



The Ashlar



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From The East



July has been another sweltering month of heat and humidity. It seems like the last couple summers have logged record breaking weather events: heat, humidity, and dry conditions contributing to unprecedented forest fires and on the other hand flash floods. I recall that the local meteorologist made a statement that the summer of 2010 had set new record for the hottest minimum temperature since meteorologists have begun recording temperatures in the early 1900's. I guess this must be the new trend. I bring this up because we need to look after the very young and elderly. They are most susceptible to this heat wave. Therefore, if you are close to an elderly Brother or Masonic Sweetheart, check on them periodically to see if they are fine or in need.

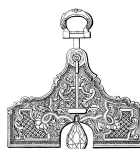
As the summer wanes, we'll soon be busy getting our children and/or grandchildren ready for school. We all know that our school system budget has been cut and schools can no longer provide for the necessary supplies for their students. Brother Alex Echols had initiated a drive to collect funds and school supplies. I'd like to continue that effort. If a Brother is willing to take charge of that effort, I would be most appreciative.

I have invited Brother Mike Hendricks of Bayside Lodge No. 218 to be our guest speaker this month. He is a Civil War re-enactor and I believe a Civil War docent. His topic will be Masonry and the Civil War. I hope you find the time to attend.

Have a great summer! Looking forward to seeing you in the Lodge

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



Have you ever noticed how many signs there are? Going to the lodge the other day, I decided to count them. I saw red signs, yellow signs and orange ones. I saw signs that flashed and signs that didn't, signs that blinked and signs that were broken. I saw signs that told you how fast you could go and signs that told you when it was time to slow down.

I saw signs that recommended things to eat and where to eat them; signs that called your attention to certain plumbers, bankers, doctors and lawn care professionals. I saw signs that gave the price of a gallon of gas, a sausage and gravy biscuit, an ice-cold coke, a flight to Denver and an uncontested divorce.

I saw lots of signs that gave directions so you wouldn't lose your way. There were interstate signs and exit signs, there were signs that told you how far you had to go to get to where you were going and signs that told you when to turn to get to where you wanted to be.

When I feel lost, weary or in need of refreshing, the signs that I look for are right angles, horizontals, and perpendiculars and the people who give them. I seek them out; we all know where we can find them. They are almost always very close by or just a phone call away and they are ever ready and willing to take time and give direction to help you get to the place you want to be.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

From The South



What qualities should an incoming Worshipful Master look for when deciding on whom to nominate as his Junior Deacon for the ensuing year?

When a Brother is selected to serve as Junior Deacon of a Lodge, he is essentially being elected to eventually serve as Worshipful Master. A member so chosen should be one who has proved

himself to be an asset to Masonry in general and to his Lodge in particular. He should have a reputation for attending the meetings, ritual schools, social functions and fund raisers of his Lodge; arriving on time, and staying till the end. He should pay his dues promptly, serve on committees when requested, and show a genuine interest in all aspects of the Lodge.

All preferment among Masons should be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only. No Brother should be passed chair to chair just because he knows the right people or has held the previous office for a year. No officer should be chosen by seniority, but only for his merit.

Being an officer of a Lodge is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly. The would-be officer should be made aware of the duties of the office he is being considered for as well as the long term commitment of time and responsibilities associated with going through the line and eventually serving as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. "Do not take up burdens which you are not able to bear. Woe unto the faithless and insincere who assume obligations lightly and straightway forget them." These are lessons taught in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry as well as the Order of the Eastern Star. These are appropriate words of caution and good council that should be whispered in the ear of all current and/or aspiring Lodge officers.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Junior Warden

Brother Joe Smith – 60 Year Veteran



Brother Joe Smith, 108 years old, receives his 60 Year Veterans Award from Right Worshipful Fred Lintag and Worshipful Bill Peterson.

Masonic Veterans for 2012

September	David Borntrager	25 Years
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

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!

Masonic Birthdays for August

Robert Leon Akers '66	Jonathan Robert King '00
Allen Victor Alewine '08	Harry Wilbert Lamer, Jr. '08
Joshua Allen Arkin '08	David William McGowan '05
Ramon Luis Baez, Jr. '08	Grady McGuire '69
Ray Leon Benton '88	Newbury E. Meader, Jr. '99
Robert Dean Blazier '93	Donald Edward Meyer '77
Terry Lee Bledsoe '05	Michael Neal Miller '05
Curtis Edward Brannon '65	Edward F. Myers, III '08
Brian Edward Cullen '08	Christopher Brian Ovide '11
Homer J. Cullifer '65	Bennell Willard Powers '93
Bruce A. Cunningham '08	Wesley Edward Powers '99
Dennis A. DiMaggio '10	Thomas Patrick Reidy '05
John Newton Farr '98	Gregory Michael Remy '08
Robert Scott Foxwell '02	Jeffrey Scott Rohrer '08
Donald McKay Fraser '06	Michael G. Rylko, Jr. '05
Moss Samuel Friedman '91	Larry Duane Santos '93
Shawn Paul Garfield '00	Larry Brett Scott '10
Noel Lee Garo '10	David Tyrone Silvey '04
Raymond Elnor Hall, III '05	Wesley Clay Thompson '06
Brian Keith Headley '00	Anthony K. Turner '08
Todd Leslie Herbst '05	Claude W. Watkins, Jr. '91
Walter Lee Humphries '71	Thomas G. Webber, Jr. '08
William T. Kemp, Sr. '66	William Roy Wood '77

