



The Ashlar



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From The East



I want to commend the Brethren for the fine turnout at the annual stated. I thank the installing officers for the great job they did, and the support of all the friends, families, brethren,

Jobies, DeMolay, and others who attended the installation. It was a awesome experience. My appreciation goes out to the G.S.W. Janet, Chef Henrí, Pat Connard, Willie Salih, Sara Nolan, Jim Taylor, Mary Knight, Adam, Rob, and everyone else who helped with the reception. It was impressive.

We have a busy and fun year planned for 2007. We start on January 2nd, initiating a new member and won't stop throughout the year. We will receive the DDGM in March and the Grand Master in October. Our Paster Masters' breakfast has been changed to January 13th so we don't conflict with the Shrine election and installation of officers.

On a more somber note, we lost Worshipful Wallace Tuck Pittard on December 19th. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

I hope to have a fun year in 2007. I know there are a lot of brethren out there who have not attended lodge in a while. Get out of those easy chairs and away from the TV, call a friend, and join in on the fun.

Once again, thank you for a fine start of the new year.

Brother Roger Cort, WM



From The West



Welcome to a new year. I hope that your holidays were filled with joy and happiness. Congratulations to Worshipful Roger and all of the other brethren elected to lead this

wonderful lodge through the next year. I know that many things are planned and all of them are going to be fun and exciting. We all plan to build on the Foundation of Fellowship that Roger has adopted as his slogan for the year. I cannot wait to assist him in executing his schedule. From your officers; Roger, we wish you the best of luck and pledge our full support to your endeavors.

I am looking forward to working with the Past Masters in planning for my year. I have some ideas about what I would like to accomplish in 2008. And while it is a year away, everyone has told me I should spend this year assisting the Worshipful Master and planning for my year in the East. Some ideas may seem a little radical and possibly upsetting, but by working with the past I can invigorate the future and continue the drive to make this lodge the best, most active, and most inviting in the commonwealth. I think we are already there, but we can always do better.

Best wishes to all of you for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Brother Adam Green, SW

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Roger Cort	467-5349
Senior Warden	Adam M. Green	615-1659
Junior Warden	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Senior Deacon	Jonathon Jones	535-1241
Junior Deacon	William H. Rawson	495-4867
Chaplain	Ross O. McLeod	343-0332
Senior Steward	Meade E. McCubbin	716-2590
Junior Steward	Todd L. Herbst	965-9489
Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. "Buddy" Pate	404-8594
Education Officer	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Blood Coordinator	Gary K. Krause	297-6842

From The South



I would like to start by thanking all of the brethren for electing me as Kempsville Lodge's Junior Warden for 2007. Brother Adam Green laid the groundwork for me to have an excellent year in this position, so I am confident that it will be a productive year for the lodge.

Kempsville Lodge will once again be "busy in the quarries" with degree work. Our new Worshipful Master, Roger Cort, has informed me that we will be initiating one of our newly-elected petitioners on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 7:00p.m. This means that we are already running fast to start off 2007 and will need several brethren to participate in the degree work. For those "regulars" who have been active in the degree work, I will be contacting you by telephone to assign degree work and opening/closing positions. If you have not been involved but are interested in participating, please call me at 343-3460.

Alexis Carrel said "Men grow when inspired by a high purpose, when contemplating vast horizons. The sacrifice of oneself is not very difficult for one burning with the passion for a great adventure." My passion for freemasonry has grown significantly in the past three years, thanks in large part to those who encouraged me to become involved. Now, it's my turn to encourage YOU. We need your help!

Be safe and enjoy your friends and families during the holidays.

Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

Health & Welfare

If you would like either a "Thinking of You" or "Sympathy" card sent from the Lodge, please contact Worshipful Bob Stanek, or any of the Lodge Officers. For you "Cyber Brothers", you may send your request by email to:

kville196.send.card@cox.net

You may also call Worshipful Bob Stanek at 495-7645 (home) or 619-7646 (cell). Please leave a detailed message if necessary. **IMPORTANT** - Please provide name(s) and address, especially if not in our Lodge roster. We will send out a card as soon as we get the information.

Get the Rough Ashlar via Email!

If you'd like to begin receiving our monthly newsletter, the **Rough Ashlar**, via email, simply send email address to emmett@epate.com and I'll add you to the list. It's a great way to stay up-to-date on what's happening at your lodge.

Worshipful Buddy Pate

From The Secretary

Lodge Dues are payable on 01 January each year. Have you paid yours yet? If you aren't sure, just look at your dues card. If it doesn't say 2007 on the front, then you have not yet paid them. The Lodge must make a substantial payment to Grand Lodge within the next few weeks. That payment is \$19.00 for each dues paying member. If you do the math you will see that this payment will be 8 or 9 thousand dollars. We must pay it for you whether you have payed your dues or not. Please pay them as soon as possible.

