



# The Ashlar



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**Kempsville Lodge No. 196, A.F.&A.M.**  
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## From The East



Candidates for Masonry are carefully investigated before they are accepted for membership. Few organizations are more selective. To begin with, one half of the population is ineligible because it is of the female sex. Another large segment is disqualified because of age. By long-standing tradition, members of certain religious bodies do not choose to join, although the Craft makes no impediment to their actions.

Yet others are actively debarred because they have no religious convictions at all. In fact at any given time only a small proportion of the total population qualifies for membership. Clearly then, those who do qualify and are accepted are a privileged few. The Mason should ask himself, "What are my responsibilities in return for the privilege that has been extended to me?" The responsibilities are great because the number accepted is small.

Because a Mason is one of those few, he must not become introverted and assume that Masonry is only for his personal use, his own self-satisfaction. This would be selfish. On the contrary, it is his duty and responsibility to share the teachings and philosophy of Masonry with those whom he meets. A practicing Mason has a day-to-day duty to be an effective promoter of the Art. It would be unfortunate if he took the view that he could discharge his responsibilities simply by attending regular and emergent meetings of his lodge. This is but one type of activity expected of him. He will endeavor to make a daily advancement in his own understanding of Masonry and will apply and extend his influence for the betterment of mankind in whatever environment he finds himself.

Therefore, one of a Mason's prime responsibilities lies in helping to recommend and sponsor worthy candidates for membership. After an aspirant has stated his wish and indicated his intent, his sponsor must be certain and satisfied that, if he is admitted, he will fully meet the requirements for membership. The Committee of Investigation appointed by the Master of the lodge will seek

information about the applicant, such as who he is and with whom he associates, where he lives, when he became interested in Masonry, what his reasons are for submitting an application and how he intends to serve Freemasonry.

As a Mason ponders how best to discharge his Masonic responsibilities, the following quotation might well serve as a guideline. "I shall pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now, let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

## From The West



I am in awe of the Masons who have learned and are willing to deliver the lectures following our degree work. Not surprisingly, my favorite lecture and lecturer were my first, the Entered Apprentice's lecture delivered by Worshipful Monte Howell. I love the way both he and Worshipful Frank Creasy speak when giving the lectures. Their sincerity, rhythm, and tone all make the candidate feel at ease, yet realize the importance of the words.

Probably the most meaningful lecture I've heard in our lodge was the Master Mason's lecture given by Worshipful Bill Nolan following the funeral of Brother Don McManus. Bill is usually outstanding when he does degree work, but this night, the words took on added significance following the events of the day.

I disappointed myself when as Senior Deacon I did not learn that lecture for the Fellowcraft's degree. I want to emulate Brother Patrick Blankenship who has taken it upon himself to learn and deliver that lecture and is now working on another. I encourage all the brethren to come out and hear the lectures again. New insights are gained with every hearing.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

## From The South



Brethren, this month I would like to provide you with an update on my journey to the East and how the journey has enlightened me as I mix with the world. Since my last article I have had 2 very interesting conversations, the first with my boss and the second with my fiancée.

In a recent work conversation, my boss asked the question "what is the basis of those Masonic meetings you attend?" My answer, "the most salient theme of the meetings is the moral application of Biblical stories that define life lessons of brotherhood among men and how men should conduct themselves in their community." I went on to tell him that by verbally passing these stories from man to man, the collective body of men acquires principals in which to live by while developing friendships with other like-minded men. I invite you to read "The Moral Advantage of Geometry" on pages 83 and 84 of the Presentation Volume.

The second conversation was with my fiancée, wherein she asked me "what Masonry I planned on doing once I had passed the East to Brother Chris Anders." My answer, "coach as much as the sitting Master will allow me, keep up my ritual proficiency so I am ready to participate in degrees as required, attend the stated and the Saturday Coffee Club, and drive for the Roadrunners after I retire. Her next question resulted from her reading the book "Freemasonry for Dummies." She told me the book said that Masons are very repetitive in what they do in their rituals and she asked "don't you ever get tired of doing the same thing over and over?"

