

The Ashlar



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From The East



Brethren, on behalf on the newly installed officers, let me take just a moment to express our sincere gratitude for the honor you have bestowed upon us by allowing us the

opportunity to be of service to Masonry in general and Kempsville Lodge in particular for the ensuing Masonic year. With the enthusiasm of the newly installed officers and committee members, the experience and dedication of our Past Masters, the continued support of our Sister Lodges in the 56th District, and the participation of you, the members of Kempsville Lodge, we are confident that we will have a successful year. Your participation is the key to this anticipated success. Without the participation of its members, a Lodge is doomed to fail. While holding on to our great heritage and past successes, let us put past grievances behind us and spread the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection that will assure a bright future for Kempsville Lodge.

On behalf on your newly installed officers, I'd like to thank everyone who assisted in and/or attended our recent Installation of Officers. Special thanks go out to the Eastern Star Ladies who provided us with an outstanding reception. The ceremony by the Installing Team was very impressive (learn who they were by completing the crossword puzzle provided in this issue of the Ashlar).

On a personal note, I felt honored to be "FLAMINGOED" by the Jobies from Bethel 42 the night prior to the Installation. I was also honored to be presented with a very special gift from the Jobies and Demolay at the Installation (you can see it on the Kempsville Web-Site).

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

From The West



New years and new officers offer new beginnings. Teaching elementary school, I am reminded of teachers who repeatedly tell students, "Get another sheet of paper. You may begin again."

I love the "delete" button on the computer which allows you to completely erase sentences and paragraphs in order to try again. This clean slate, along with the plans already made, promises a successful year. At least, that is our hope.

However, we needn't wait for a new year to begin again. The Great Architect of the Universe allows us to start over every day. There are those days when we may need a "restart" several times. The path to a successful year begins with the next day. Do what you can each day to make yourself a better mason, help advance the goals of this lodge, and improve our standing in the community. And when you are unsuccessful, you may start again.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



I want to thank each Brother of Kempville Lodge for giving me your trust and for allowing me to sit in the South this year. Also thank you to Worshipful Bill Peterson for sitting

proxy for me during the installation. Another thank you to my mentor and very good friend Worshipful Bob Stanek for all of the work and instruction he has provided to me since my initiation.

As your Junior Warden for 2014 I ask for your support of the lodge degree work. Be on a degree team or sit on the sidelines, no matter as long as you are able to attend and enjoy our traditions. Also, as a member in good standing of the World's Greatest Saturday Morning Coffee Club I can only say "pitchers and catchers report in 9 to 10 weeks" so the Brethren should be getting primed up for some good chatter regarding our number 1 topic; if you want to enjoy some coffee and laughs, get the

MLB package and come on down and give us your opinions on the Grand Old Game. We only have 2 rules: 1) no one is allowed to sit in Right Worshipful Tom McGowan's seat; and 2) when there is debate over baseball, Brother Hank has the final say.

Hope each of you had a Merry Christmas!!!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2014

March	John Duane Johnstone Lester Randall Lefler	50 Years 25 Years
April	George Frank Roberts, Jr.	50 Years
	Alaric James Roche, Jr	50 Years
May	Robert Eugene Williams	50 Years
June	Clifton Essley Smith	25 Years
July	William Thomas Parks, III	25 Years
September	Jesse Luther Monroe	25 Years
	Archie Richard Nobles	50 Years
October	Robert Halstead DeFord, Jr.	60 Years
November	Joe Emerson Brown	50 Years
	William Keith Cole	25 Years
	Donald Lee McBride	60 Years

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in January:

Barbara Cole	January 16 th
Carol Barber	January 20 th
Wanda Webb	January 27 th
Dorothy Sykes	January 28 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.

Masonic Birthdays for January

Onrubio L. Florendo, Jr. '10	Matthew David Pilgrim '11
Henry Lee Foiles, Jr. '59	John Royal Preddy, III '07
Fleatwood M. Frias, Jr. '57	Bill Rensko '96
Luician A. Gunter, III '58	George F. Roberts, III '96
Gerald Thomas Hallal '08	William Bruce Ross '03
Richard Ivan Kimbrell '93	Marvin Leroy Spruill '57
Ronald S. Melton, Jr. '04	Richard B. Temple, Sr. '55
Francis G. Mielkey, II '98	Charles G. Thompson '85
James E. Pearsall, Jr. '79	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 545 years in Masonry!

