



The Rough Ashlar

Kempsville Masonic Lodge, #196 A.F.&A.M.
4869 Princess Anne Road
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Stated Meetings 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00PM
Dinner @ 6:00PM
Work Nights @ 7:00PM

From the East...



The leaves are turning, the air is chilling and Kempsville Lodge just keeps rolling along. I ask each of you to ask yourselves what you have done for your lodge this year. We are down to the last 3 months of the year. Could you have done something more to make Kempsville better? Did you have an idea, that for whatever reason, you did not put forth? Was there a ritual part you wanted to learn, but haven't taken the time to do it? I check myself regularly to see if there is any more I could have done to make this year better. I always seem to find a little something. Look for a little something in yourself that you can bring to the lodge.

I want to thank Brother Bill Rawson for his outstanding work on the Lodge Picnic. A hearty "High Five" to Worshipful Bob Stanek. I watched and learned from a true grilling Genius. Every comment I heard was so positive about the food, I am considering hiring Bill and Bob to cater my Super Bowl Party this year. Outstanding work by outstanding brethren. A huge well done to everyone who pitched in and made it a great day. . A great day of family and fellowship. If you missed it, you missed a truly great day.

Grand Lodge is coming up soon. As I have stated previously, if you intend to go, I ask that you take an hour or so out of your fellowship time to attend one of the committee meetings. I need the support of those in attendance to ensure I get all I need information-wise. If you do not attend any of the committee meetings, you will be asked to pay for your own room. I will also be coordinating the hospitality suite with Brother Michael Johnstone, our Senior Steward. If you have any suggestions, please let myself or Michael know. The sooner we have the information, the easier it will be to plan.

Finally, brethren just a simple thought. Watch out for your kids and the kids of those around you. My son lost a friend last week in a tragic accident. There is a lot more to this tragedy than just a young man losing his life. If you read my article in the Ashlar, you will get the whole story. I believe in my heart that this could have been prevented if more people were aware of what was going on. Pay attention in your homes and in your neighborhoods. Reach out to those who may need your

assistance. "Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices." Remember that as you pass through your days.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, WM

From the West...



I am very pleased to be writing you following a most enjoyable Past Masters' Night this past Tuesday. A hardy thanks goes out to Brother Dave Bortrager for planning this event. It was nice to be on the "sidelines" for a change, sitting immediately next to my friends Bros. Steve Sorano and Joe Salt, and relishing in the ritual and good cheer provided by our Masters of yore.

We were privileged at Past Masters' Night to have Brother Jim Beighley raised to the sublime degree of master mason. For those of you who have gotten to know Jim, you are already aware that he exemplifies what is right and decent about Masonry – kindness, humility, and hard work. Congratulations Brother Jim!

My wife, family, and I had a lot of fun at the Lodge Family Picnic. The Hillbillies band and good home cookin' were enjoyed by all. I heard several brethren remark that this was the best lodge picnic that they had attended in years. A job well done to Brother Bill Rawson for organizing this well received day of fellowship.

In closing, I have two important events of which to remind the brethren. First, on October 18th, we have the "Hoe Down" to promote Shrine/Blue Lodge Unity, as sponsored by Deputy Grand Master Hodges (please see me to purchase tickets). Secondly, on October 25th, we have the Planning Meeting for Masonic Year 2009 following the lodge breakfast. This meeting is open to all and is arranged with the intent of advancing harmony within the lodge.

Fraternally,
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

From the South...



"Man's finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is that moment when he has worked his heart out for a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle...victorious." Vince Lombardi.

A special 'Thanks' to those, too many to mention, who worked their hearts out before, during, and after the Family Picnic last Sunday. I appreciate all of your efforts and so does everyone who attended. I've heard nothing but good comments and believe it or not the only thing we ran out of near the end of the day was the Potato Salad. Also our sincere appreciation to the boys in the band, the Hillbilly band that is, for the fine entertainment they provided for us all afternoon. Great job guys.

