



The Ashlar



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From The East



First, I want to thank all the Brethren and Officers who supported the Lodge this year! It was a complete success because of you all. I want to thank RW Don Meyer and Brother Chris Anders for the outstanding results for the Annual Bull Roast. Many thanks to my Officer's and Brethren who attending the Stated Communications, participated and supported the Candidates/Officers/Brethren during our Degree work, those who prepared and served our monthly breakfast; as well as attended Lodge visitations with me. You obviously have a choice to either support the Lodge or occupy your time elsewhere.

Those delicious and wonderful dinners during the Stated Communications were not possible without the unflagging support of Worshipful Bob Stanek, Brothers Hank Files, Bud Marchman, Jack Bell, Dennis Eaton and the many Brethren who assisted in preparing and serving those fine meals. A special thanks goes to Brother Chris Anders, the Senior Steward, who ensured each meal was stupendous. He worked many long hours in the quarry of the kitchen coordinating, preparing, serving and cleaning.

All the credit for the renovated Foyer goes to Brothers John Preddy and Greg Cort. What a beautiful and welcoming entrance to our Lodge. Additionally, all the credit for the Social Hall renovation goes to RW Bill Knowles. Doesn't your Lodge look Great!

Next, I want to thank Jobe's Daughters, DeMolay, RW Bill Knowles, Brothers Jerry Hallal and Larry Strait with the annual Lodge clean-up. The Jobe's Daughters made the Lodge sparkle and shine and the DeMolay and others named above cleaned out ten or more years of dirt and debris in the storage area under the fire escape.

The Grand Annual Communication was indeed grand. Right Worshipful Donald Edward (Don) Meyer was installed as the DDGM for the 56th Masonic District; Right Worshipful Emmett

Moseley (Buddy) Pate was installed as Grand Junior Steward; and Right Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora was installed as the Deputy Grand Master.

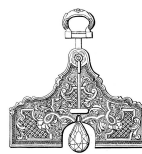
There are so many Brethren to thank this year but there is not enough space to list you all. I hope I did not offend any of you for leaving your name off this Ashlar. Thank you all!

Additionally, I'm looking forward to the Annual Stated Communication and I hope to see the dining room and Lodge full to capacity with the Brethren in attendance.

Finally, I want to wish all of you Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, etc., during this Holiday Season. Again, remember those who are in need during this tough economic time. Keep in your hearts and prayers, our widows, those who are serving our country, those who are living alone and those we may have lost contact with. Looking forward to seeing you in the Lodge next year!

Worshipful Bill Peterson, Worshipful Master

From The West



It seems just like yesterday that I was asked to be chaplain and nervously stumbled through the prayer at the opening of the Lodge. Four years, four chairs and many stumbles later, I will soon have the honor of sitting in the East and serving you as Worshipful Master. What a long and wonderful trip it has been.

I have had the privilege of sharing my journey with many remarkable friends, brothers and sisters. I have been the recipient of much encouragement, inspiration and enthusiasm from those whom I call the masters of masonry. Most, but not all, have their picture hanging on the upstairs wall. Others are found on the sidelines, in the kitchen or under the pavilion. Some have whispered good counsel from back yard decks, home workshops and not so uncluttered garages. Friendly smiles and helpful hands have always been given from those who

meet at the lodge on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

To all of you and for all you have done, I would like to take this opportunity to request the honor of your presence at the installation of our lodge officers on Saturday, December 15th at 2PM. I look very forward to seeing you there and I am looking extremely forward to next year.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Senior Warden

From The South



Father wished a little relief from answering questions from his little bundle of joy while he read his Sunday paper. The paper contained a full page map of the world. A brilliant idea was born. Dad took the map to the dining room table, cut it into zigzag pieces and told his little bunch of questions that she couldn't ask another until she had put the map together. He figured on a peaceful two hours, but in a few minutes the little tot called dad to see the completed work. "How did you get it together so quickly?" dad wished to know. "As you started to cut the map up I noticed there was a picture of a man on the other side. I turned the pieces over, put the man together, and when the man was put together right the whole world was all right."

