



The Rough Ashlar

Kempsville Masonic Lodge, #196 A.F.&A.M.
4869 Princess Anne Road
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Stated Meetings 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00PM
Dinner @ 6:00PM
Work Nights @ 7:00PM

From the East...



Here it is, December, and the end of a very impressive time in my life. It has been one of joy and sadness, labor and rest, but most especially, a time filled with the knowledge that it all went well. There is joy in the fellowship that I have had – not only in our lodge, but in the other lodges I have visited during my term. There is sadness in the loss of our dearly departed brethren and goals that were set and not accomplished.

As I look back, we have had a large number of petitions put in with almost all being accepted by the lodge. We have raised eleven Master Masons and still leave Adam with his hands full for next year. A lot of these new members are young, excited, and ready to be working members of the lodge. They are willing to learn and promote the ideals of Freemasonry – as it should be.

I want to thank one and all who have done whatever was needed to make this a very memorable year for me. Without your support, there would be no lodge to be the Master of. It has been an experience that I will not forget in my lifetime.

Again, thank you all and God Bless.

Fraternally,
Brother Roger Cort, WM

From the West...



Happy Holidays to you ,my brethren, and to your families. May this holiday season bring you joy and happiness and the new year bring you continued happiness and success.

What a year this has been. Exciting and scary (at times). I can not begin to thank all of you enough for the mentorship and support I have received throughout the year. My Masonic education was

greatly accelerated and I hope I have learned enough to successfully lead this lodge in the new year. Many of you have voiced your support and loyalty and I appreciate it greatly. I can only hope to live up to your expectations. With your continued support, I am sure that I can.

To Worshipful Roger. I congratulate you on an outstanding year. Your compassion and leadership were an inspiration to me and the Brethren. You overcame personal difficulties and continued to lead this lodge in an exemplary manner. I can only hope to meet the high standards you have set.

I recently met with the incoming officers for next year. Their enthusiasm was overwhelming. They are ready to do what is necessary to carry this lodge. Their input was outstanding and their understanding of what we want to accomplish is comforting. I expect great things this year, and your new officers are committed to that end. My theme for the coming year is FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FRATERNITY. It is these three ideals that I have always found here at Kempsville. Even before I became a brother. I hope that we all continue to bring these ideals to the forefront.

We have a busy beginning to the year, as you will see by the Trestle Board. Please try to make it a point to attend as many Communications as you can, be they Stated or Called. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can.

Again, happy holidays to you and yours. May the new year bring us all peace, prosperity and continued FRIENDSHIP FELLOWSHIP AND FRATERNTIY.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, SW

