



# The Ashlar



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## From The East



When the labors of the day are completed, when the dishes are done and the trash taken out, tomorrow's lunch bagged and the dog has been walked, I like to kick back, prop the feet up and scan the channels in search of a college basketball game. The grace and fleetness in which they display their art and the ease with which they launch the ball to its target fascinates me. They make it seem so easy.

After the score, and the number of points and rebounds this player and that player have, the main emphasis is usually on the clock. How much time is left and how each team, depending on which side of the score they find themselves on, can best use the remaining minutes to its best advantage. They have to become masters of the clock.

In Masonry, our clock is the twenty-four inch gauge and we must learn to become a master of it. The twenty-four inch gauge gives us twenty-four hours to do all that is required and expected of us, each day, every day.

We must use the twenty-four inch gauge wisely. It provides eight hours for the service of God and the relief of a distressed worthy Brother, eight for our usual vocations, and eight for refreshment and sleep. We must find time for work and play, to give instruction and to be instructed, to relieve the distressed, to soothe the unhappy and to remember our duty to charity.

Squeezed between these eight-hour blocks, we must find time for taking care of children, not just ours, but those who are not ours. We must find time for taking care of the elderly, not just those we know, but those we do not know. And, most importantly, we must find time to take care of ourselves. We must find the time to be stewards of Creation and build the Bridge that we know we will not have to cross.

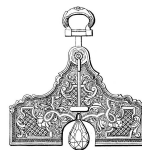
The last couple of weeks have seen many exciting minutes and lots of exciting games played in the NCAA tournament and lots of exciting times for Kempsville Masons. To all who made Past Master's

night and the Grand Master's Official Visit memorable events, I thank you. To those who have adopted a Masonic sweetheart, I thank you. To all who participated in the District Blood Drive, I thank you.

To the many, whose twenty-four inch gauge is becoming a beacon of Masonic Light, I thank you and commend you.

Brother Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

## From The West



The principal tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. By a "tenet" of Freemasonry is meant some teaching so obviously true, so universally accepted, that we believe it without question. Freemasonry considers Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth to be teachings of this kind, true in the sense that no man can question them; they are obvious, self-proving, and axiomatic. It is not uncommon for men to consider Brotherly Love, while highly desirable, as not practicable, and therefore but a vision, to be dreamed of but never possessed. Love places the highest possible valuation on another person. A man's mother or father, his wife or sweetheart, his children, his intimate friends, he values not for advantages he may gain from them, not for their usefulness, but each one in his own person and for his own sake. We work for such persons, we make sacrifices for them, we delight to be with them; that in detail and practice, is what is meant by love.

What then, is Brotherly Love? Manifestly, it means that we place on another man the highest possible valuation as a friend, a companion, an associate, a neighbor. "By the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family." We do not ask that, from our relationship, we shall achieve any selfish gain. Our relationship with a Brother is its own justification, its own reward. Brotherly Love is one of the supreme values without which life is lonely, unhappy, and ugly. This is not a hope or dream, but a fact. Freemasonry builds on that fact,

provides opportunity for us to have such fellowship, encourages us to understand and to practice it, and to make it one of the laws of our existence, one of our Principal Tenets.

A few months back I visited Seaboard Lodge No. 56 in Portsmouth, Virginia with Right Worshipful Buddy Pate and Right Worshipful Tom McGowan. In the social hall prior to the meeting we struck up a brief conversation with another visiting Brother. When we entered the Lodge room, RW Buddy and I took a seat in the Northeast corner and were saving a seat for RW Tom, who had not yet entered the Lodge room. When RW Tom entered the Lodge room and started walking toward the Northeast corner, he noticed the visiting Brother we had met in the social hall was seated alone in the Southwest corner. Without giving it a second thought, RW Tom took a seat in the Southwest corner next to the visiting Brother and stayed with him throughout the entire meeting. That, my Brethren, is making use of the Masonic Trowel to spread the cement of Brotherly Love; an example we would all do well to follow.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