The moral of that story is obvious. Have we ever had a calamity, have we ever had a crisis, have we ever been in any kind of mess that wasn't due to men not being put together right. It is Masonry's job, it is indeed each of our jobs, to see that men are put together right. (Taken in part from the writings of Elbert Bede, 33°)

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2012

December David Howard Weast 25 Years

Masonic Birthdays for December

Timothy R. Berkhimer '02	Jessie R. Ritchie '92
Lincoln Figuereo '01	Roger J. Rowe, Jr. '92
Ejnar O. Jorgensen '53	Robert M. Shelburne '61
Rubin Kravitz '60	James R. Smith '94
Michael Lombardo '48	David H. Weast '87
Timothy M. Maguire '01	

DDGM Homecoming



Right Worshipful Don Meyer, the newly installed District Deputy Grand Master for the 56th Masonic District, speaks to the Brethren at the November Stated Communication following his "Homecoming Ceremony."

Youth Corner

Bethel 42 would like to thank all the Masons and Eastern Star for their support in making our Ziti dinner such a success. We have initiated three girls this term and will have another intiation on December 2nd at 2PM and invite everyone to attend. We have our installation on December 16th at 3PM and would love to see the side lines full.

Brother Rob Worthington, Youth Advisor

Outstanding Achievement Award



Right Worshipful Don Meyer presents Worshipful Bill Peterson with the Grand Master's Outstanding Achievement Award for his service to Kempsville Lodge as its Worshipful Master.

Trestleboard

December 4 Annual Stated
Willis V. Fentress No. 296, 6:00PM
December 5 Annual Stated
Princess Anne No 25, 6PM
December 6 Annual Stated
Bayside No. 218, 6:30PM
**December 11 ... Annual Stated Communication
Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM**
December 12 Annual Stated
Virginia Beach No. 274, 6:30PM
December 13 Annual Stated
Lynnhaven No. 220, 6PM
December 15 Open Installation of Officers, 2PM

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

Thoughts and Prayers

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

Brother George Boggs – 461-7939
Brother Fred Feller – 422-3219
Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778
Brother F. B. “Nick” Nickerson – V.A. Hospital
Worshipful Bill Nolan – 467-2252
Brother Fred Rudiger – 436-2122
Brother Joe Salih – 497-8345

25 Year Veteran Presentation



Brother Don Howard receives his 25 Year Veterans
Award from Right Worshipful Tom McGowan at the
November Stated Communication.

To Our Masonic “Sweethearts”

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in December:

Louise Slagel – December 15th

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).

50 Year Veteran Presentation



Brother Ray Rowley receives his 50 Year Veterans
Award from Right Worshipful Don Meyer at the
November Stated Communication.



Brother Rowley shown with three of the Brethren
for whom he signed petitions: Worshipful Ralph
Ward, Illustrious and Right Worshipful Don Meyer,
and Illustrious and Worshipful Ray Hall.

DDGM Receives New Apron



Right Worshipful Don Meyer receives a new "apron" from Right Worshipful Tom McGowan for his long-time support of Kempsville's annual "Bull Roast."

From the Secretary's Desk...

Dues notices for "Masonic Year 2013" have been mailed to everyone owing dues. If you have not yet received a 2013 dues notice in the mail, please contact the Secretary now. (Total Lodge dues remain at \$100. for 2013, itemized as follows: current Grand Lodge Dues and Assessments are \$38., and current Lodge dues are \$62.) Please remember, your 2012 dues card expires on December 31, 2012. And don't forget the "Life Membership" program; you may contact the Secretary for more information about it, if interested.

Fraternally, Bob Stanek, Secretary

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
MAHOVA Ambassador	Wor. Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	R. Scott Foxwell	490-2797
Youth Advisor	Rob Worthington	464-2398

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 20th of each month to
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Worshipful Bob Stanek (bob.stanek@gmail.com)

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