Worshipful Bill Nolan, Secretary

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next two blood drives are January 15th at Lynnhaven Lodge and March 19th at Bayside Lodge (3 to 7:30PM). 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 Veterans for 2007

January	Fleetwood M. Frias, Jr.	50 years
March	Willam H. Holland	50 years
	Paul R. Ramsdell	50 years
April	Michael L. Smith	25 years
June	Sydney S. Atkinson	25 years
	Robert A. Davis	25 years
	Darryl R. Moyers	25 years
October	Michael J. Orman	25 years
	Larry C. Nelson, Sr.	25 years
	George E. Fausel	25 years
November	Richard D. Diffie	25 years

Unused Potential

"The average person puts only 25 percent of his energy and ability into his work. The world takes off its hat to those who put in more than 50 percent of their capacity, and stands on its head for those few and far between souls who devote 100 percent.

This observation by Andrew Carnegie portrays a scenario depicted by many employers, it is hard to find good, dependable help. Employees that are hard working, honest and dependable are in demand. They have little trouble finding a decent paying job. Obviously the economic condition and availability of jobs in a given area are determining factors as well.

It has, however, always puzzled me how you have a five or six percent unemployment rate and help wanted signs hanging in the windows at the same time. I recognize that those help wanted signs may represent lower paying, entry level positions, and may not be sufficient to support a family.

To me "Help Wanted" represents two things. One, there is an unfulfilled need, and second, there is a willingness to pay the wages. Unemployment also represents two things. One, there is an unfulfilled need, namely, food on the table, and secondly that need must be met by an alternative source, namely, unemployment compensation. Taking these factors I would assume that there could be some value in a compromise between the two. Taking a job at the place that has help wanted signs would fulfill that company's need and would in turn provide a savings to unemployment compensation by contributing a portion of the proceeds via wages. Unemployment would then pick up the remainder of the tab, rather than footing the entire bill. It would seem to me that it would be a win/win situation.

All too common as well is the mentality of "the company owes it to me." That mentality is foreign to those who learned to work hard. I especially think of those folks who went through the great depression era. They were glad for work of any kind even if it provided only a meager income.

Hannah Whitall Smith writes, "The mother eagle teaches her little ones to fly by making their nest so uncomfortable that they are forced to leave it and commit themselves to the unknown world of air outside." Perhaps the nest has become too comfortable for many. In a land of ease, and wealth, and plenty, there is a tendency to grow accustomed to giving little and receiving plenty. The end result is under developed wings that will never reach their full potential."

While this scenario is evidenced in the workplace, we can also draw an analogy in relation to church

work, our spiritual lives and our lodge. Sitting on the sidelines and giving little, produces stagnation. When people feel needed, when they become part of the work, they develop their potential, they blossom. They reach out into unfamiliar territory – strengthening their wings. They expand their horizons. They grow excited. They feel rewarded as they see the results of their contributions. The more they give the more they receive in return. Eventually, the average become the extraordinary as they soar to new and greater heights in developing their full potential. They find a sense of worth and usefulness as they become a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem. This is the feeling we at Kempsville try to instill in the new Master Masons. We would appreciate your assistance in continuing the work.

Submitted By Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

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
Brother Grady McGuire.....494-0778
Worshipful Bobby Spruill.....466-8341

Coaches Needed

As usual, Kempsville Lodge is going to be busy in quarries during 2007. And with all these new members, comes the need for coaches and mentors. If you're interested in coaching, contact our Master or any of the lodge officers and let them know.

In addition to our normal ritual school held on Mondays at 7:30PM, we're also going to hold a few "Coaches Clinics" concentrating on the various catechisms along with other aspects of coaching and mentoring our new Masons. You'll be hearing more in the future – stay tuned.

Worshipful Buddy Pate, Lodge Instructor of Work

Masonic Recognition Day

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

Trestle Board

January 9.....Stated Communication
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
MW Bill Holliday & MW Alan Atkins
January 13.....Past Masters' Breakfast, 8AM
January 15..Blood Drive at Lynnhaven, 3 to 7:30PM
January 27.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10:30AM
February 5.....Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Mtg.
Princess Anne Lodge, 7PM
February 6.....DDGM Official Visit
to Willis V. Fentress
February 13.....Stated Communication
Sweetheart Night, Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM
February 24.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10:30AM
March 3.....Area Leadership School
Newport News Scottish Rite, 9AM
March 5.....Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Mtg.
Princess Anne Lodge, 7PM
March 8.....DDGM Official Visit to Lynnhaven
March 13.....Stated Communication
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
DDGM Official Visit
March 14.....DDGM Official Visit to Virginia Beach
March 19.....Blood Drive at Bayside, 3 to 7:30PM
March 24.....OES Installation, 2PM
March 27.....Past Master's Night
March 31.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10:30AM



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