



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...



This is the last time that I will speak to you as Worshipful Master - and let me tell you - I will miss it very much. When my year was just beginning, I really didn't know what to expect. The Past Masters had always said, "once you get used to it, it's all over." To some degree, that's true. But in a lot of ways it's not. As far as the ritual goes, I was good. I think the part that the Past Masters were really talking about was dealing with the everyday things that come up. Like when an appendant body calls you at home, asking where the toilet paper is and I tell them that it's probably in the trunk of Right Worshipful George's car.

With my personality, I usually hope for the best and expect the worst. It being the end of my year, there was no worst. Yes, I had some trying issues to work out, but it was all good and I would never trade anything for the experience of being the Worshipful Master of Kempsville Lodge. Thank you for that experience. I would like to thank all the Brethren and Past Masters that helped me get through this year. All of you have been an inspiration and for this I will always be in your debt.

Brother Shawn Garfield, WM

From the West...



The year is rapidly coming to a close. Worshipful Shawn has done a great job this year. Brother Adam has put together degree teams from all the active members. The side-liners have come forth and done commendable jobs. Our special events; the Bull Roast, Navy Night, Table Lodge, Family Picnic, Past Master's and Warden's Nights were all done in the usual fine Kempsville style. Even our attendance of over twenty five members doesn't go unnoticed. Well done, one and all.

I have had enough of this "laying around time" and am ready to move on. We plan to have as active a

year as we have had in the past. We have quite a group of Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to teach and raise as Master Masons. We also have fun times planned. Remember, fellowship is what it's all about so bring your long lost Masonic friends or call those Brethren who don't attend and offer to bring them to Lodge.

Congratulation to all who have done a fine job this past year.

Brother Roger Cort, SW

Trestle Board

- December 12..... Kempsville Annual Stated**
- December 13..... Virginia Beach Annual Stated
- December 14..... Lynnhaven Annual Stated
- December 16.....Kempsville Open Installation of Officers, 2PM**
- January 6.....Past Master's Breakfast, 8AM
- January 8.....Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Meeting, Princess Anne Lodge, 7PM
- January 9.....Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
- January 27.....Lodge Breakfast

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	Wor. Bill Nolan (pro tem)	467-2252
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 1/2/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

From the South...



As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all of the brethren, and particularly the past masters, for all of your support. From the monthly breakfasts to the Family Picnic to our hospitality suite at Grand Lodge, I could not have done what I did without your support and guidance. I sincerely thank you all.

Congratulations to Worshipful Shawn for a wonderful year. His leadership and thoughtfulness has been an inspiration to me. Best of luck to our soon to be Junior Past Master.

Best wishes for a successful year to our incoming Master, Roger Cort. I know you have a great year planned and I look forward to assisting you in its execution. I really think it will be a wonderful experience for the entire lodge.

And finally to all of you, a wish for a happy healthy holiday season and new year. Remember that your family extends outside the doors of your home. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. From my family to you and yours - Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New year.

Brother Adam Green, JW

Senior Deacon's Corner...

For starters, I want to congratulate Worshipful Shawn Garfield on an excellent year as leader of Kempsville Lodge #196 A.F. & A.M. Also, I am sure that Brother Roger Cort will have an equally stellar year during his time in the East.

My first year time at Grand Lodge was informative and a lot of fun. All of the brethren did a very nice job of organizing the hospitality room and representing our lodge and district. I think that many of us were disappointed that some of the resolutions were not passed, but perhaps we will be more fortunate next year as some of these resolutions are reintroduced with modified wording.

The renowned composer, Irving Berlin (member of Munn Lodge No. 190, N. Y.) said the following: "Freemasonry is the essence of Friendship and Fellowship! That, in a way, led to my first desire to become a Freemason. I noted the harmony of the Fellowship that Freemasonry created among its members. Freemasonry, after all, is what we make it. Every tried man and true who comes into the fraternity can help - should help it - to be bigger and better. I cannot attend as regularly as I should wish, but I do know that Freemasonry is much more than lodge meetings - it is the effect of a

man's first experience with the sublime beauty of the ritual that makes a brother more than just a lodge member. The spirit of Freemasonry is the expression of the Divine Will to make men better - to touch them with a new spirit of toleration, charity, brotherhood - and harmony."

See you at the Annual Stated Communication on December 12th and the Lodge Installation of Officers on December 16th.

Brother Ron Jacobson, SD

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is January 15th, 3:00 to 7:30PM at Lynnhaven Lodge. 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 Recognition Day

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

Masonic Birthdays for December

Douglas H. Brown Sr. '62	Jessie R. Ritchie '92
Dennis L. Creef '61	Roger J. Rowe Jr. '92
William E. Dennis '61	Philip M. Schoepflin '96
Lincoln Figueroa '01	Robert M. Shelburne '61
Ejnar O. Jorgensen '53	Norman L. Shepard '78
Rubin Kravitz '60	James R. Smith '94
Michael Lombardo '48	Bob S. Turner '62
Timothy M. Maguire '01	Alfred L. Vanhorne '54
William A. McPherson Jr. '62	David H. Weast '87

Shut Ins...

Let's keep these Brethren and their families in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure they'd appreciate a phone call or visit.

RW Richard A. Davis III.....	497-1227
Worshipful Wally Tuck Pittard.....	495-0650
Brother Grady McGuire.....	494-0778
Worshipful Bobby Spruill.....	466-8341

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