My answer was "The Blue Lodge makes Masons and Masons do good." Worshipful Bob Stanek gave me that answer when I asked him about the primary mission of the Blue Lodge. I never fully understood his answer until I answered her question. Just think, if there weren't guys like Right Worshipful Tom McGowan teaching other guys the ritual, and there weren't coaches teaching new Masons their catechisms, and there weren't good Brothers who "got the point and acted upon it," then a lot of very important stuff would never happen in our community. Really, what stuff you ask? How about the Shriners' Hospitals that are supported by the transportation teams, the old folks homes, the retirement centers, speech impairment assistance, vision impairment assistance, scholarships, educational support to

local schools, patriotism camps supported by the Sojourners and a heck of a lot more (trust me, there's lots of some more). Men plant the Masonic seed in their hearts all by themselves, then the process of raising a Mason results in brothers who make our community support, brotherhood, and friendship happen; they also ensure that the most excellent tenets of our institution withstand the test of time. I invite you to read the "Charge at Closing" on pages 55 and 56 in the Presentation Volume.

I am really enjoying my Masonic journey and I would like to thank you again for letting me sit in the South. I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

## Trestleboard

May 5 ..... Ritual School, 7PM  
May 12 ..... Ritual School, 7PM  
May 13 ..... Stated Communication, 6PM  
May 17 ..... Jobie Dinner Theatre, 7PM  
May 19 ..... Ritual School with Bayside Lodge, 7PM  
May 20 ..... Armed Forces Night, 6PM  
May 31 ..... Monthly Breakfast, 8AM  
June 2 ..... Ritual School, 7PM  
June 9 ..... Ritual School, 7PM  
June 10 ..... Stated Communication, 6PM  
June 14 ..... 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM

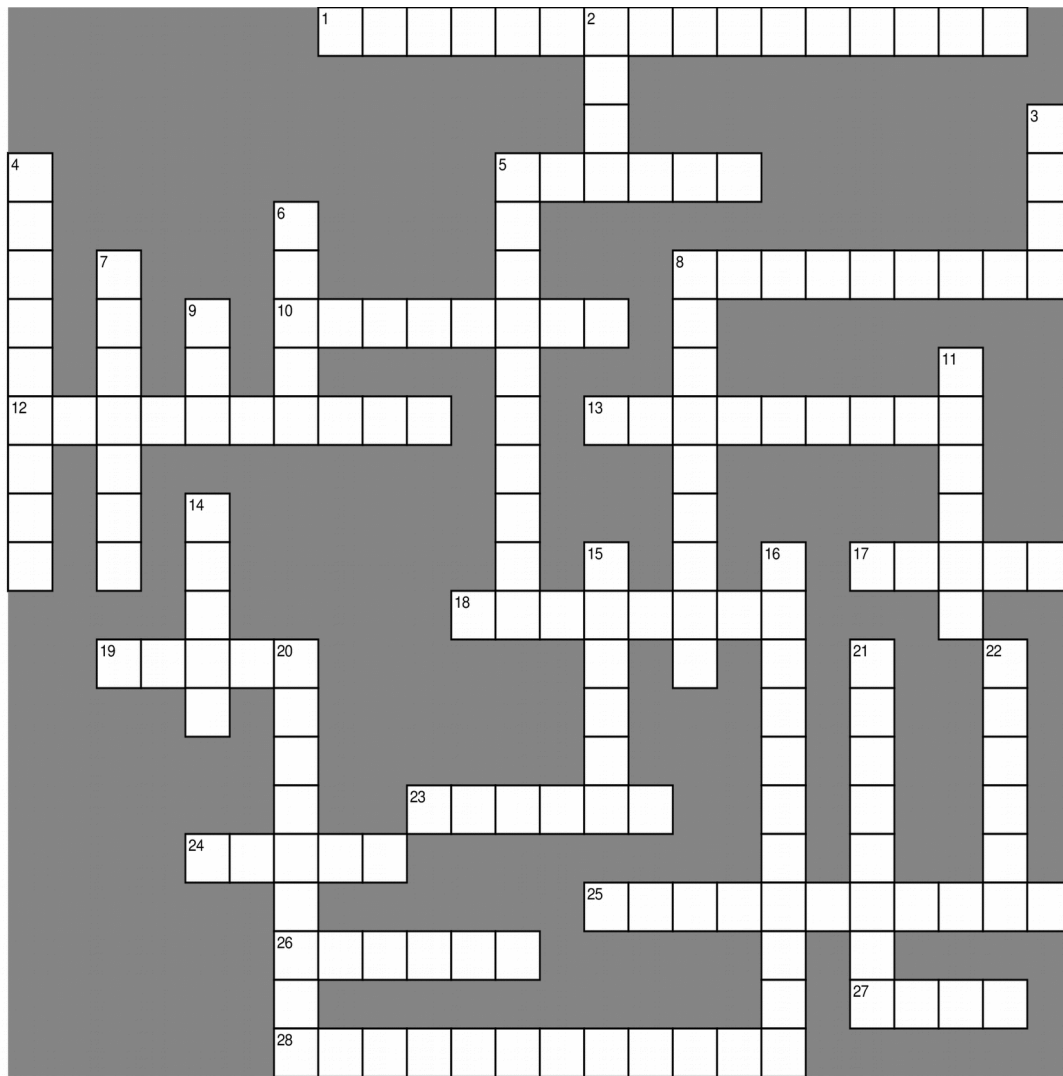
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[www.kempsvillelodge.org](http://www.kempsvillelodge.org).

