



The Ashlar



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From The East



It is amazing how fast the summer is passing. I know we are all looking forward to the cooler weather that Fall will bring to us. Children will soon be heading back to school. The Lodge picnic is fast approaching and our Senior Deacon, Brother Chris Anders, will be seeking your assistance. I am also looking for a Brother who will be willing to take the lead on collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year, and throughout the school year. The most difficult task would be contacting each of the schools in the Kempsville area and identifying their needs and then setting up a collection box. If you have the time, please contact me via E-mail or my cell phone.

I want to thank the Brethren who have volunteered to assist in Brother Al Roach's transportation needs. You have truly displayed what Masonry is about by assisting a Brother in need. Brother Roger Taylor, Junior Deacon, is doing an outstanding job in organizing drivers. I also want to thank the Brethren who participated in the Fellowcraft's Degree for the one day conferral. I appreciate your patience, time, and willingness on giving up one of your Saturdays. I know how precious weekends are to all of us and our families.

Regarding building renovations, the plan is to have all the work completed by the end of October. Right Worshipful Knowles is working on getting the carpet contractor out this month, followed by the wood worker to install chair railing, and an ornate hand railing for part of the wall at the top if the stairs.

Continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers our service members and their families, our Masonic Sweethearts, our elderly Brothers, our first responders, and each other.

Hope the rest of your summer is awesome! Looking forward to seeing you in the Lodge.

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



I have returned from "traveling in foreign countries." The LIW has informed me that no more travel is allowed until after 2016. Returning to the lodge following my extended absence resulted in some very creative ritual. Right Worshipful McGowan was neither pleased nor amused. I hope to make him "happier" soon.

I had a wonderful time in England. The first day there we visited the United Grand Lodge of England. What a magnificent building. They just finished enlarging the pipe organ where the Grand Lodge meets. The case is covered in gold. However, after getting my travelling papers from our secretary and Grand Lodge, I was disappointed that there were no lodges working the entire week that we were in London and I was unable to sit in a lodge and watch the degree work.

It is fun to travel and go away. It is also good to get back. Some of you have been away from the lodge for too long. It would be great to see you again! Yes, there are some things you too may have forgotten. Yet, we are a friendly bunch and will welcome you back nonetheless. Make us happy. Hope to see you soon.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



There is much to report on for the month of August. A robust degree schedule in the Lodge in which we worked in all three degrees, the Grand Lodge one-day conferral wherein the 56th District exemplified the Second Degree for the candidates, Right Worshipful Tom McGowan back in the saddle coaching up the degree teams, and some new brothers involved in ritual work.

I urge each of you to make it a point to be in Lodge to enjoy the proficiency of the new degree team members as they work alongside the veteran ritualist who have kept our Lodge ritual work at the highest level. We should have a full slate of

degree work that will carry us through the remainder of the year.

On a personal note, my fiancée Teresa and I took our summer vacation in August and as part of it stopped for a few days in Philadelphia (my favorite city). The Phillies were out of town but we were able to visit a few spots with deep Masonic roots; Independence Hall (where the Declaration and Constitution were signed), Carpenter's Hall (the first US Capitol), Christ Church (whose congregants were both Revolution leaders and Lodge members), Christ Church Cemetery (burial site of Most Worshipful Benjamin Franklin), and the Betsy Ross House (whose husband John Claypoole was a Master Mason).

As always, I hope this finds each of you well. I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

- August 29 State-wide, One Day Conferral
Granby Street Temple, 8AM-2PM
- September 1 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
- September 8 Stated Communication
Junior Warden's Night
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
- September 12 Annual Family Picnic, 1PM
- September 22 Fall Past Masters' Night
- September 26.... Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
- October 13 Stated Communication
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
- October 19 District Blood Drive
Bayside Lodge, 2-7PM
- October 31 Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

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

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in September:

Stella Paxton	September 8 th
Vee McPherson	September 9 th
Linda Ferris	September 14 th
Dorothy Erickson	September 19 th
Judith Moyers	September 20 th
Sheryl Stanworth	September 23 rd
Linda Moore	September 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 September

