



# The Ashlar



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## From The East



First, I hope that you all had a great Holiday Season with friends and family. I send my best wishes for a happy and prosperous year. This year is our 60th or Diamond Anniversary and hope that you will find time to attend degree work and our Stated Communications as well as special events I plan to have throughout the year.

Second, I want to thank Worshipful Steve Ridgeway for nominating me and you, the Brethren, for electing me as your Worshipful Master for the 2015 Masonic Year. Thank you again for your trust and confidence. As alluded to in Worshipful Steve Ridgeway's December 2014 Ashlar Article, I have accepted the baton and I plan to continue the renovation of the Lodge as well as increasing the visibility of what Kempsville Lodge has to offer not only to the Craft Masonry at large but our community as a whole. I ask that you accompany me with Lodge visitations, support the Lodges fund raising activities, degree work and support our efforts to increase our activities in the community.

We have an immensely talented line of elected and appointed officers. I ask that you give them your full support throughout the year. We are always looking for Brethren to learn degree work, act as mentors and coaches for our candidates, as well as just being there on the sidelines with each degree conferred. Each of you have certain talents/gifts, and from time to time I may call upon you to share those skills with your Brethren.

Third, the New Year brings new opportunities to move forward. In the Entered Apprentices Degree walking prayer it says, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. Additionally, the Master Masons working tools says, "The Trowel is an instrument used by operative Masons to spread the cement which unites a building into one common mass or whole; but it is used to symbolically for the far more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly Love and Affection, which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and Brothers- a Temple of living stones, among whom no

contention should ever exist, save that noble emulation, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree." If you are currently having a misunderstanding or disagreement with a Brother or Brethren, I ask that you meet on the Level, act upon the Plumb and part upon the Square.

In closing, I want to say it's an honor serving as your Worshipful Master again and serving the Craft. I'm looking forward to working with you and having a fun year!

Worshipful Bill Peterson  
Worshipful Master

## From The West



There is a saying that "the more things change, the more they stay the same." This year for our lodge, we might reverse that saying: "the more things stay the same, the more they change." Most of the officers have remained in their places. We do have three new officers including our "encore edition" Worshipful Master [sounds better than "recycled"], Chaplain, and Senior Steward. It is expected that such a slight change will impact the dynamics of being at lodge. They will most definitely make a difference in the lodge and we welcome them to our work. Let's see "who can best work and best agree."

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

## From The South



Congratulations to Worshipful Steve Ridgeway on an excellent job in the East during 2014. Worshipful Steve made some fantastic infrastructure improvements to the lodge, brought in a new summer dress scheme, had a great table lodge, trained officers in proficient degree work, and oversaw ritual work on numerous new Brothers. A very successful year and a job well done!

Welcome back to Worshipful Bill Peterson who will return to the East to lead Kempsville style Masonry in 2015. I am looking forward to returning as



donation of mine went to help a child at CHKD who was fighting cancer.

If anybody is due for a donation goal pin, (1 gallon, etc.) please get together with me before the next drive so I may obtain a pin from the Red Cross to honor your contribution.

Our next scheduled drive will be sponsored by Princess Anne Lodge and will be hosted by and held at Lynnhaven Lodge on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-7PM. Grab somebody new, whisper good council in his ear, and help them get in the habit of giving the gift of life

Patrick Blankenship  
Lodge Blood Chairman

## Youth Corner



On Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, Kempsville DeMolay will join Bethel 42 and other Masonic Youth from around the state to carol and spread Christmas cheer to

the residents of the Masonic Home of Virginia. Later in January, the young men will travel to Richmond for Brotherhood Weekend, the first of the year's four, statewide meetings, to engage in fellowship with fellow DeMolays from across Virginia, to participate in ritual competitions, and to attend to the business of the state. Kempsville DeMolay cordially invites you to their annual Honest Abe Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4PM to 7PMt Lynnhaven Lodge, where the best spaghetti dinner in town can be had for just \$7 for adults, and \$5 for kids 12 and under.



