



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, there has been a lot going on at the quarries lately. Sadly, we have lost two of our brethren – always the hardest part of this job.

We have a large number of people in our system pursuing their degrees – more than I can keep up with. So I have enlisted the help of our Marshall, Brother Joe Salt, and our new Master Mason, Brother Bill Peterson, to keep track of the candidates. Notify them when they need extensions or are ready for advancement. Also let the me and the Junior Warden know. So far, it's working well.

We have some big events coming up in the next two months, starting with the Parkerson School of Masonic Education, August 18th and 7:30AM. We'll be exemplifying all three degrees as taught by the Committee on Work. Also on the 18th, the Jobies have a Grand Visitation at 7PM at Kempsville. Our monthly breakfast with be on the 28th – 8 to 10AM. Bring your friends and family. We'll be initiating a father and his two sons on September 4th in a simultaneous conferral. It should be a special evening as this is not done very often – especially in this area.

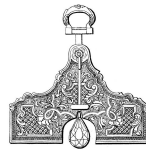
Princess Anne will be putting on a “Masonic Play” at their September stated. Our September stated will honor our public servants – fire, police, rescue, etc. - and is appropriately on 9/11. All public servants are encouraged to attend in uniform. Honorable Brother Judge Bimson will be our speaker. We've also got the family picnic, a blood drive, MASA, and SASA coming up.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer – especially with friends and family. Stay cool.

Brother Roger Cort, WM

From the West...

Greetings my brethren. I hope you summer is going as well as mine so far. A little hot and sticky,



but that's what air conditioning is for. Busy Busy Busy. That is the only way to describe Kempsville Lodge. We are working on a date to initiate a family; Brother Ron is working on the family

picnic and Grand Lodge. Brother Bill Rawson (too many Bill's in this lodge) is putting together an exciting Past Master's Night. Plus we have several brothers in the training pipeline. What are you doing to assist? Are you coaching? Could you be. Are you participating in the degree work? If not, why not? A lodge thrives on participation. We have several brothers that always participate. You could be one of them.

Do you have any ideas of what we could do to make Kempsville Lodge even stronger? Let me know and we'll see if it is feasible. We have had a good first half plus of the year. Let's keep it going.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Spend time with your families. And come to lodge and participate.

Brother Adam Green, SW

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Roger Cort	467-5349
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Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris Jaeger	893-9253
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Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 7/3/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

From the South...



May this Rough Ashlar update find all of you enjoying the pleasant summer breezes, time with your families, and Kempsville Lodge #196 itself. Due to a quirk in scheduling, it is surprising that we have recently had consecutive "dark" nights. But, this afforded us the opportunity to have fellowship with the brethren of Fentress Lodge and to support them in their Masonic endeavors. You've already heard in both the June Rough Ashlar and the recent summer edition of The Ashlar about the numerous lodge charity and fellowship functions as well as the active degree work. Well, guess what? The train is not stopping.

The first week of July we initiated two entered apprentices and raised one master mason, followed by the initiation of two more EAs on July 17th, and ending with the passing of two FCs on July 24th.

We have a unique and rare opportunity in Kempsville Lodge – to see a father and his two sons become initiated on the same evening, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th. To make this happen, we will need more than the usual number of brethren to performing the degree work. Please contact me directly if you are interesting in being a part of the degree team on this masonically-historic night.

In preparation for two Fall events, the family picnic in September and Grand Lodge in November, I have made sign up sheets to be distributed at this and future meetings.

In closing, here is a small piece of Masonic trivia. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, famed clergyman and author of "The Power Of Positive Thinking," was a member of Midwood Lodge No. 1062, Brooklyn, N.Y., and past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York as well as of the Imperial Shrine.

Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our first blood drive for the 2007-2008 Masonic Year will be September 17th at Bayside Lodge (3 to 7:30PM). In an effort to increase attendance and improve service, we're using the American Red Cross scheduling web site. Simply visit www.givelife.org and use the sponsor code "vbmasons" to choose your time.

If you donate blood or platelets outside of our blood drives, please be sure to let me know.

Brother Steve Sorano, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Trestle Board

August 18Parkerson District Ritual School
Bayside Lodge, 8:30AM
August 18Habitat For Humanity Dedication,
11AM
August 18Jobie Grand Visitation, 7:30PM
August 21Degree Work as Needed, 7PM
August 25Lodge Breakfast, 8 – 10AM
August 28Degree Work as Needed
September 4Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
September 5Princess Anne Stated
Masonic Play
September 5 – 8MASA
September 11Stated Communication
Public Service Night
Brother Dale Bimson, Speaker
September 17Blood Drive
Bayside Lodge, 3 – 7:30PM
September 18Degree Work as Needed, 7PM
September 25Past Masters' Night
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

Masonic Birthdays for August

Robert Leon Akers '66	David W. McGowan '05
Raymond Matthew Bass '91	Grady McGuire '69
Ray Leon Benton '88	Newbury E. Meader Jr. '99
Curtis Edward Brannon '65	Donald E. Meyer '77
Homer Jennings Cullifer '65	Michael N. Miller '05
John Newton Farr '98	Michael J. Murphy '98
Robert Scott Foxwell '02	Wesley E. Powers '99
Donald McKay Fraser '06	Bennell W. Powers '93
Moss Samuel Friedman '91	Thomas P. Reidy '05
Shawn Paul Garfield '00	Michael G. Rylko Jr. '05
Raymond Elnor Hall III '5	Larry D. Santos '93
Warren Robert Hard '5	John L. Sheehan '05
Brian Keith Headley '00	Stanley Z. Shipowitz '94
Todd Leslie Herbst '5	David T. Silvey '04
Walter Lee Humphries '71	Wesley C. Thompson '06
Paul J. Jusselin '05	Walter M. Wales '65
William T. Kemp '66	Claude W. Watkins Jr. '91
Jonathan R. King '00	William R. Wood '77
Walter A. Liffick '94	