## From The South



As we all know, the Junior Warden sets up our degree teams. Sometimes this is about as easy as keeping a group of cats on a table top. Unfortunately, sickness, travel, work schedules, and being a little “rusty” on ritual affects our participation. I’ve noticed a few things at lodge. Sometimes I’m not sure of names of many of our members, both new and some that have been here awhile. Many of us could say the same. Our Lodge Instructor of Work does an excellent job on Monday night. A new brother learning our ritual sometimes thinks it’s difficult to learn, and at times, it is. What if a few of our “rusty” members, with the assistance of our magic coffee pot, sat and ironed out ritual among themselves, passing it on to the new guys. Think for a moment...good camaraderie, taking a new brother under their “wing” and helping him with ritual, reinforcing our lodge ritual as a whole, and creating a reserve when we need help for degree work. Most importantly, we would be giving our new members another opportunity prepare themselves for participation and excellence on a degree team. A little less load on our LIW, and more interaction for us. Just a thought.

John Preddy, Junior Warden

## From the Secretary



Brethren, a lot of good stuff is on our Grand Lodge web site. I was recently reading the histories for different Lodges found on the Grand Lodge site. I came across something that interested me; it can be helpful to our members today, especially during these financially-tough times we all now live.

The following is excerpted from the lodge history of Burke Lodge No. 147: “During the depression years, members were permitted to pay dues in installments if they so desired, and many requests were made for extra time to pay. It is to the credit of the members that no one was suspended for nonpayment of dues; however, one member requested that he be suspended because he could not pay his dues. The Lodge voted to give him more time and he came through with the money.” How honorable and charitable a thing to do to assist the brethren in this way.

As I write this, we have 72 members who owe their 2013 dues; a few members owe 2012 dues yet. “Installment payments” have been an option for paying dues since I have been Secretary. Please know that I will gladly work with you to assist – all you need do is contact me. Please let me know if I may assist (if I do not know, I cannot help).

Grand Lodge dues will increase \$7; the increase becomes effective January 1, 2015. Please consider the Life Membership Plan (LMIP) to avoid any future dues increases. LMIP members do not worry with paying annual dues or increases – ever! The Lodge will benefit from this plan forever. Contact the Secretary if you’re interested in an LMIP application (the cost is 16 times the annual dues).

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

## 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  
Worshipful Ray Connard – 499-7511  
Worshipful Bill Nolan – 467-2252  
Brother Floyd Gilbert – 467-6435

## Masonic Birthdays for April

David Edward Boyd '88	Todd C. Moissett '11
Jaime Cabeza '04	Michael Roy Moseler '72
Allen Kenneth Chandler '87	Richard Earl Neisinger '74
Shirley Ray Connard '91	Thomas A. Niedermeier '80
Dennis Lee Driscoll '02	Brian Edward Parton '01
Louis Page Dunn '77	Emmett R. Reynolds '11
Thomas C. England '11	George F. Roberts, Jr. '64
Christopher M. Favata '10	Alaric James Roche, Jr. '64
Justin Allen Flowers '12	Cristian C. Rodriguez '04
Lemuel David Foxwell '75	Michael Allan Sachs '88
Gunnar Gudjonsson '00	Michael Lee Smith, Sr. '82
George Louis Gunter '69	William E. Spruill, Sr. '67
Richard M. Hanly '74	John Peyton Stublen, Jr. '76
Aaron Jacob Hinrichs '12	Charlie B. Taylor, Sr. '59
Robert G. Lockwood '49	Robert James Tidwell '77
Warren Cord Massey '50	Christopher Allan Urick '12
Joseph Henry McCoy, Jr. '62	Thomas G. Webber, Sr. '63
Alton Larkin McKeithan '50	Samuel Grant Welty '05
Terrence P. McNally '78	

