



The Ashlar



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Halfway Thoughts

June being the sixth month of the year means we are at a midpoint. It is the time of the summer solstice, the longest day. The Feast of St. John the Baptist is celebrated. Although there is much of the masonic year left, we realize that this chapter of our life is beginning to draw to a close.

The Entered Apprentice's lecture presents an interesting illustration that is especially appropriate at this time of year. "...there is represented in every regular and well-governed Lodge a certain point within a Circle, embordered by two perfect Parallel Lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and on the top rests the Book of Constitutions. In going round this Circle we necessarily touch upon those two Parallel Lines as well as the Book of Constitutions; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed within their precepts, it is impossible he can materially err." In our lives, we go round this circle. We are moving towards the line representing St. John the Baptist. Following which, we move back to the other side before beginning another journey around the circle. When we realize our limits, "circumscribe our desires," we are freed to help, aid, and assist. In other words, we are better Masons.

As we move into the summer season, life may slow down a bit, vacations happen, yet the work of the lodge goes on. We look ahead to the plans we laid down at the beginning of the year, and renew ourselves to the work left to do. The lodge also begins to look ahead to the next trip around the circle.

The Feast of St. John the Baptist

Once again, the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful James E. Litten has issued a proclamation requiring the observance of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, one of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry on the Sunday closest to June 24. The All Saints' Episcopal Church invites all Masons to a Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 26 at 5 P.M. Choral Evensong offers us the opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. You should expect hymns, readings, Anglican chant and anthems by the choir. As Masons, you will notice the focus on "Light," and the symbolism of the Senior Warden in the West, as well as the Worshipful Master in the East.

In Choral Evensong the choir sings on "behalf of" the congregation. The settings of the Canticles of Mary [Magnificat] and Simeon [Nunc Dimittis] are always sung by the choir alone. The Suffrages [prayers] and the Responses between the Officiant and the People are also sung between the Officiant and Choir on behalf of the people. This allows the congregation time to meditate and enter into deeper prayer through words and music. The congregation joins in the singing of the hymns, the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer and joins in silent meditation through the prayers and canticles.



A reception follows the approximately 45 minute service. The church is located at 1969 Woodside Lane in the Great Neck Point section of Virginia Beach, just off Adam Keeling Road. If you are unable to attend this service, please attend a service of your choosing.

From The East



June begins and ends with a bang! The first Saturday is our Annual Bull Roast. We thank all who have already sent in ticket money. Many have made significant contributions over and above what is expected. We look forward to welcoming our First Responders as our guests. It is a lot of work to put this event on, but there is a great feeling of accomplishment when we reflect on the good times had, and the results of our efforts.

Ritual work has picked up and we are again busy most every Tuesday. Thanks to the significant number of participants on the sidelines. The degree teams have provided excellent examples of work, and it is gratifying to see so many here to see it.

I will be attending a conference during the week of our Stated Meeting and I hope you will come out and support the Senior Warden on his night.

The final bang of the month is on the last Sunday. I encourage everyone to come out to the Choral Evensong at 5 PM on the 26th. With music being one of my themes this year, this service was a natural fit to comply with the Grand Master's proclamation. Invite your friends from other lodges to attend. I would like to see 25 of our members there, and 5 - 10 from our sister lodges. Help me make that happen.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Worshipful Master

From The West



How about that April weather in May? I hope everyone was able to get out and finish their yard work between the periods of rain. I got mine done and I got my pool open, plus I took a trip to Denver to visit my oldest son. It was pretty strange going from cold weather in Virginia to warm weather in Colorado. I had a great time out there just the same.

I am really looking forward to working at the Bull Roast and I hope everyone can come out to enjoy some fellowship with us. Brother Chris Anders does a fantastic job with the event in support of our community and our Lodge. And the coolest part of the event is that the day has been declared calorie free so you can eat as much as you want with no repercussions.

I also hope that everyone can make it out to Senior Warden's Night during the month of June, Scott will be on vacation and he told me that I can do whatever I want. One thing is for certain: there's air tight ritual and then there's the way I do it, so as long as our District Deputy Grand Master doesn't come, Scott won't get fired. Events with me in the East go something like this: I come out with something, half the people there say "what did he just say;" and then Right Worshipful McGowan just shakes his head. I hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Senior Warden

From The South



Brethren, on June 26th we will celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist at 5PM at All Saints' Episcopal Church. I, like many of you, have spoken the words "From a Lodge of the Holy Saint's John" many times. Have you ever wondered why Freemasons choose St. John the Baptist as one of their patrons? One would suppose that they would surely name some outstanding person. But, St. John the Baptist was a humble man, a plain man who held, above all, his obligations to God and, with almost unbelievable steadfastness, met martyrdom. He continually preached repentance—and virtue—and humiliation. Though not a Freemason, St. John the Baptist was most likely chosen because he exemplified the principles of Freemasonry in his daily life by his deeds and words. This humble man did not engage in any of the pomp and glory of the world. The early Freemasons chose well in selecting St. John the Baptist as a patron of Freemasonry! It is because Masonry regards the character and internal qualifications of a man—not the exterior appearances—that St. John the Baptist is fittingly called a patron of this great fraternity. He possessed those internal qualifications that made the TRUE MAN. Masonry honors them above all others and he was a living example of the Golden Rule, the practice of virtue, love for his fellow-man and love for God. Characteristics to be exemplified by all Masons.

