



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...



What a wonderful time of the year. Annual Stateds, installations galore, and fellowship occurring at every turn. I strongly recommend that as many of you as possible get out and enjoy this time of year with your Masonic brethren

throughout the area. It is a reminder during this dismal economic time that there is still good in the world. If you can't get out and visit, take the time to reflect on what Masonry has meant to you through this year and those past. It is a glorious fraternity we are a part of. Celebrate it with your brethren.

As my year draws to a close, I continue, as I have throughout the year, to reflect on the many blessings I have been a part of as I sat in the East. Without you, my brethren, I could not have a smile on my face during my reflection. Jill has asked me several time recently why I have a silly grin on my face. It is not because of the holiday season we are in the midst of. (While that alone is a good reason). It is because I have been blessed with the trust of you to lead this lodge through 2008. It has been an experience I will never forget. I will take to the grave the feelings of joy, pride, and accomplishment I have felt throughout the year. Even in the darkest times, I knew I had the support and respect of my brethren, both at Kempsville and throughout the 56th District. It is because of that support I was able to get through some very trying times. My choice to join Kempsville Lodge is the smartest choice I have made since marrying my wife.

To all of you and your families; have a safe, joyous and wonderful holiday season. I wish the best to our incoming Master, Ron, and his wife Laura and son Garret. You are all in mine and my family's prayers.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, WM

From the West...



Salutations my good brethren. It is just a couple of days after Thanksgiving, and other than family and football (my Virginia Cavaliers lost a great defensive battle to in-state rival Va. Tech), my mind has been steadily on Kempsville Lodge. Following an entertaining and educational Grand Lodge, we finished the year in

strong fashion with a couple of raisings (with at least one Foxwell night!) and one excellent demonstration of proficiency in the Master Mason's catechism.

As many of you know, Brother Sam Welty of Ocean View Lodge #335 completed our Fellowcraft's Lecture canvas and unveiled it at the November Stated Communication. For those of you who have seen it in person, you can vouch that it is truly a work of art and something of which to be proud. Worshipful Bill Nelligar did a stand up job of providing the first lecture using the canvas during the passing of one of our fellowcrafts on November 18th.

In closing, I wish to congratulate Worshipful Adam Green on an outstanding year in the East. Adam, you accomplished many things and really helped in assisting me to get ready for Masonic Year 2009. Also, thanks to the rest of the officers and brethren for a job well done.

I invite all of you to attend the Open Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 13th at 2:00PM A catered reception will follow.

Fraternally,
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

From the South...



As this is the last time I will be addressing you as Junior Warden, I would like to first of all "Thank You" for granting me the honor of serving the Lodge in this capacity. It has truly been a good and rewarding experience for me, and although I wish I could have spent more time in the Lodge, I always tried to maximize the time and effort I could apply. Secondly, the past year was not only fun but a great learning experience. I was able to work on not only the ritual but also the inner workings of the Lodge which I had heretofore taken for granted. Primary examples being the Family Picnic, and the Grand Lodge. I never realized the behind the scenes work need to make these events seem as though they just happened by themselves.

I eagerly look forward to the coming Masonic year with Ron Jacobson in the East. I know he has a great year planned and I'm sure he'll do a fine job, as he has done in the previous positions he's held for us.

Brothers, on behalf of the incoming Junior Warden let