## Masonic Veterans for 2014

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

## Welcome to Kempsville!

Welcome to Brother Chuck Batemen, raised on April 1<sup>st</sup> and Brother Jason Silva, raised on April 15<sup>th</sup>.



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## ACROSS

- 1 Holy of Holies (two words)
- 5 a painting or diagram containing the emblems of a particular Degree
- 8 superintended the building of King Solomon's Temple (two words)
- 10 teaches us to regulate our lives agreeably to the dictates of reason
- 12 one of the four cardinal virtues
- 13 Worshipful Master 1979
- 17 the oldest and most original of the three Grecian orders
- 18 Worshipful Master 2009
- 19 the evidence of things not seen
- 23 one of the five human senses
- 24 Hebrew word meaning "confusion"
- 25 an emblem of Divine Providence (two words)
- 26 represented by the Corinthian Column and the Junior Warden
- 27 to conceal
- 28 Book of the Bible displayed for a Master Mason's Lodge

## DOWN

- 2 Junior Warden
- 3 a Hebrew word signifying "his father"
- 4 the plumb inculcates \_\_\_\_\_ of conduct
- 5 Jewel of the Stewards
- 6 the seaport of Jerusalem
- 7 the chief support of all well regulated institutions
- 8 an emblem of human life
- 9 When the Grand Lodge is opened by the Deputy Grand Master it is said to be opened in \_\_\_\_\_ Form
- 11 Senior Deacon
- 14 one of the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 15 a round pillar made to support as well as to adorn a building
- 16 it is not in the power of any man to make \_\_\_\_\_ in Masonry
- 20 The Book of Law (two words)
- 21 one of the three principle supports of Masonry
- 22 meaning "I have found it"

## Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these Brethren and family members in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Richard D. Cedola is hospitalized in Florida.

Brother Alton McKeithan is at home recovering from surgery.

Brother Mike Jacob's mother is in need of our prayers.

## To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in May:

Elizabeth Hutchinson	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Willie Salih	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Bonnie Fitzgerald	May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Barbara Ambrose	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
Jackie Stephens	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Margaret Fowler	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Sue Wright	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Grace Jones	May 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.