Trestleboard

January 1DDGM's Official Visit
Princess Anne Lodge No. 25, 6PM
January 6 Master Mason Examination, 7PM
January 6Ritual School, 7:30PM
January 7Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
January 8DDGM's Official Visit
Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274, 6PM
January 11Division Leadership Conference
Granby Street Temple, 8:30AM
January 13Ritual School, 7PM
January 14Stated Communication
DDGM's Official Visit, 6PM
January 20 Joint Ritual School
at Bayside Lodge,7PM
January 21 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
January 25Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
January 27Ritual School, 7PM
February 3Ritual School, 7PM
February 4DDGM's Official Visit
Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296, 6:30PM
February 6DDGM's Official Visit
Bayside Lodge No. 218, 6:30PM
February 10Ritual School, 7PM
February 11Stated Communication
Speaker: Worshipful Ed Meise, Jr. (DEO), 6PM
February 13DDGM's Official Visit
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 6:30PM

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

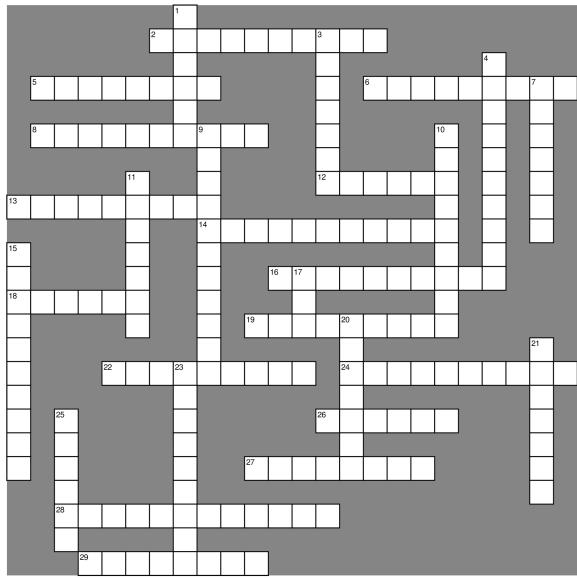
Thoughts and Prayers

Brethren, please keep Brother John Preddy and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle to cope with the recent passing of his Mother. Please keep the following Brethren in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover from recent setbacks:

- · Worshipful Jimmie Wilder
- Brother Richard L. Naujoks
- Brother Robert H. Foxwell, Jr.

A Secretary's Dream

I fell asleep the other night, and while I had my snooze, I dreamt each member stepped right up and promptly paid his dues. But when I found 'twas but a dream I nearly threw a fit; It's up to you to make it true Brothers — "please remit."



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ACROSS

- 2 Installing Marshall (2014 Officers)
- 5 beautiful as a result of balance and a harmonious arrangement
- 6 falsely assuming the appearance of virtue or religion
- 8 first Worshipful Master
- 12 principles
- 13 Installing Officer (2014 Officers)
- 14 a feeling or attitude of deep respect tinged with awe
- 16 method of mutual instruction
- 18 profanes, pretenders, intruders, eavesdroppers, those seeking to obtain the Masonic words and secrets of Masonry without having been admitted to the fratertnity
- 19 Assistant Installing Marshall (2014 Officers)
- 22 Installing Secretary (2014 Officers)
- 24 Installing Chaplain (2014 Officers)
- 26 to deprive; remove or take away possessions from someone
- 27 literary style that uses symbols, characters or events to suggestively represent an abstract idea
- 28 Lodge Chaplain
- 29 to bear fruit, to fulfill

DOWN

- 1 an achaic term for a goal or destination
- 3 created; made; designed
- 4 wise; exercising good judgement and common sense
- 7 son of David and Bathsheba
- 9 Junior Deacon
- 10 pure, honorable, clean, untainted
- 11 to impose excessive burdens upon; hence, to treat with unjust rigor
- 15 illegal, immoral, disregard of rules
- 17 a symbol of joy and gladness
- 20 a Mason and the 29th President of the United States
- 21 the father of the English Ritual
- 23 practical; most appropriate to a purpose
- 25 to call for aid or protection

Youth Corner

Kempsville DeMolay continues to grow and helped Virginia DeMolay achieve positive net membership growth for 2013. They recently met at the lodge for an evening of fellowship and fun and had nearly 20 young men in attendance, and they joined their Jobie sisters from Bethel 42 on Saturday, December 21st to travel to Richmond for Christmas caroling with the residents of our Masonic Home.

Bethel 42's own Kaitlynn Gray was selected as Miss Congeniality at the 2013 Miss Job's Daughters Pageant in Williamsburg, and Miss Samantha White was recently installed as Bethel 42's Honored Queen. Several young ladies joined in 2013, and Bethel 42 remains one of the largest and most active bethels in Virginia.

Kempsville DeMolay meets the 1st Thursday at 7PM, and Bethel 42 meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2PM. Master Masons are always welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

Masonic Blood Program

Giving blood is not just good for the recipients but has benefits for the donors as well. According to the Central Florida Blood Bank, blood donors routinely receive a mini-health check, which monitors blood pressure, cholesterol;, temperature, pulse, and iron levels. The agency also cites studies that show that donating blood is good for the heart. Men who gave blood three times a year reduced their risk of heart attack by more than 50 percent. Other studies have found that donating blood can reduce the risk of certain types of cancer. Please consult with your physician before donating blood.

Brother Patrick Blankenship Lodge Blood Coordinator

A Proclamation

Remember to observe Masonic Recognition Day on the first day of every month by wearing your Masonic apparel such as hats, shirts, jackets, belts, etc. Furthermore, you're encouraged to hold every day as Masonic Recognition Day by studying a portion of the Methodical Digest, Presentation Volume, other Masonic books or pamphlets, as well as the Volume of Sacred Law.

