



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, if the walls could talk they would say our building has had a very busy month. Our appendant bodies have been extremely busy and the lodge just never quits. Our official visit of the DDGM went well. Past Masters' Night was very "colorful". It was great to see so much history and knowledge at work. We had a great meal & meeting. Thanks, Past Masters.

We initiated 3 and raised 1 this month and have six petitions to ballot on at the tonight's stated.

Worshipful Bill Nelligar has made some headway with our sewer project. Our neighbors have agreed to an easement - progress is slow, but we'll get there.

We have contacted Southwestern Training Center about cleaning services. They presently clean Lynnhaven Lodge weekly. Their rates are reasonably and it's worth considering them to clean our temple.

Bull Roast time is fast approaching. We need lots of help. There will be a sign up sheet on the tiler's desk at each meeting - please use it.

We will celebrate Mother's Day at our May Stated by having our ladies for dinner at 7PM, followed by the Flower Talk given by our DeMolay Chapter. Lodge will open at 6PM.

Again, I am appealing for help as coaches. We have a large number of brethren in the system and a limited number of coaches. If you need refresher schooling, we can provide it. Contact Worshipful Buddy Pate, Don Robinson, or myself.

Brother Roger Cort, WM

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is May 21st, 3:00 to 7:30PM right here at Kempsville. In an effort to increase attendance and improve service, we're using the

Red Cross web site site for scheduling. Simply visit "www.givelife.org" and use the sponsor code "vbmasons".

Brother Gary Krause, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Trestle Board

- April 10.....Stated Communication
"Bring A Friend Night"
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
- April 12.....Lynnhaven Stated
Speaker: Worshipful Buddy Pate
- April 17.....Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
- April 18.....Princess Anne Stated
Speaker: Worshipful Bill Nolan
- April 24.....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
- April 28.....Lodge Breakfast, 8-10PM
- May 1.....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
- May 8.....Stated Communication
"Mother's Day", DeMolay Flower Talk
Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM

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
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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

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 5/1/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

From the West...



Greetings Brethren and welcome to SPRING. Of course it's hard to tell with the half inch of snow on my roof Saturday morning. It's almost like being at home on Lake Erie again.

As we enter the warmer months, the work in the Kempsville quarries is picking up. Many new candidates and many exciting things are happening in the coming months. Most importantly is the Bull Roast in June. As always, much help will be needed to pull off our biggest fund raiser of the year. The cooking, the serving, the cleaning up, all of it will need the help of every able-bodied brother. Pitch in as long as you can during the day. Take home as many desserts as you and/or your spouse can prepare. Remember, the more you put in, the more you get out. This can be a fun and exciting day. Make the most of it and do your part.

Best wishes to Worshipful Prentice Tuck. He is recovering from gall bladder surgery (with a couple of gall stones thrown in for good measure). I still can't repay the kindness he showed Jill and I during our toughest times, but I (well, mostly Jill) are doing our best. He is home and doing well. And should be back to work very soon.

All of you should ask yourself a very important question: What can I do to make my lodge better? Think about it and let me know what you come up with. Or better yet, JUST DO IT! (Apologies to Nike). Your help is needed in many areas. If you are not sure where, ASK. Worshipful Roger and I will gladly point you in the direction that is most needed. Even the smallest tasks are important.

Brother Adam Green, SW

From the South...



Happy April to all of the brethren of Kempsville Lodge #196. I am hopeful that, given the change in seasonal weather, it might be easier for brethren to attend lodge and

participate in the wide variety of opportunities that this magnificent lodge has to offer.

The last stated communication afforded a nice official visit from the District Deputy Grand Master of the 56th Masonic District, Right Worshipful Robert Leroy Harrison. This was a very well-attended and lively meeting. We were glad to see that RW Harrison had recovered from his medical issues and was in better health and spirits. For those of you who attended the last Stated, you may have noticed that SIX petitions for new memberships were read. This means that the

volume of activity in our lodge will increase over its usual steady pace over the next two months. Following our stated communication on April 10th, we have: (1) two EAs to be examined in their EA catechisms and then to be passed to the second degree of masonry on 04/17/07, (2) two candidates for the degrees in freemasonry to be initiated on 04/24/07, and two more candidates for the degrees in freemasonry to be initiated on 05/01/07. Yet another one of our officers will be out for an extended period during this lodge year. This time it is Brother Jonathan Jones, SD, who is currently deployed for military duties and will not be back to lodge until July. We wish Jonathan well and a quick and safe return to the US. In the meantime, all of you who have stepped up to assist this year, your continued participation will be needed and greatly appreciated.

And now for a two-part Masonic history reference. Did you know that baseball's hall of fame contains 11 who are known Freemasons ... Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson, Tris Speaker, "Pie" Traynor, Mickey Cochrane, Eddie Collins, Jimmie Foxx, Lefty Grove, Walter Johnson, Herb Pennock, and Rogers Hornsby. Also, the oldest Masonic temple in the US was built in 1789 in Richmond, Virginia, and has been in continuous use ever since. Governor Edmond Randolph laid the cornerstone.

Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

Coaches Clinic

Join us every Saturday morning at 9:30AM for our weekly "Coaches Clinic". Whether you're interested in brushing up on your catechism or would like to begin coaching for the first time - we're here to help.

Worshipful Buddy Pate, LIW

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

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