



The Ashlar



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From The East



Summertime is a time for growth. Growth is an increase, or an expansion, something that can be measured and something that is larger, greater and more plentiful now, than it was before. It is a development from a lower or simpler form to one that is higher and more complex; it is an evolution.

Everywhere I look, I see things that are growing. The grass is growing, the corn is growing, the trees are getting taller, and the grandchildren are getting smarter. Hogs are getting fatter, chickens are getting plumper and apples are getting redder. The city is growing; there are new roads, intersections, houses and building everywhere. Even the economy is growing and my 401k is beginning to show new signs of resurrection after years of worry and woe.

Our Lodge is also growing. We are not only growing in numbers, but we are also growing in spirit and our desire to fulfill and practice the tenets of our institution. We are making an extra effort to help those in need. We are trying harder to subdue our passions and to improve ourselves, not only in Masonry, but also in our professions, our relations and our other stations in life. We are ready to stretch forth our hand and be the one to assist those who may be traveling on a road that may be a bit bumpy and under construction. We aspire to live our lives in such a way that we may be the example that others are looking to follow.

We are wanting to learn, to obtain that higher level. We not only yearn to master the catechisms and to get all the answers right, but we strive to attain the meaning of the words. We are wanting to practice and become skillful with ritual, not only for our personal enjoyment and pleasure, but that we may impress upon the candidate the true essence and allusions of the several dramas that we enact.

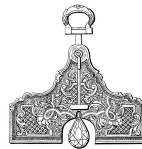
I want to thank all of the Brethren who have become teachers of the catechism and they who have vacated the sidelines and have stepped into

ritual, and those who will. I am looking very forward to your participation.

Don't forget our guess speaker this month will be Right Worshipful Buddy Pate. He is one of the best and I know you will not want to miss this opportunity to hear one of our own.

Worshipful Jerry Hallal, Worshipful Master

From The West



The Senior Warden of a Masonic Lodge sits in the West, symbolic of the setting sun. As Masonic travelers we travel towards the rising sun in order to receive the most light. However, when the sun sets in the west what are our responsibilities? We know that at the end of the day we have all of the light we can receive, for that day, but do we allow the darkness to take from us this light? If we do we must start again each day from the same place. As Masons we must guard the light given to us during the day, against the darkness, so that we may continue our journey from a more advanced place each day.

This means that no matter how bad things in our lives get we must guard our Masonic light, our Masonic teachings and keep them with us. We should let these teachings guide us through the dark times until we come into better times of a new day. Masons have no excuse to let our teachings slip away because things are not going as well as we would like them to go. But, rather we have a responsibility to guard our teachings and let them help to bring us to a new day.

Also, we have the responsibility to share our teachings as an example to others as they struggle through the dark times, to help them get to a new day. Remember that guarding does not mean hoarding. Brother Thoreau said "The setting sun is reflected from the windows of the alms-house as brightly as from the rich man's abode;" therefore, share your light with others through the dark times and let it bring us all to a new and better day.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Senior Warden

From The South



I'm somewhat amazed at how life and situations around us change, sometimes in a very subtle manner, and we are caught off-guard.

Problems could occur. Common sense dictates that we should have seen it coming, but we didn't. More than likely, we failed to deal with these issues when we had the chance, but didn't make the effort. Procrastination is one of our frailties. Recently, we had a few issues in a Master Mason degree. The issues were very legitimate: jobs, illness, prior commitments, travel, are factors we have to deal with. They've always been there, and always will be there. As a Lodge, I feel we owe our candidates and brothers a night that reflects our respect for them and our values toward Freemasonry. We're never too old, or new, to learn a part in our ritual that could make a Lodge night a success. This is our Lodge, and it's our responsibility to make it shine. Brethren, we need brothers to step up, when others can't. As with most things in life, a burden shared by many seldom feels like a burden. Brethren, keep in mind we have a Monday night school at our Lodge.

Brother John Preddy, Junior Warden

Masonic Birthdays for August

Robert Leon Akers '66	Harry W. Lamer, Jr. '08
Allen Victor Alewine '08	Walter A. Liffick '94
Joshua Allen Arkin '08	David William McGowan '05
Ramon Luis Baez, Jr. '08	Newbury E. Meader, Jr. '99
Ray Leon Benton '88	Donald Edward Meyer '77
Robert Dean Blazier '93	Michael Neal Miller '05
Terry Lee Bledsoe '05	Edward F. Myers, III '08
Curtis Edward Brannon '65	Christopher Brian Ovide '11
Brian Edward Cullen '08	Bennell Willard Powers '93
Homer J. Cullifer '65	Wesley Edward Powers '99
Bruce A. Cunningham '08	Thomas Patrick Reidy '05
Dennis A. DiMaggio '10	Gregory Michael Remy '08
John Newton Farr '98	Jeffrey Scott Rohrer '08
Robert Scott Foxwell '02	Michael G. Rylko, Jr. '05
Donald McKay Fraser '06	Larry Duane Santos '93
Moss Samuel Friedman '91	Larry Brett Scott '10
Shawn Paul Garfield '00	David Tyrone Silvey '04
Noel Lee Garo '10	Wesley Clay Thompson '06
Raymond Elnor Hall, III '05	Anthony K. Turner '08
Brian Keith Headley '00	Claude W. Watkins, Jr. '91
Walter Lee Humphries '71	Thomas Gray Webber, Jr. '08
William T. Kemp, Sr. '66	William Roy Wood '77
Jonathan Robert King '00	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 682 years in Masonry!

