



# The Ashlar



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## From The East



On September 04, 2012, our Senior Deacon, Brother John Preddy had an accident while tilling his garden at home and seriously injured his lower left leg and ankle. He had surgery and was at home recuperating. A subsequent MRI revealed that he required further surgery, and while at the hospital, they discovered a blood clot in his lower right lung. Bottom line, he has a very long road to recovery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. I have communicated with his wife Dinah and informed her to contact me if she needs any assistance.

Our annual family picnic was a complete success. I want to thank our Senior Warden, Brother Jerry Hallal for taking the lead following Brother John Preddy's accident. I want to thank the usual suspects for their outstanding help in the kitchen - Brothers Bud Marchmen, Jack Bell, Chris Anders (Senior Steward) and Dennis Eaton. I want to also recognize Brother Todd Moissett who worked feverishly in the quarries of the kitchen on the day of the picnic.

For me, October is a transition month - summer is behind us and the fall season is fast approaching. Soon we will be focused on the holiday season and shopping for those holiday gifts for family and friends. Some of us will be traveling either locally or long distance to spend time with our friends and family. However, my Brethren, forget not your obligation to your Brethren and his family who may be at need, alone, or unable to enjoy the trappings of the holiday season. So take time out of your busy schedule to call, visit, or see if he is in need of assistance in any manner.

Hope to see you in your Lodge for either degree work or the Stated. Have a great month!

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

## From The West



Every so often when the mood is just right and there is nothing to do except just to sit and do nothing, I will reach for a dictionary and read it. I do not read it as I would a novel or a publication of more meaningful substance, but only scan it, flipping the pages, looking for interesting words.

In a recent session with Mr. Webster, I came upon the word "connect". Its definition took up nearly two inches of print. It has since become one of my favorite words, and one that our fraternity cannot exist without.

Connect means to join, to link, and come together; to unite, to become bound; to become part of something bigger, something stronger. It means to combine, to attach, and to become undivided for a common cause. It's associating with and relating to. It's tying, fusing, bringing, and hooking together. It's mixing, mingling, coupling and pairing one with another to obtain an improved or desired outcome.

It means making complementary and interdependent. It means forming a kinship, a relationship, a fastening, an attachment, and a bond. It means supporting and sustaining each other, extending a helping hand, praying together, laughing together, and sometimes even crying together.

I am glad I have connected with you and I am glad we are connecting to each other.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

## From The South



Judge Kindly! Don't expect perfection in a man because he is a Mason. If you do, you will be disappointed.

Masonry makes a man better, but no human agency can make him perfect.

If he is a Mason, you have the right to presume he is a fairly good man, but do not condemn Masonry even if a few Masons turn out bad. Even the great Teacher Himself had a Judas. The aim and purpose of Masonry is to receive none but good men, keep them good and make them better. Judge the institution not by a few failures, but by the average of its successes. That average is high and it consequently gives standing to its members, but it cannot be an infallible guide.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Junior Warden

## Masonic Birthdays for October

Kenneth R. Allen '96	Gary A. King '85
Sherwood Lee Allen '76	Anson T. Knowles, Sr. '76
Eugene M. Ambrose '76	Andrew L. Levy '99
Edward K. Andrews '84	George H. Lewis, III '70
Ronnie W. Anglin '71	Robert W. Lewis, Jr. '71
Robert Hall Barton '90	Ian W. Marks '96
Joseph S. Bloise '03	Thomas E. Monahan '96
David W. Broadway '91	Henley A. Morgan, Jr. '87
George R. Bunch, Jr. '80	Gregroy C. Muir '10
Richard Donald Cedola '79	Richard L. Naujoks '53
Melvin Waverly Chaffin '68	M. Joseph Orman '82
Richard A. Chrisman '00	Marc F. Povondra '83
Thomas A. Collins '93	Quentin E. Reger '08
Daniel E. Connor '85	D. Scott Roughton '02
Thomas H. Cutchins, III '87	Larry D. Rummel '95
Robert H. DeFord, Jr. '54	James Boyd Seymour, Jr. '97
Harold C. Dickerson, Jr. '90	Clyde Shannon Sheely '69
David E. Dodson '76	James E. Sheppard, Jr. '03
Thomas F. Doering, Sr. '92	Robert W. Stanek '77
George E. Fausel '82	Matthew D. C. Steele '10
Fredrick H. Feller '67	Thomas N. Thomas '88
Frederick Ferguson, Jr. '03	Timothy C. Van Fossen '96
David H. Foxwell '07	Michael J. Webb '00
Robert H. Foxwell, Jr. '59	David A. White '00
Jason L. Fuller '11	Terry L. Whitehurst '92
Lawrence V. Greene '86	Jimmie Wilder '75
Michael J. Harvey '00	Robert J. Worthington '04
Kermit Jordan '83	