Well, the next BIG event on tap is the Grand Lodge in early November. A sign-up sheet has been posted at the bottom of the stairs for your convenience. Please sign in as soon as possible so I can arrange the room assignments you prefer.

Brothers, if you haven't participated in the ritual lately you surely have missed a lot of fun and fellowship. Initiations, Passings, and Raisings are as enjoyable to those who fill the chairs as it is for the candidate. So come on out and get in the game, lend a hand. No part is too small and I will be sure to put all who want to play in the game.

Always clear in the South,
Brother Bill Rawson, JW

Trestle Board

- October 14 Junior Warden's Night
Worshipful Harold Bowman,
District MAHOVA Ambassador
- October 18 Deputy Grand Master's Hoe Down
7:30 - 11:30AM @ Khedive Shrine Temple
- October 18 OES BBQ Pork Dinner
\$8 all-you-can-eat, @ Kempsville Lodge
- October 18 Statewide HIKE Dinner, hosted by
Bethel 42 IOJD @ Bayside Lodge, 4 - 7PM
- October 21 Work in Fellowcraft Degree
- October 25 Lodge Breakfast of 2008, 8-10AM
- November 5 - 8 Grand Annual Communication,
Richmond Sheraton West
- November 8 Installation of Worshipful Emmett
Moseley "Buddy" Pate, Jr. as
DDGM, 56th Masonic District
- November 11 Stated Communication
Honor the Veterans

From the Secretary

Brethren, we need your dues to be paid more than any time before. We have the sewer connection completed but still need the roof work and our funds are low. There are 22 of you who have not paid '07 nor '08 dues. That is \$3,498. There are 56 of you who have not paid '08 dues.

That is \$4,704. That totals \$8,202. and we need it NOW!!!.

Dues are due and payable as of January 1st each year. If you haven't paid your 2008 dues then you are not in good standing and may not receive the rights and benefits of Masonry. What if something happens, God forbid, and you should pass away? Wouldn't your family like to have Masonic Rites for you? NOT if you are not in good standing. Please pay your dues.

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Masonic Birthdays for October

Kenneth Robert Allen '96	Michael John Harvey '00
Sherwood Lee Allen '76	Donald Walter Hawker '86
Robert Lee Alley '02	Edward French Hooks '73
Eugene Milton Ambrose '76	Kermit Jordan '83
Edward Keith Andrews '84	Anson T. Knowles Sr. '76
Ronnie Wayne Anglin '71	Andrew L. Levy '99
Robert Hall Barton '90	George H. Lewis III '70
Joseph Samuel Bloise '03	Robert W. Lewis Jr. '71
George Ray Bunch Jr. '80	Ian W. Marks '96
Richard Donald Cedola '79	Thomas E. Monahan '96
Melvin Waverly Chaffin '68	Henley A. Morgan Jr. '87
Richard Allen Chrisman '00	Richard L. Naujoks '53
Thomas Andrews Collins '93	Michael J. Orman '82
Daniel Edwin Connor '85	Marc F. Povondra '83
Will Harmon Crane '70	Michael W. Pulju '96
Thomas H. Cutchins III '87	David S. Roughton '02
Robert H. DeFord Jr. '54	James B. Seymour Jr. '97
Mitchel Roy Delong '96	Clyde S. Sheely '69
Harold C. Dickerson Jr. '90	James E. Sheppard Jr. '03
David Eugene Dodson '76	Robert W. Stanek '77
Thomas F. Doering Sr. '92	Thomas N. Thomas '88
Gerardo R. Enerlan, Jr. '05	Albert L. Torres '03
George Edward Fausel '82	Timothy C. Van Fossen '96
Fredrick Henrick Feller '67	Michael J. Webb '00
Frederick P. Ferguson Jr. '03	David A. White '00
Marc Lee Foiles '96	Terry L. Whitehurst '92
Robert H. Foxwell Jr. '59	Jimmie Wilder '75
Adam Michael Green '04	Robert J. Worthington '04
Lawrence V. Greene '86	Harold A. Young '59
John W. Hamilton '56	

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
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 11/1/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).