



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...



Brethren, Welcome to May. Stormy skies are all around, but the serenity and calm of Kempsville Lodge can give us all a respite from the weather. Keep dry and safe. If you haven't been to lodge recently, why not? Is there something I can do to make you feel comfortable and welcome? Your brothers miss you and so do I. Come see us soon.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made Navy Night another success. From the grill cooks and Navy Bean Soup stirrers to the brethren who expertly and professionally performed the ritual, you all made it a wonderful night that I will always cherish. For those of you who missed it, it was my final Navy Night as an Active Duty sailor. I would be remiss if I did not, again, thank Worshipful Buddy Pate, under the guidance and stewardship of Worshipful Prentice Tuck, for starting this new and wonderful tradition five years ago. Five years and still going strong. I cannot wait to sit on the sidelines and watch a new batch of Navy brethren perform. If needed, however, I will consider coming out of retirement for that one night a year...providing the uniform still fits.

Our District Deputy Grand Master has planned a 56th District Chili Cook-Off for 31 May. (The same day as our Lodge Breakfast) It will be held from 1-4PM at Lynnhaven Lodge. He is looking for 3 or 4 pots of chili from each lodge. If you are interested in participating, let me know. Any and all comers are welcome. Cost will be \$5 per person, free if you cook. This is a fundraiser to support upcoming District events. (One Day Conferral, Grand Master's open visit). Bring your best chili or just your taste buds and support our District Deputy.

In closing, my mother sent me a card last week that I had sent to her during her battle with cancer six years ago. In it I had written one of my favorite quotes of modern times. Jim Valvano, Men's

Basketball coach at NC State, said during a ceremony, "Don't give up. Don't EVER give up." It is an inspirational message that I try to live by every day. It has carried me through. It can do the same for you.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, WM

From the West...



Hello to the good brethren of Kempsville Lodge #196 A.F. & A.M! As this month winds down, we will be approaching the halfway mark for this Masonic year. It is amazing how quickly time passes. Once again, we have had a very productive and meaningful several weeks in the lodge. Brother Bill Rawson continues to do an excellent job of putting together degree teams, and the elected and appointed officers remain as dedicated as ever.

For those of you who were able to participate in the passing of the Tyson "brothers," it was as impressive as their initiation. Worshipful Buddy Pate did a great job preparing the degree team for this unusual ceremony and Worshipful Bill Nolan performed quite nicely in his dual role as both a coach and as the Worshipful Master giving the Obligation. I was pleased to give the Fellowcraft's Degree Lecture for the first time as a way of closing out the day.

Navy Night was once again very successful. Congratulations to all of the servicemen and particularly those who participated on the degree team for the first time.

Fraternally,
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

From the South...



It seems to me that many of the meetings I have attended recently, for example Master-Wardens-Deacons, Grand Master's visit, our own April stated, the topic of how can we increase membership has been

discussed. Many good ideas were brought up such as talking up Masonry wherever we go, wearing Masonic apparel, carrying petitions, even recruiting people we feel would become faithful Brothers among us. Worshipful Tom McGowan spoke on this topic at our April stated and did a very fine job and was enjoyed by all in attendance. And therein I believe lies the problem. There were only 54 in the Lodge, 11 of which were the Lodge officers, and 2 visitors. To further illustrate the point there were 39 Masonic Birthdays in April and when Worshipful Green called them to the East guess how many showed...3. If all had attended folding chairs would have been needed - a problem we would love to have more often in the Lodge.

As anyone who is, or has ever been in business knows, your greatest asset, your pot of gold is your customer base. The old adage "take care of your customers and they will take care of you" probably holds truer today then at any time in recent memory. Using this analogy the Lodge's customer base is its 467 members. Why not direct some of the 'how to acquire new candidates' discussions to 'how can we re-interest our current Brethren to attend Lodge'.

Believe me I know the demands on one's time today what with work, family, kids, grandkids, hundreds of TV channels, the Internet, on line poker, the list is endless. But it seems to me that to spend a few enjoyable hours with like minded individuals one evening a month is somewhat of a respite from the routine. Contemplating on this singular circumstance I have a few ideas which I will keep you apprised of in the future, in the mean time we are all ears. If any Brother has a suggestion please contact Worshipful Adam, Brother Ron, or myself via phone, e-mail, in person, smoke signal, whatever it takes. Every suggestion will be thoroughly researched and implemented wherever feasible.

In the meantime we have a few exciting events planned such as Sojourners Night, Lodge Breakfast, Bull Roast, Sr. Wardens Night, etc. Hope to see you there.

Always clear in the South,
Brother Bill Rawson, JW

Trestle Board

- May 13Stated Communication
National Sojourners Flag Presentation
- May 19 District Blood Drive, Bayside, 3-7:30PM
- May 20 Master Mason Degree, 7:30PM
- May 27 Fellowcraft Degree, 7:30PM
- May 31 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
- May 31 District Chili Cookoff
Lynnhaven Lodge, 1-4PM
- June 7 BULL ROAST**
- June 10 Senior Warden's Night
Worshipful Dick Carlson, DEO Speaker
- June 14 District Education and
Leadership Conference
Granby Street Temple, 7:30AM
- June 28 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
- July 8 Stated Communication
- July 26Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

Masonic Birthdays for May

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| George Andrew Bailey Jr. '66 | Stanley D. Moss '96 |
| Andrew Scott Barnard '90 | Gerald W. Nelligar '84 |
| James Otis Burton '71 | Frank B. Nickerson '83 |
| Wayne Cameron DeFord '93 | Joseph R. O'leary '96 |
| Thomas Eugene Ferguson '88 | Charley Orsargos '61 |
| Herbert Boyd Foxwell '70 | Gregory K. Pruitt '02 |
| James Olney Freeman '74 | Oscar J. Quintin '80 |
| Brian Gay '96 | William H. Rainey '87 |
| Goodwin Glassman '68 | Richard D. Rawles '92 |
| Herbert Thomas Gordon '86 | Ralph W. Rawles Jr. '76 |
| Dennis Robert Harrison '83 | Joseph T. Salt '62 |
| John Matthew Hewitt '00 | Jimmy B. Shehan '97 |
| Monte Pearson Howell '70 | Robert O. Sykes '55 |
| Herbert Lee Hutchinson '68 | George J. Wallace '64 |
| William T. Mann Jr. '00 | John S. Ward '49 |
| Ross O. McLeod '06 | Carl R. Weast '72 |
| Leslie H. Miller '72 | Morris D. White '80 |
| Steve T. Miller '71 | Robert E. Williams '64 |
| Larry W. Montgomery Jr. '97 | William O. Wyndham Jr. '83 |

Lodge Officers

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| Worshipful Master | Adam M. Green | 615-1659 |
| Senior Warden | Ronald S. Jacobson | 343-3460 |
| Junior Warden | William H. Rawson | 467-5913 |
| Treasurer | Wor. Bill Nelligar | 456-0034 |
| Secretary | Wor. Bill Nolan | 467-2252 |
| Senior Deacon | Robert S. Worthington | 464-2398 |
| Junior Deacon | David Borntrager | 404-7236 |
| Chaplain | Bill T. Peterson | 237-5249 |
| Senior Steward | Michael D. Johnstone | 334-3013 |
| Junior Steward | Stewart W. Swygert | 589-5660 |
| Marshal | Joe T. Salt | 481-0652 |
| Musician | Robert S. Foxwell | 490-2797 |
| Tiler | Wor. Chris J. Jaeger | 893-9253 |
| Instructor of Work | Wor. "Buddy" Pate | 404-8594 |
| Education Officer | RW Tom McGowan | 497-3881 |
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Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 6/1/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).