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| Christopher K. Adkins '99 | Shepherd W. McClenny '92 |
| Christopher M. Bardin '07 | Duane Jason McCloud '11 |
| Patrick Francis Barnes '95 | Blake Cameron Miller '14 |
| James Michael Beighley '00 | Jesse Luther Monroe '89 |
| David Borntreger '87 | Raymond Scott Nester '11 |
| Earl Franklin Bray '83 | Archie Richard Nobles '64 |
| Harold R. Brenneman '49 | Edward Hardy Perry, Jr. '75 |
| Fred Allen Brewer '68 | Larry Donald Rummel '95 |
| Gregory Roger Cort '11 | Christopher Shackelford '06 |
| Richard A. Davis, III '75 | John Paul Tewalt, III '92 |
| Cacey Earle DeFord '11 | John Michael Thomas '10 |
| Todd Cameron DeFord '11 | Fritz Edward Trojahn '14 |
| Robert Dale Eberle '11 | Richard W. Walker, II '93 |
| Robert John Eisenberg '88 | Mark Robert Wegesin '05 |
| Charles M. Forbes '86 | Christopher C. Widen '96 |
| Claude Quay Fulcher '82 | Glenn R. Wintemberg '76 |
| James Giles Gordon '76 | Matthew H. Zardeskas '09 |
| Larry Register Hale '03 | |

The Brethren shown above have a total of 2,231 years in Masonry!

Coaches and Degree Work

If you are looking to get more involved in your Lodge have you considered on coaching a candidate? I know from experience, that it is a rewarding opportunity to assist a Brother with his catechism. Please give this serious thought. Thank you.

I also want to thank both Worshipfuls Michael Johnstone and Jerry Hallal on volunteering to coach Brothers Matlock and Brooks

We also are looking for Brethren willing to learn degree work. On most Monday nights we have ritual school at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in learning a part, and are willing to give the Lodge some of your time, please come join us.

Building Fund

A special thank you goes out to the young ladies of the Job's Daughters for their \$200 contribution.

Community Service

I want to thank the following Brethren who assisted me with our Adopt-A-Spot program at Stratford Chase Park on August 15th: Brother Karl Wesseler and Brother Dave Trezeciakiewics.

Youth Corner



Three members of Kempsville DeMolay returned from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania with a week of first-quality leadership training under their belts. As graduates of Pennsylvania DeMolay's Key Man University, these young men gained valuable skills that will prepare them for future leadership roles in their chapter and beyond. Kempsville DeMolay cordially invites you to their public installation of officers, Saturday, September 19th at 7PM at the lodge.



Bethel 42 kicked off their most recent service project with a visit to the Virginia Beach SPCA, where they received a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility and learned about the great work done by the volunteers. During the month of September, Kempsville's Jobies will be collecting much-needed supplies for the Virginia Beach SPCA, and any donations would be appreciated and will greatly assist the shelter in caring for the nearly 4,000 companion animals housed in its facility. Master

Masons are cordially invited to join Bethel 42 at one of their upcoming stated meetings – Thursday, September 10th at 6:30PM and Sunday, September 20th at 2PM.



Grand Visitation for Bethels 42 and 51 held August 22nd at Kempsville Lodge.

The Heart and Soul of Freemasonry

Bill Norton, a Past Master of Tompkins Lodge in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, was prompted by a Short Talk Bulletin article to write an essay about the "Heart and Soul" of our Fraternity. Excerpts from his words are printed here:

History is covered with displays of passion, relief and aid. Even in times of war and times of desperate need, lives have been saved, individuals as well as families, Masonic and non-Masonic, due to the teachings of Freemasonry.

Brothers have been saved by physical and/or monetary methods, saved by Masonic brethren, whether they were officers or soldiers of war— simply by displaying or noticing a Masonic emblem. Even though the recipient of this grace or charity was a perceived enemy, but still recognized as a brother or brother's family in need.

Famous men abound in historic lore of Freemasonry—from Kings, Princes, Potentates, Presidents, and Founders of our country and elected leaders of many paths. Since time immemorial, legends of acts of charity and forgiveness have abounded.

The heart and soul of Freemasonry is and always has been within every Mason. It is their passion, their teaching, how they display their belief, learning to adhere to the ceremonies of Freemasonry and showing their passions of

brotherly love for each other and their families. Carrying the emotions of life and their love of the craft. As it was when they were first brought to light.

Submitted by
Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

10th Annual Military Night



A fine looking group of uniformed Brethren attend Kempsville's 10th Annual Military Appreciation Night on July 28th.

Blood Program

Wow! Kempsville brethren have met and far exceeded all of my challenges for the year 2015 56th Masonic District blood goals. Each and every one of you should be proud of the success that was made in 2015. As a Lodge in 2013 168 units in 2014 452 units and for 2015 708 total units. That

means for the third year in a row Kempsville has qualified for the Seymour Jonas Levy award from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Our lodge donated 163.13% of the total lodges members of 428.

A special thanks goes out to Worshipful Michael Johnstone who was personally responsible for donating just over 300 units last year through his platelet donations. Your help this last year has been greatly appreciated. The First drive of the 2016 year is October 19th. Let us keep up the good work by giving the gift of life that is so desperately needed.

Patrick Blankenship, Blood Coordinator

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

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