



The Rough Ashlar

Kempsville Masonic Lodge, #196 A.F.&A.M.
4869 Princess Anne Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Stated Meetings 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00PM
Dinner @ 6:00PM
Work Nights @ 7:00PM

From the East...



The end of an era is upon us. Our Secretary, R.W. William H. (The Handsome one) Pierce, will be sitting in the Secretary's seat for the last time Sept 12th. Although we as a whole are happy to see him be accepted into the Masonic Home, I personally am saddened to see him go. I will miss having him sit on my left and his uncommonly modest wit, such as; when I ask him if he's ready for refreshment. R.W. Bill Pierce is the perfect example of what a Mason stands for and how one should act in the Lodge as well as in the community. R.W. Bill: we will miss seeing you every week and hope you will enjoy your stay at the Masonic Home, God Bless you....

That being said, our new Secretary will be Worshipful Carl William (Bill) Nolan which will be taking over all the responsibilities of the Secretary's place immediately following the September Stated. I have no doubt that he can perform the duties which are required for that position. Worshipful Brother Nolan has informed me it might take a couple of weeks to adjust, so Brethren assist me in making him feel at home in the new full-time job he has taken on. Worshipful Brother Nolan, I thank you for taking on this difficult task.

Brother Shawn Garfield, WM

From the West...



Hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather. We all survived the tropical storm.

Our Table Lodge was a great success. I have only heard positive comments from our guests and members. There were some interesting responses made to the various toasts.

We have a busy four months ahead of us. Along with degree work, we have Past Masters Night, Family Picnic, Grand Lodge and our annual Stated

and installation of new officers. Don't forget our Youth Organizations. They have special occasions coming up and enjoy and appreciate Masons on their side lines.

Remember school is open...drive safe.

Brother Roger Cort, SW

Trestle Board

September 12.....Stated Communication
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
September 17.....Lodge Family Picnic, 1PM
September 19.....Entered Apprentice Degree – 7PM
September 26.....Past Masters Night
Fellowcraft Degree
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
September 30.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 – 10AM
October 3.....Degree Work as Needed – 7PM
October 10.....Stated Communication
Junior Warden's Night
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Shawn P. Garfield	589-5660
Senior Warden	Roger Cort	467-5349
Junior Warden	Adam M. Green	615-1659
Treasurer	RW George J. Wallace	420-2507
Secretary	RW William H. Pierce	497-5160
Senior Deacon	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Junior Deacon	Jonathon Jones	535-1241
Chaplain	William H. Rawson	495-4867
Senior Steward	Mark Wegesin	567-5020
Junior Steward	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Marshal	Robert I. Lee	499-6526
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. "Buddy" Pate	404-8594
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Blood Coordinator	Gary K. Krause	297-6842

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 10/3/2006 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

From the South...



I would like to thank all of the brethren that called to wish me well after my recent surgery. It is a great comfort to know how concerned we all are for each other. I saw the surgeon last week and he said I could return to the golf course and my massage therapist. I'm back on my feet and ready to get back at it in the quarries.

Table Lodge was a huge success. What a special evening of fellowship. Thanks to all of those that made it happen.

Family Picnic will be Sunday, September 17th. I am still looking for folks to help out. Please let me or Brother Mark Wegesin know when you can help. We just need a couple of hours of your time to assist in making this special day a success. Don't forget to bring your family and friends.

Junior Warden Night will be next month. I am waiting for confirmation from our guest speaker for the evening. As not to jinx it, I will hold off on naming him until I know for sure if he can attend. If he can be there, this brother should prove to be a very enjoyable speaker. I look forward to sitting in the East and hope to have a good time with all of you there.

Grand Lodge is coming. I sent the original reservation request this week. That being said, if you would like to attend and have not yet told me, please let me know before October 8th. After that date it will be hard to arrange extra rooms. If you have a change of plans and cannot attend, please let me know ASAP so I can adjust the reservation.

Brother Adam Green, JW

Masonic Recognition Day

Don't forget, Brethren, Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of each month. Wear your Masonic paraphernalia proudly!

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is September 18th, 3:00 to 7:30PM at Bayside Lodge (sponsored by Virginia Beach). We hope to see you there. If you donate blood or platelets outside of our blood drives, please be sure to let me know.

Brother Gary Krause, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Masonic Birthdays for September

Chris K. Adkins '99
Robert B. Baker '00
Patrick F. Barnes '95
Benjamin H. Barnes Jr. '64
Harold R. Brenneman '49
Fred A. Brewer '68
William T. Crooks Jr. '77
Ernest J. L. Curcio '04
Richard A. Davis III '75
William C. Earl '80
Robert J. Eisenberg '88
Charles M. Forbes '86
James G. Gordon '76
Larry R. Hale '03
Douglas A. Hutchison '02
John R. Lassiter '61

Shepard W. McClenny '92
Jesse L. Monroe '89
John H. Mote '58
Archie R. Nobles '84
Edward H. Perry Jr. '75
Robert L. Rambin '02
William L. Robbins Sr. '65
Theodore T. Sakis, Sr. '75
Thomas B. Service '77
John P. Tewalt III '92
Richard W. Walker II '93
Mark R. Wegesin '05
Christopher C. Widen '96
Blair S. Willcox '81
Glenn R. Wintemberg '76

Past Master's Corner

The pillars of King Solomon's Temple are an important part of our ritual and to Masons and non-Masons alike, a visible symbol of Freemasonry.

They also suggest a crucial criterion by which to assess the quality of our Masonic membership. For members are of two types - the pillars and the caterpillars. The pillars are visible, stable and dependable; the caterpillars are hardly seen, and simply crawl in every now and then.

True, even the caterpillars have their value as statistics. But the only way for Masonry to be an effective movement is to have pillar members.

Declining members have motivated many of us to adapt the personal goal of "Make a member." It is an essential goal if our craft is to be, as our mission statement puts it so impressively, "an organization of excellence for all worthy men."

But there is a second goal that applies to the members we already have: the goal of "Make a member a better member."

To make Masonic membership work, we have to work harder at it. In a word, it means making the conscious decision to be pillars, and allowing the craft to know we are there and can be counted upon.

From the Northern Light

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan