



The Ashlar



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From The East



Like the excitement that becomes a child over the anticipation of newly fallen snow, the enthusiasm and elation of a candidate about to be initiated into the mysteries of freemasonry is inspiring and a picture of beauty and joy. It brings me back to the time when I was about to kneel at the Altar and the sense of awe that engulfed me as I realized that I was about to become what so many great men were.

It brought with it the responsibility to maintain the high standards and values, which have been the signature of our fraternity for over two hundred years. It brought with it the desire to excel and exceed, not only in all our Masonic workings, but also in bringing more Light to others. With it came the knowledge to know that we not only set the standard, but we are on top of the bar.

It comes with a call to be compassionate and forgiving, knowing that an icy road on a dark highway may cause one to slip from the bar and at those times it will become necessary to stretch forth our hand to sustain a fallen Brother.

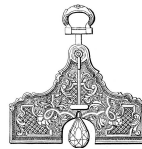
To Cliff, Jeff, Chuck, John and all the newly initiated Masons of Kempsville Lodge and to all who have been and will be, welcome to the beginning of a wonderful and rewarding journey.

Don't forget our February Stated. Our guest speaker will be Kenny Harris. He has published Princess Anne County, Virginia. Its Contributions and Sacrifices to the War Between the States and he will share his knowledge on that most interesting topic. It is also be Ladies night and a speaker from Sentara Health will speak on women's health issues while we conduct our meeting.

Brother Bud Marchman will be back in the saddle, heading up the kitchen crew after a break in January as the Kempsville Order of the Eastern Star provided us with an outstanding meal which was enjoyed and very much appreciated by all. Thank you, OES.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

From The West



Brethren, a recurring complaint in most Masonic Lodges is a disruption of degree work which comes from the best of intentions—side-line prompting. How often have we seen a forgotten word, or even a dramatic pause, produce an uproar as a number of concerned Brothers attempt to help the speaker. Those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection, are nowhere more appropriate than in this situation.

Consider the following excerpt from "Masonic Etiquette, Protocol and Decorum" by Right Worshipful M. Mickey Ander for the Committee on Masonic Education and Publications-2008.

"Grand Lodge custom requires that no one except for the Worshipful Master or his prearranged designee, may correct any mistake that may occur during the course of a ceremony, and even he does so only when the error is a serious one.

It is discourteous to point out others' mistakes in front of the Lodge members. If you are in possession of a mind, which allows you to be able to perform each and every degree and ceremony perfectly, please advise the Worshipful Master of such that he may take advantage of your services to mentor others."

"When, during its proceedings, a Lodge is unnecessarily disturbed by any officers or members who are conversing, rattling papers, etc., the Master should give a light tap of his gavel and ask for quiet.

If the proceedings are brought to a standstill, until something necessary to the proceedings has been done, and the Master anticipates that the wait will last for some modest extended period of time, he may tap his gavel and say, "Be at your ease." In that event, and no other case, is it permissible to rove about the Lodge, informally visit with the

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Brethren, and have private conversations in a low tone of voice."

In addition my Brethren, a similar level of respect should be practiced during ritual schools and/or training sessions.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

From The South



Greetings from the South. The officers of the Lodge went to a recent District conference on leadership. I was interested in getting feedback from the Grand Lodge, and local Lodges, concerning what we as Masons are doing right, and what we, as a Lodge, could improve on. There were many interesting comments. One thing I want to accomplish in our Lodge is to assist in building strong degree teams, especially with new Masons. It builds camaraderie and makes us shine as a Lodge. Past Masters and senior Masons, give these new Masons your attention, and help them learn. Please keep in mind to do it in the "most friendly manner". They'll succeed as will our Lodge.

John Preddy, Junior Warden

Masonic Birthdays for February

Alex Harvey Adkins '76	William Franklin Grice '70
David H. Armstrong, Jr. '77	Robert Hunter Johns '05
Scott Edward Bateman '99	Kenneth W. Lancaster '05
Timothy L. Blackstone '01	Marvin Boyd Lancaster '05
George F. Boggs, Jr. '77	Brian Donnan Littlehale '10
William Johnson Davis '49	John Theodore Martin '11
Dennis Leonard Eaton '11	David Joseph Meers '10
Charles Frank Edwards '70	John Mark Nuzum '02
Edward Joseph Foley '93	Galen Keith Rogers '99
Lewis Jackson Forrest '85	Joseph Max Snook '65
Glenn Douglas Fraser II '80	Osmay Torres '08
Glenn Lincoln Gilman '78	Arthur F. Wadford, Jr. '08

Masonic Veterans for 2013

March	Winston Edward Marchman	50 Years
April	Thomas Gray Webber, Sr.	50 Years
July	Joseph Francis Thornton	50 Years
October	Richard Leopold Naujoks	60 Years
November	Albert Lee Bonney, Jr.	50 Years
December	Ejnar Olaf Jorgenson	60 Years

Youth Corner

Kempsville Demolay went into the 9 O'Clock regional ritual competition loaded for Bear and brought home the Bacon! The Team of Jeremy Hall, Phillip Sisco, and Gavin Martin scored an incredible 997.5 points out of a possible 1000 to win. This number represents only one fault by one judge. On January 19th the Chapter is traveling to Brotherhood for the State Championship!

Bethel 42 is going to be part of a joint Grand Visitation with Bethels 3, 37 and 46 on February 2nd, 7PM at Kempsville. Please visit the Bethel website, www.bethel42va.org, for more information about the Daughters events.

Adult attendance for youth events has been outstanding! We truly appreciate your time and support for the future of our Masonic Family.

Brother Rob Worthington, Youth Advisor

Trestleboard

February 5	DDGM's Official Visit Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296, 6PM
February 7	DDGM's Official Visit Bayside Lodge No. 218, 6PM
February 12	Stated Communication Ladies and Sweetheart Night Speaker: Ken Harris, 6PM
February 13	DDGM's Official Visit Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274, 6PM
February 23	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
March 6	DDGM's Official Visit Princess Anne Lodge No. 25, 6PM
March 12	Stated Communication Speaker: Rick Cazenave, 6PM
March 25	District Blood Drive Kempsville Lodge No. 196, 3PM-7:30PM
March 26	Spring Past Masters Night, 6PM
March 29	Grand Master's Official District Visit Khedive Shrine Center, 6PM
March 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

Thoughts and Prayers

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

Chris Anders – 635-7617
 Brother George Boggs – 461-7939
 Brother Fred Feller – 422-3219
 Brother Grady McGuire – 495-0778

Another Proud Father



Worshipful Joe Thornton's son, Bradley H. Watts, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in Cayman Lodge No. 8153 E.C. on Grand Cayman Island on January 18th.

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in February:

Patricia Henningsgen	February 1 st
Catherine Hamilton	February 4 th
Nancy Moffat	February 4 th
Lorraine Johns	February 5 th

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

We'd also like to remind all our ladies that if you are considering any major repairs to your home and want to make sure they're needed, feel free to contact us. We'll be glad to offer advice and assistance.

Why should you donate blood?

Brethren, thanks to those who made it out to Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 for the January blood donation night! In this note I would like to site a few excellent reasons for blood donation...reasons that benefit us in a physical sense. In patients prone to iron overload, blood donation prevents the accumulation of toxic quantities. Additionally, donating blood may reduce the risk of heart disease for men. Research published in 2012 demonstrated that repeated blood donation is effective in reducing blood pressure, blood glucose, HbA1c, low-density lipoprotein/high-

density lipoprotein ratio, and heart rate. Also, health improvements such as these will help our degree teams, a great example would be a 3rd baseman with a higher energy level who could really knock the block off people coming his way.

Please come out and lend a hand at our next donation night! This time the effort will be held at Kempsville Lodge No. 196 on March 25th from 3 to 7:30PM. Thanks in advance.

Brother Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Mystery Item



Do you know what this is? I'll give you a hint: it's about the size of a marble. For the answer, you'll need to visit the "Virtual Museum" on our website at www.kempsvilleglodge.org. In addition to the mystery item shown above, you'll find over 400 lapel pins, 40 coins, and dozens of other Masonic "trinkets" owned by our members.

Do you have a collection of Masonic pins, coins, or trinkets buried away and hiding in your sock drawer? Why don't you bring 'em in and let us add them to the museum. They'll be quickly scanned or photographed, and then promptly returned. With your help, we can make the Kempsville Lodge website the most comprehensive collection of Masonic memorabilia on the Internet.

Right Worshipful Emmett "Buddy" Pate

Put Your Name On It

A special document is being created this year. It is called Masons of Kempsville. It is one in which everyone can have a part in creating. It will become a visual record of the Brethren who will have attended Lodge in 2013. When you attend Lodge this year, you will be asked by the Tiler to inscribe your signature on what will surely become a Kempsville archive.

Tenets of Freemasonry

Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified

conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason.

Brother Benjamin Franklin

To Err Is Human, To Forgive, Divine

I'm sure we're all familiar with this famous quote, but do you know who said it? It's attributed to Alexander Pope, a famous London poet born in 1688. As it turns out, he was also a Freemason. Brother Pope is said to be on the rolls of the Lodge held at "The Goat", a Tavern at the foot of The Haymarket, London.

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