Around the Lodge

Congratulations to Drew Muir, the son of our Junior Warden, Greg Muir, whose hockey team is ranked 8th regionally and has lost only a single game this season.

Stained Glass Window



The Kemspville DeMolay Chapter and Job's Daughters Bethel presented Worshipful Steve Ridgeway with a beautiful stained glass window depicting the Masonic Square & Compasses, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay insignias as well as Faith, Hope, and Charity following his installation on December 14th.

A Pastor's Business Card

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was the cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelations 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and was afraid for I was naked."

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are! "A cheerful heart is good medicine" (Prov. 17:22)

Tom's Coffee Break

Brethren, may I have your attention Take a deep breath then sit back and listen You are invited each Saturday at eight To join your Brethren at Tom's Coffee Break

One Saturday morning Tom had a dream Of coffee, sugar, doughnuts, and cream So he said to his Brethren, why don't we think About getting together to socialize and drink

Now hold on teetotalers, you have no cause to fear I'm just talking coffee, not whisky or beer Though it may be bitter and as black as tar You can drink to your fill and still drive your car

The scheme that I have will make us all rich I'll pour in the water and then throw the switch The wealth that I promise is not measured in gold But the happiness of sharing with one of the fold

When the coffee is ready your cup I will fill And hope that your day is full of goodwill May the price of goodwill always be free If we brighten your day, how happy we'll be

So come on out Brethren and drink to your fill We're here every Saturday, eight until We're always looking for new stories to share When we meet on the level and part on the square

Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

2014 Officers



Your 2014 Lodge Officers. Left to right: Bill Nelligar – Treasurer, Dennis Eaton – Tiler, Chris Anders – Senior Deacon, Dickie Cooper – Marshal, Steve Ridgeway – Worshipful Master, Michael Johnstone – Senior Steward, Scott Foxwell – Senior Warden, Karl Wesseller – Chaplain, Roger Taylor – Junior Deacon, Bob Stanek – Secretary. Not Shown: Greg Muir – Junior Warden, Jackson Bell – Junior Steward, Bob Johns – Musician

From the Secretary

Dues cards for "2013" expired on December 31, 2013. New dues cards for "2014" have been mailed to members who have paid their dues – thank you to those who have paid. If you have not yet paid, please remit your dues soon. Dues for 2014 remain at \$100.

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Along The Road

I walked a mile with Pleasure; She chattered all the way, But left me none the wiser For all she had to say. I walked a mile with Sorrow And ne'er a word said she; But oh, the things I learned from her When Sorrow walked with me!

Robert Browning Hamilton

Thank You

Special thanks to our newly installed Chaplain, Brother Karl Wesseler, for the boutonnieres worn by the Officers and Installation Team at our Installation of Officers. Brother Karl and his wife Charlene are the Proprietors of Fairfield Flowers located in Fairfield Shopping Center in Virginia Beach. Please keep them in mind for all your gift baskets & floral arrangement needs.



Masonic Presidents

George Washington joined the Masonic Lodge in Fredericksburg, Virginia at the age of 20 in 1752. His Masonic membership, like the other public titles and duties he performed, was expected from a young man of his social status in colonial Virginia. During the War for Independence, General Washington attended Masonic celebrations and religious observances in several states. He also supported Masonic Lodges that formed within army regiments.

At his first inauguration in 1791, President Washington took his oath of office on a Bible from St. John's Lodge in New York. During his two terms, he visited Masons in North and South Carolina and presided over the cornerstone ceremony for the U.S. Capitol in 1793.

In retirement, Washington became charter Master of the newly chartered Alexandria Lodge No. 22, sat for a portrait in his Masonic regalia, and in death, was buried with Masonic honors.



Such was Washington's character, that from almost the day he took his Masonic obligations until his death, he became the same man in private that he was in public. In Masonic terms, he

remained "a just and upright Mason" and became a true Master Mason. Washington was, in Masonic terms, a "living stone" who became the cornerstone of American civilization. He remains the milestone other civilizations follow into liberty and equality. He is Freemasonry's "perfect ashlar" upon which countless Master Masons gauge their labors in their own Lodges and in their own communities.

"The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

George Washington

On This Day

It is possible for each of us to go out into the world trying to apply in his dealings with his fellows the lessons of Masonry as they are taught in the Lodge, and as they are applied in the brotherhood.

Theodore Roosevelt

(Brother Theodore Roosevelt departed this life on January 6, 1919)

Parting Shot

Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain and most fools do.

Benjamin Franklin

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Senior Warden	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Junior Warden	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	619-7646
Senior Deacon	Chris Anders	635-7617
Junior Deacon	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Senior Steward	Michael Johnstone	334-3013
Junior Steward	Jackson Bell	831-0818
Chaplain	Karl Wesseler	439-1858
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Dennis Eaton	671-1187
Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Bill Rawson	724-4867
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Blood Coordinator	Patrick Blankenship	406-6166
Youth Advisor	Cliff Williams	870-2539

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