



# *The Rough Ashlar*

Kempsville Masonic Lodge, #196 A.F.&A.M.  
4869 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Stated Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00PM  
Dinner @ 6:00PM  
Work Nights @ 7:00PM

## **From the East...**



Ground has been broken. The sewer project is well underway. We should be flushing without fear very soon. Thanks to all that have supported this project financially and effort-wise. It could not have come to fruiting without everyone's support. Just a reminder though; We still need to repair the roof. If you did not donate to the sewer fund, would you consider helping to pay for a new roof? We need to take care of our temple. It takes such good care of all of us.

We have some very important events coming up. The One Day Conferral will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a fairly large number of Kempsville Candidates having the degrees conferred upon them. Please come out and support our new brothers. If you signed a petition for a candidate that is going through the conferral, you should make a point of being there to support him.

Planning for the Family Picnic has begun. I know Brother Bill Rawson will do a bang up job of making it a great day for all of our families. If you can help him out in any way, let him know. I'm sure he will appreciate it.

Also, we are starting to plan for Grand Lodge in November. If you plan on attending, please let myself or one of the officers know. We will need to get our reservations in soon.

Finally Brethren, keep in mind our duties to our brethren. WHISPER good counsel in his ear and aid a reformation. We owe that to ourselves, our lodge and our brethren.

Fraternally,  
Brother Adam Green, WM

## **From the West...**



It is always good to be a brother in the Grand Lodge of Kempsville. As I remarked in the most recent edition of The Ashlar, I noticed that, while many Virginia lodges are "dark" for the summer, Kempsville #196 remains as active as ever. As brethren we are the beneficiaries of belonging to a lodge with many experienced members, excellent ritualists, multiple opportunities for community service, and terrific fellowship. I have lately been trying to focus more on what Kempsville has to offer and not what it lacks and to make sure that I appreciate how all of the good brethren of Kempsville, in their own way, make this lodge truly "Grand."

Other than our Stated Communication/Hawaiian Shirt Night and the usual steady degree work, much of the month of August will be spent participating in Masonic events outside of the friendly confines of Kempsville. I am looking forward to attending the Grand Master's official visit to the 56<sup>th</sup> District on August 8<sup>th</sup>, the Area Leadership Conference/One Day Conferral on August 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Parkerson School on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a special Parkerson School as it is being held in honor of our departed brother, Worshipful Carl Thompson.

With the Fall quickly approaching my journey toward the East is growing shorter. Therefore, I have been reflecting more often on what I hope to achieve for Kempsville #196 during my year as Worshipful Master. More than anything, I am wishing for unity and to preserve all of the great accomplishments that have come before. While almost all of the line officers and appointed positions for the next Masonic year have been filled, there are some spots remaining. Luckily, the lodge is in the fortunate position of actually having more brethren expressing interest in helping out than there are available spots. Nonetheless, there are so many other ways where a brother can help the lodge, and all acts of service will be equally valued.

Fraternally,  
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

## From the South...



Masters, Wardens, Deacons, Brothers  
All, another month has quickly passed  
and may I say with plenty of excitement  
and good things happening in our  
Lodge. Initiations, Passings, and

Raisings including the Tyson family affair which came off without a hitch. I'm sure glad I was able to play a small part in another first for Kempsville, and while I'm at it let me give a hardy "Thank You" to Worshipful Buddy Pate for the hard work he invested putting together not only the mechanics needed, but also the hours of training it took to make this event look like it was just another raising. I would also like to thank all who were members of the degree teams. Ya'll did a yeomen's job as recognized by all in attendance.

In 332 Alexander the Great set out to conquer the walled city of Tyre. Unable to storm the island city for 7 months he used the debris of the abandoned mainland to build a causeway and finally broke thru. It is written he was so enraged at the Tyrians defense and loss of his men he destroyed half of the city, scattered the old to the winds, and some thirty thousand residents and foreigners were sold into slavery. But those citizens that took shelter in the Temple of Herakles were pardoned, including the King of Tyre and his family, about eight thousand. You see Alexander the Great was a Freemason and so were the eight thousand of the Temple. That my Brothers is Freemasonry in action, as well as a good day to be one.

Always clear in the South,  
Brother Bill Rawson, JW

## Trestle Board

August 12 ..... Stated Communication  
Hawaiian Night,  
Open 6PM, Dinner 7PM  
August 16 ..... One Day Conferral  
Granby St Temple  
August 19 ..... Degree work as needed  
August 23 ..... Parkerson School, Bayside Lodge,  
Registration/Breakfast @ 7:30am  
August 26 ..... Degree work as needed  
August 30 ..... Lodge Breakfast, 8-10 AM  
Proceeds to benefit our Building Fund  
September 2 ..... Degree work as needed  
September 9 ..... Stated Communication  
9/11 Remembrance

## Masonic Birthdays for August

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

## Most Worshipful Mac Rogers 60<sup>th</sup> Masonic Birthday Visit



Seventeen Kempsville Brethren make the trek up to Onancock on the Eastern Shore to visit Chesapeake Lodge and help celebrate Most Worshipful Spencer MacMath Roger's 60<sup>th</sup> Masonic Anniversary. (Not shown: Worshipful Bobby Spruill and Brother Richard Naujoks)

## 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 9/1/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).