A heartfelt "thank you" to the brethren who joined Bethel 42 on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> to witness the installation of the Bethel's officers

for the December 2014—June 2015 term. A very special "congratulations" and "thank you" are in order for Miss Samantha White, Bethel 42's junior Past Honored Queen, who served her Bethel diligently for two, back-to-back terms. Mark your

calendars for Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and come join the young ladies of Bethel 42 for their joint Grand Visitation with Norfolk's Bethel 46 at 7PM at Kempsville Lodge.

Kempsville Lodge holds the proud distinction of being the sponsor of two of the state's most active Masonic Youth organizations, and several generations of Kempsville's Masonic Youth have gone on to knock at the door of Freemasonry and other appendant bodies. We hope you'll come see these amazing young men and women in action and stop by and pay a visit in the new year!

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

## Introducing Your New Officers

I would like to introduce two new officers for the 2015 Masonic Year. They are Brothers Chuck Bateman, your Senior Steward, and Jim Boone, your Chaplain.

Brother Chuck retired from Virginia Power. He collects coins and has been very active assisting with the Lodge breakfast and Stated Communication meals since being raised in Kempsville Lodge in April 2014. He is also a Shriner and plays the drum with the Drum & Bugle Corps. Brother Jim is a retired Navy Captain Limited



Duty Officer/Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer, a true Navy Mustang.

Brother Jim is currently a professor with the Defense Acquisition University. He is a 33 Degree Scottish Rite Mason with the Norfolk Valley. He was raised at Ashe Lodge No 594, West Jefferson, NC and affiliated with Kempsville in March 2012. I want to give them both a hearty welcome and I am pleased that they have agreed to assist me this year.



Please join me in congratulating them in their appointments. I know they will do great things in their current positions. Thank you Brothers Chuck and Jim.

Worshipful Bill Peterson  
Worshipful Master

## Masonic Birthdays for January

Onrubio L. Florendo '10	James E. Pearsall, Jr. '79
Henry L. Foiles, Jr. '59	Matthew D. Pilgrim '11
Fleatwood M. Frias, Jr. '57	John R. Preddy, III '07
Luician A. Gunter, III '58	Bill Rensko '96
Gerald T. Hallal '08	W. Bruce Ross '03
Richard I. Kimbrell '93	Marvin L. Spruill '57
Ronald S. Melton, Jr. '04	Richard B. Temple, Sr. '55
Francis G. Mielkey, II '98	Charles G. Thompson '85
Robert C. Nelson, Jr. '99	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 459 years in Masonry!

## To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in January:

Donna Andrews	January 14 <sup>th</sup>
Ruth Hodges Frazer	January 15 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Cole	January 16 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Barber	January 20 <sup>th</sup>
Wanda Webb	January 20 <sup>th</sup>
Dorothy Sykes	January 28 <sup>th</sup>
Doris Flannigan	January 28 <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.

## Background Checks Now Required

At the 2014 session of the Grand Annual Communication, certain resolutions were approved requiring a background check investigation prior to balloting on a Petition for the Degrees, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. The background disclosure forms will be available at the lodge and must be attached to any new petition along with a \$20 processing fee

(in addition to the regular petition fee.) Please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary if you have a question or if you need a petition and/or a background disclosure form.

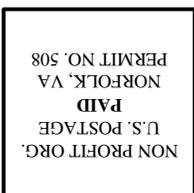
## Building Improvements

Many thanks to Most Worshipful Wayne Flora and Brother Todd Robinson for completing the electrical work in the Lodge. The new lighting fixtures in the kitchen will make meal preparation easier and a safer place to work. Additionally, rewiring of the circuits downstairs will resolve the occasional blown circuit breakers with the freezers and refrigerators.

## 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	671-1187
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 18<sup>th</sup> of each month to  
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