Brother Chris Anders, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

June 4	33 rd Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM
June 7	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
June 14	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
June 20	District Blood Drive Bayside Lodge No. 218, 2-7PM
June 21	Degree Work (TBD), 7PM
June 25	Monthly Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
June 26	Feast of Saint John the Baptist All Saints' Episcopal Church, 5PM
June 28	Degree Work (TBD), 7PM
July 12	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

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

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in June:

Jessica Squires	June 3 rd
Shirley White	June 9 th
Clare Krell	June 12 th
Catherine Benjaminson	June 13 th
Mary Walker	June 27 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.

Youth Corner



In May, Kempsville's Jobies travelled to Northern Virginia to participate in the annual ritual competition for Job's Daughters across

Virginia. Congratulations to Charlye Levine for Proficiency; Rebecca Foley for second place, Second Messenger; and Keita Gain, second place, Story of Job. Congratulations to all the officers who have been elected to serve the Bethel for the ensuing term. Please join Bethel 42 for their public installation of officers Saturday, June 11th at 7PM at the lodge.

Kempsville's DeMolay were honored to join their Tidewater Chapter brethren as guests of the Grand Lodge of New York. Members met with Most Worshipful William J. Thomas, Grand Master



of New York in 2014-2015, for a tour of the Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of DeMolay members from across New York, they performed both degrees and conferred honorary membership in the Order of DeMolay upon several distinguished Masonic supporters in attendance. A heartfelt congratulations to Kempsville DeMolay's own Past Master Councilor and Senior DeMolay Jeran Gray who was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry and made an Entered Apprentice at Kempsville Lodge in May.

Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

Masonic Birthdays for June

James O. Amburn, Jr. '65	Lloyd F. Holbrook, III '98
Sidney C. Atkinson '82	Jonathan William Jones '05
Nicholas Azaransky '00	Robert Walter Jones '55
Carl Nixon Barber '71	William T. Kemp, Jr. '07
Gerald B. Barham '62	Kenneth Lancaster '84
Theodore W. Barton, Jr. '66	Robert D. Lockwood '73
John Rayos Caole '03	John Walter Mapes '97
John Erick Corbett '69	Thomas McGowan '66
Frank Leroy Creasy '73	Richard W. Mears, Jr. '62
Robert Arthur Davis '82	Owen Price Mills '67
Wayne Thomas Dunn '80	Emmett M Pate, Jr. '00
Roger Newton Farr '74	Lewis Arthur Pifer, Jr. '13
Frederick C. Farrer '94	Fletcher B. Porter, Jr. '91
John Thomas Farrer '94	Norman P. Powers, Jr. '95
Adam Trevor Ford '06	Simone Scigliano '11
Floyd Morris Gilbert '56	John Robert Settle, IV '12
Robert Lee Gunter '73	Clifton Essley Smith '89
Richard M. Hanly '74	Robert B. Wadsworth '99
Jerry Samuel Hase '88	Michael Jay Willis '73
Daniel G. Higger '96	George Robert Winn, Jr. '09

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,226 years in Masonry!

Blood Program

RapidPass allows you to start the blood donation process from the comfort of your home or office and save time at the donation site. The process is simple, just read the information and complete the questions online, then print your RapidPass and bring it with you or show it on your mobile device.

A few things you should know:

- The process will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.
- Use the name listed on your donor card or legal name when logging in.
- The Red Cross staff will discuss the questions with you and you may be asked to answer a question again or clarify an answer when you come for your donation.

- RapidPass is not the same as an appointment. For the fastest donation experience possible, please complete your RapidPass and schedule a donation appointment.
- If you plan to print your RapidPass, you will need Adobe Reader.

Give it a try for your next donation on June 20th at Bayside Lodge.

Patrick Blankenship, Blood Coordinator

The Blessing of Visitors

Our lodge has been especially blessed with visitors this year. At our April stated, there was a contingent from Ocean View Lodge No. 335. In May, we had a group from Great Bridge Lodge No. 257 here to support our guest speaker for the evening.

Also, in May, we had a surprise visit from Worshipful Peter Bland from Quarries Lodge No. 5608 of The United Grand Lodge of England. He spoke during our introductions about our similarities and differences in our ritual and sent a lovely e-mail message thanking us for our warm hospitality.

One never knows who might show up next.



Worshipful Peter Bland (right) shown with another Brother prior to attending a United Grand Lodge of England meeting

Meet Your New Tiler



Brother Ray Baez is serving as our Tiler this year. He was raised a Master Mason in August of 2008 and has been active with the Job's Daughters Bethel that our lodge sponsors. His father, Ramon Luis Baez, Sr. is also a member of our lodge and of Corinthian Lodge in Norfolk. The position of Tiler is a difficult one to fill, having

to serve outside the lodge room. We are most grateful to Ray for stepping up and being without the door with a drawn sword in his hand.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Senior Warden	Greg Muir	676-3761
Junior Warden	Chris Anders	635-7617
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	619-7646
Senior Deacon	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Junior Deacon	Dave Trzeciakiewicz	620-8311
Senior Steward	Dennis Eaton	499-6720
Junior Steward	Todd Moissett	604-3085
Chaplain	Mike Denning	651-0712
Musician	John Settle, III	675-9695
Marshal	John Settle, IV	478-7149
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Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
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Youth Advisor	Cliff Williams	870-2539

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 18th of each month to Right Worshipful Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com) or Worshipful Bob Stanek (bob.stanek@gmail.com)

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