



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,

We are having a Table Lodge later this month and I would like to see quite a few of the Kempsville brethren there to support it. If you don't know how to get a ticket Brother Roger Cort has them. If you don't know why it costs \$10.00, it's because of the Commemorative Wine Glass and the Dinner that goes along with the Table Lodge experience. Brother Hank and his associates are going to be cooking, so you know that you will be having the best dinner in town. Come on out and join us in the fun, I'm looking forward to seeing you there

Brother Roger will be having surgery on the 11th so keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Shawn Garfield, WM

From the West...



This year is halfway over and we are still very busy. Our visit by the Grand Secretary will be the highlight of our Stated. Then the Parkerson School at Bayside. We round out the month with our Table Lodge. This should be a fun affair for all. Remember it's open to all Masons; i.e.: entered apprentices, fellowcraft and Master Masons. Get your tickets now....avoid the rush and reserve your seat. The price includes a commemorative wine glass which you can see on display in our vestibule display case.

We want to wish our Junior Warden, Brother Adam a speedy recovery from his surgery. Keep all our sick and homebound in our prayers. This heat wave we are enduring is also dangerous to your health. Be smart and stay cool.

Brother Roger Cort, SW

Trestle Board

August 8.....Stated Communication
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
Most Worshipful Alan Atkins – Guest Speaker
August 14.....Master Mason Degree, 7PM
August 15.....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
August 19.....Area Ritual School, Bayside Lodge
August 22.....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
August 26.....Lodge Breakfast, 8:30 to 10AM
August 29.....Table Lodge, 7PM
September 12.....Stated Communication
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
September 17.....Lodge Family Picnic, 1PM
September 30.....Lodge Breakfast, 8:30 to 10AM

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Shawn P. Garfield	589-5660
Senior Warden	Roger Cort	467-5349
Junior Warden	Adam M. Green	615-1659
Treasurer	RW George J. Wallace	420-2507
Secretary	RW William H. Pierce	497-5160
Senior Deacon	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Junior Deacon	Jonathon Jones	535-1241
Chaplain	William H. Rawson	495-4867
Senior Steward	Mark Wegesin	567-5020
Junior Steward	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Marshal	Robert I. Lee	499-6526
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. "Buddy" Pate	404-8594
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Blood Coordinator	Gary K. Krause	297-6842

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 9/5/2006 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

From the South...



Greetings, Brethren. Things certainly are heating up in the Kempsville quarries. We are initiating, passing and raising brothers like nobody's business. It still amazes me that some of the local lodges go dark in the summer. I don't think we could do that even if we wanted to. We'd end up with a glut of candidates that would fill our calendar from Labor Day to Christmas. As it stands, going in to this months stated, we have 2 new EAs awaiting initiation, 3 candidates that we are balloting on in August and the Great Architect of the Universe and Right Worshipful Bill Pierce only know how many more we will have in the coming months. That being said, we are always looking for degree team participants. It was wonderful having Worshipful Bill Nolan in the East for our last raising. His execution of the obligation and Master Mason lecture was outstanding. It would be a wonderful experience to see more Past Masters sitting in the East on occasion. Also, Right Worshipful Tom McGowan always makes a point of saying how nice it is to see a "youth movement" on work nights. I agree and hope that more of our newer Master Masons will step up and step in.

I will be having back surgery on the 14th of August and be "convalescing" for about 3 weeks. In my stead, Brother Ron Jacobson will be setting up degree teams for the next couple of work nights. Please let him know of your interest in participating. I hope to be back in lodge sooner rather than later after the operation. I plan on attending the Parkerson School on the 19th. If able, I will participate while we confer the second section of the Master Mason's Degree. If not, I'll hang out on the sidelines and see what I can learn. Hope to see many of you there.

Our annual family picnic is fast approaching. September 17th is the date. If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful, fun-filled event, please let me know. I am looking for folks to assist with cooking (grilling), serving and clean up. You will not get tagged for an all day commitment. Just a couple of hours. You can bring your family and make a day of it. I am working on some enjoyable entertainment for the day. This is a great opportunity to thank our families for supporting what we do at the lodge. Hope to see everyone there and to meet your families.

Brother Adam Green, JW

Masonic Recognition Day

Don't forget, Brethren, Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of each month. Wear your Masonic paraphernalia proudly!

Masonic Birthdays for August

Robert L. Akers '66	Walter A. Liffick '94
Raymond M. Bass '91	David W. McGowan '05
Ray L. Benton '88	Grady McGuire '69
Curtis E. Brannon '65	Newbury E. Meader Jr. '99
Homer J. Cullifer '65	Donald E. Meyer '77
John N. Farr '98	Michael N. Miller '05
Robert S. Foxwell '02	Michael J. Murphy '98
Moss S. Friedman '91	Bennell W. Powers '93
Shawn P. Garfield '00	Wesley E. Powers '99
Raymond E. Hall III '05	Thomas P. Reidy '05
Warren R. Hard '05	Michael G. Rylko Jr. '05
Brian K. Headley '00	Larry D. Santos '93
Todd L. Herbst '05	John L. Sheehan '05
Walter L. Humphries '71	Stanley Z. Shipowitz '94
Paul J. Jusselin '05	David T. Silvey '04
William T. Kemp '66	Walter M. Wales '65
Jonathan R. King '00	Claude W. Watkins Jr. '91

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is September 18th, 3:00 to 7:30PM at Bayside Lodge (sponsored by Virginia Beach). We hope to see you there. If you donate blood or platelets outside of our blood drives, please be sure to let me know.

Brother Gary Krause, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Past Master's Corner

My brethren, It is both distressing and depressing to be in lodge during the degree work and see such poor attendance. I often think how I would feel when I was brought to light and not even see my vouchers there to support me. We all support our lodge in many ways and we all have legitimate reasons for being somewhere else, but I wonder if we all can find it in our hearts to support our lodge with a little more presence than we have been doing. Thanks for letting me unload my thoughts. I apologize if I have hurt anyone's feelings.

Right Worshipful Tom McGowan