



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...



Well it has been a long and tiring week. I made a quick trip to Atlanta to attend my granddaughter's graduation from college. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

We are still covered up in work. There are two more candidates to initiate and two Fellowcrafts ready to be raised. We will also be passing a Fellowcraft on a Saturday so check the Trestle Board for details.

Kempsville is the sponsor for the next blood on Monday, May 21st. Lets show the 56th District and the Red Cross that we can produce. Either donate or find someone to donate on your behalf.

Brother Roger Cort, WM

From the West...



I guess that spring has finally sprung. Last month I was looking at snow on the roof. Today the sun is shining and the temperature is heading for the 80's. The temperature in the lodge is doing the same. Kempsville quarries are hot and hoppin'. Candidates keep flowing through and we keep sweating as we work to grow our lodge. It is an exciting time in masonry as I hear the same kind of things are happening in lodges throughout the area. What a great time to be a Mason. I am proud to be a member of this fraternity and even more proud to be a member in Kempsville.

As the summer approaches, the number of special events coming up grows. The Bull Roast is right around the corner. Have you signed up to help out yet? Why not? What effort you expend in time, you get back tenfold in satisfaction in knowing you have done something to help a graduating high school senior continue his or her education or continue to make the Masonic Home a place that

we are proud to call the Crown Jewel of Masonry in Virginia. Can you find the time on a Saturday in early June to give a couple of hours to assist the Bull Roast Committee? Sure you can. The work is satisfying, the fellowship is phenomenal, and by being a part of it, you can take away that satisfaction that you have done something good for your lodge and the community. Get your name on a sign up sheet and pitch in. Every little bit helps.

June 5th we will be attending W.V. Fentress Lodge. The Grand Master will be there to present Brother Vernon Mills his 60 year veteran's emblem. This is a great accomplishment for a brother from our sister lodge. It would be nice to see a large contingent from Kempsville there to support Brother Mills. He promised me he would be humble that night. Any of you that know Gabby knows that alone is worth the trip up Providence Rd.

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	Jonathan Jones	535-1241
Junior Deacon	William H. Rawson	495-4867
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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	Steve Sorano	502-5734

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 6/5/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

From the South...



Hello brethren!! As I mentioned in The Ashlar, Spring usually means that lodge ritual activity increases. We have had an extremely busy first quarter, characterized mostly by numerous candidates being initiated into the first degree of Masonry. Additionally, there have been several brethren who have stood their Entered Apprentice's catechism and been passed to the second degree of Masonry. Consequently, we should be seeing a higher volume of Fellowcraft and Master Mason's Degree work. Given that it is my duty to arrange scheduling for the degree teams and that many brethren have been unable to attend due to various responsibilities, I am asking for you to continue to provide the generous assistance with the degree work that you have so readily done this year.

As noted in The Ashlar, there are several important lodge or district events scheduled for the Spring and Summer months, including our District Blood Drive on May 21st at Kempsville Lodge, the Grand Master's visit to Bayside on June 8th, and our Bull Roast on June 9th. Your fellowship and participation are encouraged!!

Here is some Masonic trivia for your edification. In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote "A Master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." Additionally, in a book called Great Learning, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."

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

Trestle Board

May 8.....Stated Communication
 "Mother's Day", DeMolay Flower Talk
 Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM
 May 14.....Fellowcraft Degree (exam only), 7PM
 May 15.....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
 May 21.....District Blood Drive
 Kempsville Lodge, 3 to 7:30PM
 May 26.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10AM
 May 29.....Master Mason Degree, 7PM
 June 2.....Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
 June 5.....Dark, Visiting W.V. Fentress
 June 8.....Grand Master's District Visit
 Bayside Lodge
 June 9.....The Bull Roast, 11 to 7PM
 June 12.....Stated Communication
 Senior Warden's Night
 Worshipful Dick Carlson, DEO

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 for scheduling. Simply visit "www.givelife.org" and use the sponsor code "vbmasons".

Brother Steve Sorano, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Masonic Birthdays for May

George Andrew Bailey Jr. '66	Larry W. Montgomery Jr. '97
Andrew Scott Barnard '90	Stanley D. Moss '96
James Otis Burton '71	Gerald W. Nelligar '84
Wayne Cameron Deford '93	Frank B. Nickerson '83
Bruce John Dutcher '93	Joseph R. O'leary '96
Thomas Eugene Ferguson '88	Charley Orsargos '61
Herbert Boyd Foxwell '70	Simeon J. Phipps Jr. '65
James Olney Freeman '74	Gregory K. Pruitt '02
Daniel Louis Freye '75	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
Robert Macon Hodges '63	Robert O. Sykes '55
Monte Pearson Howell '70	George J. Wallace '64
Herbert Lee Hutchinson '68	John S. Ward '49
William T. Mann Jr. '00	Carl R. Weast '72
Ross O. McLeod '6	Morris D. White '80
Steve T. Miller '71	Robert E. Williams '64
Leslie H. Miller '72	William O. Wyndham Jr. '83