for the young ladies of Bethel 42.

Members travelled to Hampton for the Grand Visitations of their sister Bethels from Norfolk, Hampton and Yorktown. The young ladies helped with serving and cleanup at the Khedive Shrine for both the Potentate's Ball and for the Grand Master's official visit to Masonic districts 36 and 56. They also met at the lodge to make Easter cards which will be delivered to each of the residents of our Masonic Home later in the month. Mark your calendars for Bethel 42's annual Dinner Theatre, which is set for May 29th and 30th. Your aspiring Jobie thespians are meeting weekly to prepare for two unforgettable nights of dinner and drama that you definitely won't want to miss!



Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in April:

Cheryl Farrer	April 2 nd
Patricia Quinton	April 4 th
Judith Maprstek	April 7 th
Sherry Vancampen	April 7 th
Rita Kelberg	April 14 th
Virginia Joiner	April 17 th
Mary Lou Cochran	April 20 th
Paige Mason	April 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.

Around the Lodge

Brother Billy Gordon has very recently transferred from Mississippi to Japan in the US Navy, now stationed aboard the USS Green Bay. Good luck & stay safe, Brother Billy!

Masonic Birthdays for April

Charles R. Bateman, Jr. '14	Terrence P. McNally '78
David E. Boyd '88	Todd C. Moissett '11
Jaime Cabeza '04	Richard E. Neisinger '74
Dean Carras '03	Thomas A. Niedermeier '80
Allen K. Chandler '87	Brian E. Parton '01
Dennis L. Driscoll '02	Emmett R. Reynolds '11
Louis P. Dunn '77	Alaric J. Roche, Jr. '64
Thomas C. England '11	Cristian C. Rodriguez '04
Christopher M. Favata '10	Michael A. Sachs '88
Jason Fletchall-Silva '14	Michael L. Smith, Sr. '82
Justin A. Flowers '12	William E. Spruill, Sr. '67
George L. Gunter '69	John P. Stublen, Jr. '76
Richard M. Hanly '74	Charlie B. Taylor, Sr. '59
Robert G. Lockwood '49	Robert J. Tidwell '77
Warren C. Massey '50	Christopher A. Urick '12
J. Henry McCoy, Jr. '62	Samuel G. Welty '05
Alton L. McKeithan '50	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 930 years in Masonry!

Bull Roast - June 13th

Brethren your time and talent is once again needed as we prepare for our 32nd Annual Bull Roast. This is our biggest fund raiser and supports the Masonic Home of Virginia, the Kempsville Lodge Scholarship program, and our building fund. With your help I know it will be a huge success. If you are interested in volunteering please let me know either in person, by e-mail at chrisanders1@gmail.com or by phone at 635-7617. Whether you've helped in the past or you'll be a first timer we really need your support. We will be staffing the BBQ Pit, Kitchen, Dining Hall, Take-out, Delivery, Dessert, and Clean-up crews. I am looking forward to day of fun, fellowship, and great food and hope you'll join in on the festivities! Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Brother Chris Anders
Bull Roast Chairman

Welcome to Kempsville

Please welcome Brother Don Cale and Brother Eric Martin who affiliated at our March Stated Communication and Brother Mike Denning who was raised on March 31st. Welcome to Kempsville, Brethren!

Quality Membership

The pillars of King Solomon's Temple are an important part of our ritual and to Masons and non-Masons alike, a visible symbol of Freemasonry.

They also suggest a crucial criterion by which to assess the quality of our Masonic membership. For members are of two-types-the pillars and the caterpillars. The pillars are visible, stable, and dependable; the caterpillars are hardly seen, and simply crawl in every now and then.

True, even the caterpillars have their value as statistics. But the only way for Masonry to be an effective movement is to have pillar members.

Declining members have motivated many of us to adopt the personal goal of "Make a member." It is an essential goal if our craft is to be, as our mission statement puts it so impressively, "an organization of excellence for all worthy men."

But there is a second goal that applies to the members we already have: the goal of "Make a member a better member."

To make a Masonic membership work, we have to work harder at it. In a word, it means making the conscious decision to be pillars, and allowing the craft to know we are there and can be counted upon.

Raymond Apple
The New South Wales Freemason
October 1993

Kempsville Lodge - By the Numbers

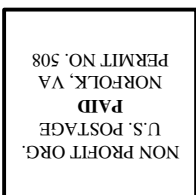
Some interesting statistics about your Lodge:

- Total membership of Lodge: 425
- Oldest member's age: 95 years
- Youngest member's age: 22 years
- Longest time a Master Mason: Worshipful Mike Lombardo at 66 years
- Newest Master Mason: Brother Denning, Raised March 31, 2015
- Masonic Veteran Members (over 50 years of Masonic service): 51
- Life Members in Perpetuity: 66

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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