Thoughts and Prayers

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

Worshipful Jim Gardner	499-2816
Worshipful Bill Nolan	467-2252
Brother Richard Naujoks	340-4412
Worshipful Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Brother Roger Farr	467-0372

50 Year Veterans



Brother Bud Marchman and Worshipful Joe Thornton receive their 50 Year Veteran Awards from Right Worshipful Tom McGowan at the July Stated Communication

Youth Corner

The DeMolay and Job's Daughters of Kempsville are enjoying their summer and invite you to visit them during their stated meetings in August. The Daughters have returned from their annual Grand Session and earned many awards and acclamations including ten individual awards in arts and crafts, three team awards in dance, six awards in music, overall best librarian's report and several other Bethel awards, but the greatest individual award was awarded to Miss Kaitlynn Gray for the Masonic Outstanding Youth Award.

The DeMolay attended Conclave at CNU the weekend of July 26th and results were not in as the Ashlar went to press. Look for results in the September edition. The boys were scheduled to compete in Representative DeMolay chess and various team and individual sports events which they did real well in last year. Also, the boys elected to maintain the yard and cut the grass of Worshipful Mike Lombardo, as he is not able to do it.

Brother Ray Baez, Youth Advisor

Trestleboard

August 13 Stated Communication
Speaker: Buddy Pate, 6PM
August 19 District Blood Drive
2:45PM-7PM, Kempsville Lodge No. 196
August 22 Bring A Friend Night
6PM, Bayside Lodge No. 218)
August 31 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
September 10 Stated Communication
Speaker: Tim Burkhimier, 6PM

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

Masonic Veterans for 2013

October	Richard Leopold Naujoks	60 Years
November	Albert Lee Bonney, Jr.	50 Years
December	Ejnar Olaf Jorgenson	60 Years

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in August:

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

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.

Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome to Brother Mike Scott who was initiated on July 2nd and Brother Travis Schartz who was initiated on July 23rd. Congratulations to Brother Nate Bourdeau, who was raised on July 16th.

Masonic Blood Program

During summer, we know you are taking vacations, spending time with your children and grandchildren by the pool, or just trying to beat the heat by staying indoors. And we know that you are aware of the greater need for blood donations because our regular donors may be away or unable to give blood right now and at the same time our local hospitals' needs increase due to higher volumes of accidents and elective surgeries. In addition to presenting those truths about the blood situation right here in our own community, I would

like to remind each of you of the upcoming 56th Masonic District blood donation event on August 19th from 2PM to 7PM. The event will be hosted at our lodge by Willis V. Fentress No. 296. Please donate as you are able and thank you in advance!

Brother Greg Muir, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Around the Lodge

Congratulations to Brother Dennis DiMaggio who had a double good week last month. He was the winner of the Ride and Refresh Giveaway celebrating the opening of the new commissary store at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and won a Harley-Davidson Sportster. Also in the same week, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Management from Strayer University.

Congratulations to Kaitlynn Gray, daughter of Brother Justin and Mom Marta, and grand-daughter of Worshipful Brother Bob Jones who was awarded the Masonic Youth Award. The Masonic Youth Award is presented to one deserving young person from each of three Masonic Youth Organizations statewide. The award is given to one Jobie, one DeMolay and one Rainbow Girl based on how their youth order has better prepared them for the future and the impact their membership has had on them. Congratulations Kaitlynn, we are extremely proud of you.

Hawaiian Shirt Night



Worshipful Ralph Ward wins the coveted "Best Hawaiian Shirt" at the July Stated Communication

Bring a Friend Night

A "Bring-a-Friend Night" has been planned by the 56th District on Thursday, August 22nd, at Bayside Lodge No. 218. This is intended to introduce "non-Masons" to our great fraternity. It will be an open (non-tiled) gathering, with a special program of historic interest to all. It is a great opportunity for you to invite a neighbor, friend, or relative, who is not yet a Mason, to sit with us, enjoy some fellowship, and learn something about us.

The special program entitled "Cleopatra's Needle" takes about 35 minutes. It will be presented by members of Springfield Lodge No. 217, coming from Northern Virginia. From their program description: "Masonry is considered an ancient fraternity. How ancient is it? Our program attempts to answer that question." Please come, bring a friend, and find out. Family members are welcome too.

A light dinner will be served at 6PM with the program immediately following. Again, the event is at Bayside Lodge No. 218, 1465 Independence Blvd, Virginia Beach, August 22nd.

Right Worshipful Don Meyer
District Deputy Grand Master, 56th District

The Drama of Faith

Man does not live by bread alone; he lives by Faith, Hope, and Love, and the first of these is faith. Nothing in the human story is more striking than the persistent, passionate, profound protest of man against death. Even in the earliest of times we see

him daring to stand erect at the gates of the grave, disputing it's verdict, refusing to let it have the last word, and making argument on behalf of the soul. For Emerson, as for Addison, that fact alone was proof enough of immortality, as revealing a universal intuition of eternal life. Others may not be so easily convinced. But no man who has the heart of a man can fail to be impressed by the ancient, heroic Faith of his race.

From the Builders By John Fort Newton
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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