## Masonic Veterans for 2012

October	Thomas Henry Cutchins, III	25 Years
	Henley Albert Morgan, Jr.	25 Years
November	Donald Eugene Howard	25 Years
	Raymond Russell Rowley	50 Years
December	David Howard Weast	25 Years

## Thoughts and Prayers

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

Brother George Boggs - 461-7939

Brother Grady McGuire - 495-0778

Brother F. B. "Nick" Nickerson - V.A. Hospital

If you read the Ashlar on-line, and don't need a "hard-copy" in the mail, please e-mail the Secretary for removal from the "snail-mail" list. We will notify all who register when the Ashlar is ready to read on-line, and we might save a little postage money. Every little bit helps! Thanks!

## Past Masters Night



30 Past Masters attend the Fall Past Masters Night on September 25th. Various Past Masters offered interesting anecdotes on our early Worshipful Masters such as Vernon Benjaminson, Richard Alfred Davis, Jr., George Wallace, Thornton Bernard, Jr., Lewis Snyder, and Bill Pierce.

## Trestleboard

October 9 .....	Stated Communication
	Junior Warden's Night, 6PM
October 27 .....	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
November 6-7 .....	Grand Annual Communication
November 13 .....	Stated Communication
	Honor the Veterans, 6PM
November 26 ....	District Blood Drive, 3PM-7:30PM
	Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
December 11 .....	Annual Stated Communication
	Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM
December 15 ....	Open Installation of Officers, 2PM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at [www.kempsvillelodge.org](http://www.kempsvillelodge.org).

## Community Builders Award



Worshipful Bill Peterson presents Mrs. Erin Highton and Miss Alicia Peterson with the 2012 Community Builders Awards. Both are teachers at Providence Road Elementary School.

## Youth Corner

Congratulations to Jeremy Hall on his installation as Kempsville DeMolay Master Councilor. The Lodge was filled with supporters, the boys and adult supervisors did a fantastic job in planning the event.

Bethel 42 in conducted their Grand Visitation with Bethels 3, 37 and 46 at the Granby Temple Honoring Grand Guardian Carlotta Contata and Associate Grand Guardian Paul Shuey and there was great food, fun and karaoke afterwards.

Thank you to the Worshipful Master, Bill Peterson, and the many other Brothers who attended the Installation and Grand Visitation. Your support is appreciated and recognized by our youth.

Looking forward, your Hampton Roads area Masonic Youth Organizations will be working together to support the Granby Masonic temple at the Haunted Temple fund-raising event, October 26-28. Information will be posted at the Lodge for those interested. Come out and support our youth and Granby Temple.

Brother Rob Worthington, Youth Advisor

## The Burnt Biscuit

When I was a child, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular, when she made breakfast after a long, hard day of work.

On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and asked me how my day was at school. I don't remember

what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite.

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits and I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burnt biscuits!"

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day of work today and she's really tired. And besides-a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things.... and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept others' faults and choosing to celebrate each others' differences—is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

"Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket—keep it in your own."

So, please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burnt one will do just fine.

Author Unknown  
Submitted by Tom McGowan, LEO

## Commemorative Coins



Visiting Past Master from Edmonds Lodge No. 165 in Washington State presents the Lodge with their 2008 Centennial and 2011 Installation of Officers commemorative coins.

## It's a Small World!



Commander Robert Stanek (on the left), Executive Officer of NAS Oceana in 1962 and father of our Secretary, re-enlists Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joe Salt (2nd from right).

Robert Stanek went on to become a Mason 1978, serve as Worshipful Master of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 in 1990, and as then served as District Instructor of Work for the 56<sup>th</sup> District before passing to the Celestial Lodge in 1996.

Joe Salt was an Entered Apprentice at the time of the re-enlistment, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason several months later in Lafayette Lodge No. 27 (Rahway, NJ), and affiliated with Kempsville Lodge in 2002.

## To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in October:

Ronnie Yancy, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Katie Lane, 28<sup>th</sup>  
Fran Caldwell-Krause, 29<sup>th</sup>

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master, Secretary, or Right Worshipful Bill Knowles (757-495-0626).

## Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	William T. Peterson	237-5249
Senior Warden	Gerald T. Hallal	472-1200
Junior Warden	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bob Stanek	619-7646
Secretary Emeritus	RW Bill Pierce	804-226-4181
Senior Deacon	John R. Preddy	495-0771
Junior Deacon	R. Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Senior Steward	Chris Anders	635-7617
Chaplain	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Marshal	Robert H. Johns	467-8804
Tiler	Robert L. Lankford	499-0115
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	646-5878
Education Officer	RW Tom McGowan	646-5878
Blood Coordinator	R. Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Youth Advisor	Rob Worthington	464-2398

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to  
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