## The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Roast

Calling all Masons!! That's right, your time and talent is needed once again as we prepare for our 30th Annual Bull Roast which is scheduled for June 8th. Brethren this event is our biggest fund raiser and we want to make it a huge success so I am asking for your help. Any Brother who can volunteer to assist in this great endeavor please let me know either in person, by e-mail at [chrisanders1@gmail.com](mailto:chrisanders1@gmail.com) or call me at 635-7617. Whether you've helped in the past or will be a first timer we welcome your support. Bottom line, we need a lot of workers to make this happen. I hope to fill the roster of volunteers as soon as possible so a prompt reply is greatly appreciated. We will again have Team Captains for the BBQ Pit, Kitchen, Dining Hall, Take-out, Dessert, and Clean-up. I will pass your names on to the team captains who will reach out to you to fill time slots and duties. Thank you in advance for your help.

Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

## Youth Corner

Congratulations to the Kempsville DeMolay Chapter on the recent initiation of 2 new members!

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bethel 42 and the Kempsville DeMolay chapter marched with Bethel 3 (Ocean View) in the Ocean View's 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade. The girls were interviewed by local radio station Z104 live on the air and were used as the video clip for the Fox 43 news report on the parade, all those who attended had a great time.

Thank you to all the adults who attended in support of the youth.

Bethel 42 has recently attended 2 different fund raisers at Willis V. Fentress to conduct bake sales raising money to support the purchase of new ritual attire and a future lodge beautification project. The DeMolay were on hand at the more recent Willis V. Fentress function supporting the Lodge and ruling the cornhole competition.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> the DeMolay and the Jobies will be duking it out in Lazertag then attending the Star Party at Mt. Trashmore. The Star Party is free to attend so come and check out the starry skies through provided telescopes and enjoy the fun.

Brother Rob Worthington, Youth Advisor

## Trestleboard

March 30 .....	Monthly Breakfast Surprise Guest, 8AM
April 9 .....	Stated Communication White Leather Apron Play, 6PM
April 13 .....	C. Frank Hicks Ritual School Lake Drummond Lodge, 8AM-1PM
April 15 .....	Parkerson Ritual School Kempsville Lodge, 6PM
April 27 .....	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
May 14 .....	Stated Communication Ladies Night, Lodge History Night, 6PM
May 20 .....	District Blood Drive Bayside Lodge No. 218, 3PM-7:30PM
May 25 .....	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM

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

## To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in April:

Cheryl Farrer	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Patricia Quinton	April 4 <sup>th</sup>
Judith Maaprstek	April 7 <sup>th</sup>
Cheryl Vancampen	April 7 <sup>th</sup>
Rita Kelberg	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Lou Cochran	April 20 <sup>th</sup>
Paige Mason	April 29 <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.

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.

## Masonic Veterans for 2013

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

## Masonic Blood Program

Brethren, I again write to invoke your support of the Masonic Blood Donation Program. According to an article published by America's Blood Centers, our nation requires 39,000 units of blood every day to cover continuing patient needs and unexpected disasters. Volunteer blood donors are needed year-round to ensure there is enough blood on the shelves whenever and wherever it is needed. A common misunderstanding about blood usage is that accident victims are the patients who use the most blood. Actually, people who receive the most blood/blood products include those:

- being treated for cancer
- undergoing orthopedic surgeries
- undergoing organ and marrow transplants
- undergoing cardiovascular surgeries
- being treated for inherited blood disorders

These categories cover Kempsville Masonic Lodge members, families, widows, and orphans. We hear it at every stated; pray for this Brother who will undergo surgery, that Brother is having heart

troubles, this Brother was injured by a rototiller, that brother's son has been diagnosed with cancer, etc. The fact is major disasters do not usually require a great deal of blood. But that's when blood centers see the greatest outpouring of support from donors. Blood is needed everyday and it is up to organizations such as AF & AM to be the steady and consistent source of blood for the nation. As always, thank you for your continued support of this vital national program.

Brother Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

## Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Jerry Hallal	472-1200
Senior Warden	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
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Senior Steward	Todd DeFord	362-4062
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Blood Coordinator	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
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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Worshipful Bob Stanek (bob.stanek@gmail.com)

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