



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...



Welcome, my Brethren, to 2008. I hope that the new year finds you and yours all healthy and happy. And if not, I hope you can find the road to health and happiness sometime very soon. It may not be an easy road, but believe me, it is well worth the trip. Personally, my road to health continues. I will be going in to Portsmouth Naval Hospital on January 17th to have my ostomy reversed. Brother Ron and Brother Bill have promised me they won't make too many changes in my absence. I feel confident that they will take good care of the lodge and all of you during my down time.

Busy, Busy, Busy. That is the best way to describe the beginning of this year. We have already lost a brother. Clarence Albert "Mike" Flanagan, Jr passed away on December 18th. His widow, Doris, and the rest of the family were extremely grateful for the support the lodge showed during their difficult time. Please keep them in your prayers. My thanks to the brethren that attended his funeral. It was a nice showing considering the time of year.

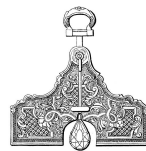
The District Deputy visits us tonight. It is truly an honor to receive Right Worshipful Chad White at our first stated communication of the year. I look forward to working with him through out the year. He is very enthusiastic about his duties and I have pledged the full support of Kempsville Lodge to his endeavors. Next up is the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen. He has selected Kempsville to host his tiled visit to the district at our February stated. I look forward to receiving him and allowing him to conduct his town hall meeting with the brethren of the 56th. Do not be afraid to ask him anything. He is very open to discussion and ideas. Put on your thinking caps and come up with some interesting topics to discuss with him.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Past Masters who attended the breakfast. I received a great deal of feedback both during and after the meeting. I believe in my heart I got most of my points across about what I would like for the lodge to accomplish during this year. I did leave out one thing. I have tasked our Senior Warden to investigate the feasibility of conducting a Child ID Program. I saw information on it at Grand Lodge and Ron agreed to check in to it. It is a priority of the Grand Master and I believe it is something we can easily support. More of that to come.

Again, Happy New Year to you and yours. May it be prosperous for all.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, WM

From the West...



Hello my good brethren of Kempsville Lodge #196. As I type this contribution to the first Rough Ashlar of 2008, I am actually in Jacksonville, Florida, visiting with my brother-in-law and getting ready to attend the Gator Bowl. I imagine that many of you, like myself, are taking in the holiday troika of family, friends, and football!

While the main focus of the December issue of the Rough Ashlar was to review the successes of the past year, this issue will primarily be centered on detailing those events to which we look forward in 2008. We will have all of the Kempsville standards such as the Bull Roast, Family Picnic, Junior and Senior Warden Nights, as well as some surprises. As Senior Warden my primary duty will be to assist Worshipful Adam in any way he deems necessary to make the lodge run smoothly. Additionally, I will

put forth my best effort to see that “none go away dissatisfied.”

Once again I would like to congratulate our Junior Past Master, Worshipful Roger Cort, on an excellent year of leading the lodge in 2007. He proved to be a diligent and dedicated leader who adeptly ruled and governed his lodge. Thanks Roger!

In closing, I will end with my traditional piece of Masonic trivia. In 1920, Gates City Lodge #522 in Kansas City, MO, met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week!

Fraternally,
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

From the South...



Brethren, I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and I wish all a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. 2008 promises to be a very busy year both in our Lodge and in the

District as well. The Grand Master is visiting our Lodge in February and Virginia Beach Lodge in August just for example. We have many candidates in the wings to be passed and raised in the near future and some exciting times are planned ahead.

“I am proud...that so many devoted Masons are willing to give of their time and strength, sell their goods at cost, work for nothing or for a pittance, for the love of their fellow members of the oldest Fraternal organization in the world.” -

Harry S. Truman

Fraternally,
Brother Bill Rawson, JW

Trestle Board

January 8 Stated Communication
DDGM Official Visit
Right Worshipful Chad White
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
January 14 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
January 15 Dark, Visit Willis V. Fentress
January 22 Degree Work As Needed
January 26 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
January 29 Degree Work As Needed
February 5 DDGM Official Visit
Willis V. Fentress
February 12 Grand Master's Official Tiled Visit
Kempsville Lodge
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
February 14 DDGM Official Visit
Lynnhaven Lodge

Masonic Birthdays for January

Hardaway S. Abernathy '48	James E. Pearsall Jr. '79
Craig Allen Davis '04	Fletcher B. Porter Sr. '53
Henry Lee Foiles Jr. '59	Jeffrey A. Rasmussen '98
Fleatwood Morris Frias Jr. '57	Bill Rensko '96
Luician Albert Gunter III '58	George F. Roberts III '96
Thomas Marshall Huff '95	William B. Ross '03
Richard I. Kimbrell '93	Donald C. Scott '80
Ronald S. Melton Jr. '04	William E. Taylor '04
Francis G. Mielkey II '98	Richard B. Temple Sr. '55
Patrick M. Miller '06	Charles G. Thompson '85
Robert C. Nelson Jr. '99	

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Adam M. Green	615-1659
Senior Warden	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Junior Warden	William H. Rawson	467-5913
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Senior Deacon	Robert S. Worthington	464-2398
Junior Deacon	David Borntrager	404-7236
Chaplain	Bill T. Peterson	237-5249
Senior Steward	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Junior Steward	Stewart W. Swygert	589-5660
Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris J. Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. “Buddy” Pate	404-8594
Education Officer	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Blood Coordinator	John Preddy	439-3225

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 2/5/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).