## From the Secretary

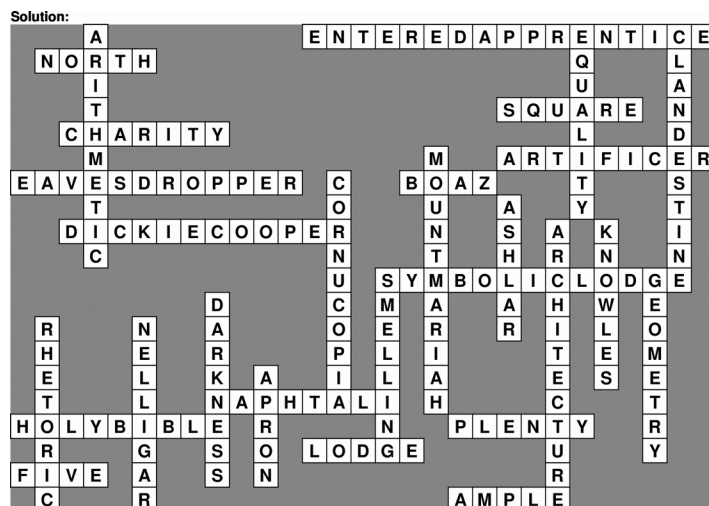
ARTICLE VIII of our by-laws states:

"Any amendment proposed to these by-laws must be submitted in writing at a stated communication, lie over the required four weeks, the membership be notified, and shall require a simple majority affirmative vote of the members present for its adoption."

At the April 2014 stated communication, a proposed amendment to Article V of the by-laws was read, and ordered to lie over for four weeks. The issue concerns the Secretary's annual compensation; specifically, to increase from \$4.50 per member to \$6.00 per member. This matter will be considered at the May 2014 stated communication, on May 13, 2014. Members are hereby notified.

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

## April Crossword Answer



## Masonic Birthdays for May

Christopher Anders, Jr. '11	Larry Montgomery, Jr. '97
Brandon Ray Angel '07	Stanley Drew Moss '96
Kevin Thomas Cotter '11	Gerald Wilson Nelligar '84
David Harrold Curtis '66	Joseph R. O'Leary '96
Wayne C. DeFord '93	Charley Orsargos '61
Herbert Boyd Foxwell '70	Gregory Keith Pruitt '02
James Olney Freeman '74	Richard Dean Rawles '92
Goodwin Glassman '68	Ralph Wilton Rawles, Jr. '76
Herbert T. Gordon '86	Charles Allan Roys '08
Billy F. Gordon, Jr. '03	Joseph Timothy Salt '62
Dennis R. Harrison '83	Jimmy Bryan Shehan '97
Adam Hernandez '07	Richard Miles Shibley '46
John Matthew Hewitt '02	Larry Leroy Strait, Jr. '12
Monte Pearson Howell '70	Russell Peter Tjepkema '85
Ross Owen McLeod '06	John B. Whiteman '10
Steve Taylor Miller '71	Robert E. Williams '64
Leslie Hugh Miller '72	William O. Wyndham, Jr. '83

The Brethren shown above have a total of 905 years in Masonry!

## No Smoking in Lodge Building



We are proud of our lodge building and its members. There is no smoking permitted behind its doors, so those who are sensitive to smoke can visit in complete comfort. This policy was adopted many years ago and

it is expected that all members will comply.

However, I have had several complaints this year concerning Brothers ignoring this policy. I know from personal observation that this is happening, especially during coaching sessions.

This is a friendly reminder that there is to be no smoking in the lodge building. This policy is not restricted to the lodge room or any particular group or event, but applies throughout the lodge building and at all times. Adherence to this policy by all concerned is expected and appreciated.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

## On This Day

Masonry aims at the promotion of morality and higher living by the cultivation of the social side of man, the rousing in him of the instincts of charity and the love of his kind. It rests surely on the foundation of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

Spoken by Brother William Howard Taft  
in St. John's Lodge, Newark, New Jersey  
on May 13, 1911.

## Table Lodge

**Kempsville Masonic Lodge No. 196**  
**Table Lodge**

**July 22, 2014**  
**6:00 PM**

*All Proceeds to Support Lodge Renovation  
in Memory of  
Right Worshipful William Hollowell Pierce*

*Special Guest: Most Worshipful Alan Wayne Adkins*

*Ticket No.* *Donation: \$25*

*Additional Donations Appreciated  
Includes Commemorative Wine Glass*

A Table Lodge honoring Right Worshipful Bill Pierce will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> with all proceeds supporting upcoming lodge renovations. Contact the Worshipful Master for tickets.

