



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...



What a year so far. The months are ticking by faster than I can count. To those of you who attended my retirement ceremony on 3 July, thank you for sharing that very special day with my family and I. To Brothers Rob and Chip; Thanks for being a part of the ceremony. To those of you who sent warm wishes, my family and I both thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Well, my brethren, we did it! We have a signed contract for the Sewer Project. By the end of July we should be able to flush without fear and wash dishes without distress. Due to your generosity, the funds are in place to pay for the project. If you did not yet donate and would still like to, please do so. We still have a roof to replace. I would also like to get the Building Fund built back up so we can better maintain our temple without requesting money directly from you. Thank you for supporting your lodge without material injury to yourselves or families.

A busy summer is coming upon us. We will be raising our newest masonic family on the 12th. Please come out and share in this very special day for Virginia Masonry and Kempsville Lodge. The road trip to the Eastern Shore for Most Worshipful Rogers' 60th Masonic Birthday is still on. I need to know by the end of the evening (8th at the stated) if you are planning to go. We also have the Grand Master's open visit to the district in August, followed closely by the One Day Conferral at Granby Temple and the Parkerson School at Bayside. Check the Trestle Board for the schedule.

Finally brethren, take time to get to know our newer brethren. They are eager to know you and it will help them to find the fellowship and brotherly love they were seeking when they first knocked on the West Gate.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, WM

From the West...



Hello my good brethren of Kempsville Lodge. I hope that this edition of the Rough Ashlar finds you happy, healthy, and well. Thank you to all of those who made my Senior Warden's Night a memorable one. Our guest speaker and current DEO, Worshipful. Richard Carlson, gave an informative and passionate talk about the importance of "brethren dwelling together in unity." I am pleased to report that during Senior Warden's Night the lodge elected four new petitioners to receive the degrees in Freemasonry as well as approved two applications for affiliation. As a result, we have subsequently initiated three entered apprentices over the past three weeks.

On June 21st, I was happy to have been able to attend the Job's Daughters International Bethel #42 Installation of Officers and Bethel Choir. This event was eloquently executed without an empty seat in the lodge! I encourage all of the Kempsville brethren to support both the Job's Daughters and Demolay, as both of these groups continue grow in number and represent Freemasonry in an exemplary manner.

Along with several of our other officers, I was able to attend the Division Education and Leadership Conference on June 14th. If you ever have the opportunity to participate in one of these conferences, I strongly advise it. The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia and all of his Grand Line Officers were in attendance. Grand Master Edmund Cohen, in his introductory speech, differentiated good leadership from great leadership by stating: "A good Master works hard and tries to do many things himself but a great Master delegates, gets more brethren involved and, paradoxically, gives all of his power away." In the spirit of Grand Master Cohen's recommendations, I am supportive of having a larger number of Kempsville brethren help out with the lodge, to contribute in any way, and be appropriately acknowledged for the part that they play, whether that be great or small.

Fraternally,
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

From the South...



"...and become a true and faithful Brother among us." I'm sure we all recognize this portion of a prayer, but have you ever stopped to consider its meaning? I'm sure if you asked one

hundred Masons you would undoubtedly get a variety of answers but I would like to offer my opinion for your consideration.

To me a "true" brother is one who, for the most part, tries to live his life by the tenants of our profession, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. On this I think we can all agree. A "faithful" brother is one I believe who applies himself and any special talents he may possess to the benefit of the majority, for our purposes the Lodge. Let me explain. Recently some have provided specialized knowledge in engineering, and in law for the benefit of the Lodge for free, or at a substantially reduced cost. Others have shared expertise in medicine, psychology, carpentry, wiring, equipment usage, sales, leadership, the list is endless. The point is that we as faithful brothers do what we can to serve and support the Lodge. Some have specialized knowledge to impart, some know the ritual, some can bring the Lodge closer through fellowship, some can cook a fabulous meal. Because one can deliver a flawless Master Mason lecture makes him no better than the last man out at night who takes the trash to the dumpster. We all do but what we can by investing our most precious commodity, our time, in whatever capacity we can. And because some maybe able to commit more time than others to the Lodge is truly a blessing and certainly appreciated by all.

Moving through the 'line' I consider myself serving the Lodge in each chair, not being promoted. As a matter of fact each new place and station requires more education and further involvement. Because you can open a Lodge in all three degrees by no means indicates you won't burn the flapjacks at the Lodge breakfast. So Brethren I suggest we not concern ourselves with what we can do, or where we can be, or how long we can be there, but instead concern ourselves with who can best work and best agree.

Always clear in the South,
Brother Bill Rawson, JW

Trestle Board

July 8 Stated Communication
 July 12 Family Raising, 9AM
 July 15 Road Trip to Onancock Lodge
 MW Rogers 60th Masonic Birthday
 July 21 District Blood Drive
 Kempsville Lodge, 3-7:30PM
 July 22 Degree Work as Needed, 7PM
 July 26 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
 July 29 Degree Work as Needed, 7PM
 August 5 Degree Work as Needed, 7PM
 August 8 Grand Master's District Visit
 Virginia Beach Lodge, 7PM
 August 12 Stated Communication
 Hawaiian Shirt Night
 Open 6PM, Dinner 7PM
 August 16 One Day Conferral
 Granby Temple, 7PM
 August 23 Parkerson School of Instruction

Masonic Birthdays for July

Julius Cadpayan Anongos '99	Russel E. Myers '92
William Lacy Barkley '96	William T. Parks III '89
David Lewis Cline '91	Joseph Andrew Posey '79
David Clarence Davenport '76	James E. Robenolt '93
Darin Matthew Ely '04	Spencer M. Rogers '48
James Charles Gardner '70	Brian M. Smith '01
Brian Keith Goodwin '90	Dale E. Smith '79
Richard Terry Huling '75	Joseph E. Smith '52
George D. Johnston Jr. '72	Tee B. Smith '73
William R. Knowles Sr. '71	Curtis S. Stewart '71
Ovey E. Lejeune '90	Joseph F. Thornton '63
Ronald L. Levy '04	Dennis G. Tompkins '02
Louis E. Luke '94	Freddie M. Veraque '97
Andrew J. McMenamin '02	Jack L. Waller '62
Melvin S. Mizelle '67	Charles E. Willman '69

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 8/1/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).