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
 Worshipful Jim Gardner and Nancy - 4992816

Trestleboard

July 31	Armed Forces Night Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
August 6	Ritual School, 7PM
August 13	Ritual School, 7PM
August 14	Stated Communication Civil War & Masonry, 6PM
August 20	Ritual School, 7PM
August 25	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
September 11	Stated Communication 9/11 Remembrance, 6PM
September 15	Annual Family Picnic, 1PM
September 24	District Blood Drive 3PM-7:30PM, Bayside Lodge No. 218
September 25	Fall Past Masters Night, 6PM
September 29	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 returned from Grand Session on July 15th. It was a very productive trip for the Bethel as a whole and individuals as well. Samantha Boyd, PHQ, was selected to receive over \$3700 in Masonic Order Scholarships including the Masonic Outstanding Youth Award presented by the Grand Master himself. In addition, Justin Gray was elected and installed as Grand Outer Guard for Job's Daughters International for the Commonwealth of Virginia. For a list of other awards, check out the Jobie Gab at our next meeting!

Kempsville DeMolay is heading to Conclave where they will compete in team events such as Softball, Basketball and Volleyball and individual events as well. Nick Doubikin, PMC will be representing the Eastern Region in Billiards and Jeremy Hall will compete for the State Representative Demolay award.

You should be very proud of your Youth Groups, they are making a difference. Come out and visit a meeting to congratulate them all on a job well done.

Brother Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

Jobie Installation



To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in August:

Dorothy Hudson - August 7th
Joyce Stukey - August 11th
Sarah Faye Ward - August 13th
Samia Salesby - August 26th

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).

Brethren, please be informed...

As the sands run through the hourglass, this Masonic year is rapidly drawing to a close. Regretfully, unpaid dues for 2012 stands at \$4,400. If you have paid your 2012 dues, thank you!

Grand Lodge assessments for 2012 were paid for all members early this year, as required. This means, if you have not yet paid your dues, the Lodge has already paid your Grand Lodge dues and assessments for you (\$38.).

The Lodge depends on annual dues for normal day-to-day operations. Check your dues card; if you have not yet paid 2012 dues, please do so promptly.

If you may find yourself in a situation making it difficult to pay your dues, please contact the Worshipful Master or the Secretary. We may be able to help, but we cannot do so if we don't know. Please know, if needed, that your Lodge is here to "help, aid and assist." Again, and most respectfully, if we don't know, we can't help.

Thank you and fraternally, Bob Stanek, Secretary

Charity and Benevolence

Masonic charity is strong, kindly, beautiful and tender, but not charity in the narrow sense of the word. Nay, it does not wait until a Brother is in distress, but throw about him in his strength and prosperity the affectionate arm of friendship without which life is cold and harsh. Friendship, fraternity, fellowship-this is the soul of Freemasonry, of which charity is but one gesture with a thousand meanings.

Freemasonry not only inculcates the principles of love and benevolence, it seeks to give them an actual and living presence in all the occupations and intercourses of life. It not only feels, it acts! It not only pities human suffering, it relieves it! Nowhere in the world can a good Mason feel himself alone, friendless, or forsaken. The invisible but helpful arms of our Order surround him, wherever he may be.

It is a common error to regard charity as that sentiment which prompts us to extend assistance to the unfortunate. Charity in a Masonic sense has a much broader meaning, and embraces affection and goodwill toward all mankind, but more especially our Brethren in Freemasonry. It is this sentiment which prompts a Freemason to suffer long and be kind, to control his temper, forgive the erring, reach forth his hand to stay a falling Brother, to warn him from error and whisper in his ear that correction which his fault may demand, to close his ear to slander and his lips to reproach; in short, to do unto others as he would want done to him.

Charity as applied to Freemasonry is different from

the usual and accepted meaning. All true Masons meet upon the level, regardless of wealth or station. In giving assistance, we strive to the common error of considering charity only as that sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor and unfortunate with pecuniary donations. Its Masonic application is nobler and more extensive. We are taught not only to relieve a Brother's material wants, the cry of hunger, etc., but to fellowship with him upon our own level, stripped of worldly titles and honors. When we thus appeal to him, giving spiritual advice, lifting him up morally and spiritually with no sense of humiliation to him, we set him free from passion and wants. To such charity there is reciprocity rich in brotherly love and sincere appreciation.

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

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Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 20th of each month to
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