## Masonic Blood Program

Thank you for your participation in the Masonic District 56 blood drive in April. We are nearing our goal of a 25% increase in donations from our total units donated by Kempsville Lodge 196 in 2013. Our next District blood drive will be on June 16th at Bayside Lodge No 218. Keep up the good work brothers and continue to give the gift of life.

Brother Patrick Blankenship  
Lodge Blood Coordinator

## Bull Roast – June 14<sup>th</sup>

Brethren, you will definitely want to be a part of this event! So come out and enjoy an awesome meal and great fellowship & fun as we pull together to support the Masonic Home of Virginia and our Lodge Scholarship Fund. We will of course be serving our traditional menu of slow-cooked roast beef, homemade potato salad & coleslaw, the old family recipe baked beans, dinner rolls, and delicious deserts. All active members are receiving four tickets in this issue of The Ashlar to either purchase or sell. Tickets are \$10 each, \$6 for children under 12 and for takeouts and deliveries. If you need additional tickets please let me know. Cash and checks made payable to Kempsville Lodge No. 196 can be given to me or Worshipful Bob Stanek. If you know of any businesses interested in having a hot roast beef lunch delivered please give me a contact name and

number by Thursday, June 12th. If you travel to local Lodges please announce our Bull Roast and try and sell some tickets. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year and in order for it to be a success we really need a big turnout. For the bakers in the lodge there are boxes of cake mix in the dining hall. It would be greatly appreciated if you take one or two to make for dessert. Please drop them off at the lodge on Friday, June 13th. Lastly, I want sincerely to thank all the Brothers who have volunteered to help out. Your willingness to give of your time and energy to support your Lodge and this important fundraiser is simply incredible. If you haven't yet signed up to help out and are able to do so please let me know asap either in person, by email at [chrisanders1@gmail.com](mailto:chrisanders1@gmail.com), or by phone at 635-7617. We still need lots of volunteers!

Brother Chris Anders  
Bull Roast Chairman

## The Morlock Award

The Morlock award (named in memory of Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, 1993-94) is presented to Lodges that have shown exemplary participation in giving to the Masonic Home of Virginia. The award is presented to a Lodge in which at least 15% of the members each make gifts of \$5 or more in any one year. This award recognizes the number of active donors, not necessarily the total dollars given. The Masonic Home is convinced that as more Masons learn to give to support the Home, the dollar totals will follow. This is the most significant award which can be presented to a Lodge for their gifts to the Masonic Home of Virginia. Kempsville Lodge will need approximately 75 contributing members in order to qualify for this award in 2014.

### Contributors for 2014 are:

Steve Ridgeway	Tom McGowan
Bill Peterson	Tommy Haste
Roger Cort	Ralph Ward
Chris Anders	Joe Salt
Karl Wesseler	Jerry Hallal
Dennis Eaton	Rob Worthington
Scott Foxwell	Dickie Cooper
Roger Taylor	Ray Baez
Bob Stanek	Emmett Pate
John Whitley	Greg Cort
Richard Shibley	Justin Grey
Dean Blazier	Jim Boone

## Masonic Warmth And Light

It was a tale of Masonic men surround a campfire in the old west, at night, discussing the Fraternity and it's teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up. I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everyone stand up, and gather around the campfire in a circle. Now everyone hold hands with the man next to him. Now, what do you see, looking ahead? The face of a brother Mason through the flames. What do you feel in front of you? The warmth of the fire and the comfort it brings on a cool night. What do you feel at your side? The warm hand of a brother. OK. Now drop hands and turn around. Now, what do you see? Complete darkness. What do you feel, looking ahead? A sense of loneliness, of being alienated. What do you feel at your side? Nothing at all. What do you feel at your backside? The warmth of the fire. So it is with Freemasonry, said the old man. In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warming of Masonic interactions, you can see the face of a brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of a brother. When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see the darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of a Brother Mason. But Masonry and the warm light it brings are just a turn away from you.

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

## 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
MAHOVA Ambassador	Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Patrick Blankenship	406-6166
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Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month to  
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Worshipful Bob Stanek ([bob.stanek@gmail.com](mailto:bob.stanek@gmail.com))