



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...



It has been an exciting couple of months – highlighted by the Grand Master's visit. According to his letter, he greatly enjoyed his trip to Kempsville, Lodge. The day after his visit, I made a trip to New Jersey to visit the lodge that my father was Master of in 1945. Of course no one there that night was old enough to remember him but it was still great to be in the room where he presided. After leaving New Jersey, I went to upstate New York to visit my cousin. While there, I visited a local lodge conferring the Entered Apprentice degree. Their work is not like ours! Both states are F & AM.

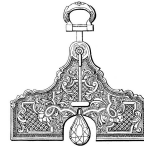
I want to congratulate Brother Ron for the fine job he did in the East for the Grand Master's visit. Brother Hank – you and your crew once again provided the best meal in town. We are still working EA's and FC's but it seems things are slowing down. Those of you who are coaching – press on. And those of you who are not coaching – jump in and help. Some of our coaches have too many to handle.

It is Grand Lodge time again. I hope that all who wanted to attend got there. We were honored by the DeMolay as the best sponsoring body and by the Grand Lodge for receiving the Noah Hillman award.

Again, I have the sad duty to report the loss of two of our brethren. Right Worshipful Ted Sakis, who affiliated with us last year, passed to the Celestial Lodge on October 22nd and Brother John Sheehan passed to the Celestial Lodge on November 1st. Brethren, keep the families and memories of these brethren in your hearts and prayers.

Fraternally,
Brother Roger Cort, WM

From the West...



Welcome to FALL! The trees are turning, the temperatures are cooling and the year is drawing to a close. And what a year it has been. Worshipful Roger planned and executed a wonderful year here in Kempsville. It has been an honor to be a part of it.

By the time you get this, we will have attended Grand Lodge. I can say with confidence that Ron did a wonderful job in ensuring a good time was had by all. Those of us that attended just want to say thank you to Ron for putting everything together.

We still have a lot of work to do this year. Worshipful Roger has scheduled Lodge clean up day for December 1st. Please give a few hours back to the lodge. Our home should shine in preparation for the early December events, including Jobie installation on the 8th, our Annual Stated and (pending a favorable ballot) my installation on the 15th. I hope as many of you as possible can attend some or all of these events. It is an opportunity for fellowship and to participate in the evenings' events. Come out and support your lodge.

In closing I would like to say Welcome Home to Brother Ernie Graham. I have spoken with him and he is enthusiastic about returning as soon as his health will allow it. Those of you that know him should take the time to visit him as soon as possible. I know he would love to see some of his brethren prior to getting back to lodge.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, SW

From the South...



Happy November my good brethren of Kempsville Lodge #196!! Your lodge continues to be very busy with ritual work, fundraisers, and fellowship.

Once again, I want to think ALL of the brethren who helped put together an excellent Junior Warden's Night and Official Visit from Grand Master G. Bernard Dungan, Jr.

Worshipful Roger has had an excellent year and things are setting up very nicely for Brother Adam Green to have an equally successful year in 2008. Next year, Brother Bill Rawson will be your Junior Warden and, hence, responsible for putting together degree teams. It is my hope that you will give him as much support and assistance as you did me during this past year.

By the time you read this version of the Rough Ashlar, many of us will have just finished attending the 229th Grand Annual Communication (about 19 or 20 total). I guarantee you that a good time was had by all, both educationally and fraternally.

With regard to degree work, October 2007 remained busy in the quarries. We raised one brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason, passed two Fellowcrafts, and initiated one Entered Apprentice. And, as mentioned above, we orchestrated an entertaining and informative visit from our Grand Master in between all of this degree work.

In closing, here is a brief bit of Masonic trivia: Tradition states that the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia cracked while tolling the death of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, known as the "father of the judiciary." He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia 1793 - 95.

Fraternally,
Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

Trestle Board

November 13 November Stated Communication
Honor the Military Night
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
November 19 District Blood Drive
Lynnhaven Lodge, 3 to 7:30PM
November 20 Degree work as needed
November 26 Ritual School, 7PM
November 27 Degree work as needed
December 1Lodge Cleanup, Breakfast 7AM
December 3 Ritual School, 7PM
December 4 Willis V. Fentress Annual Stated

December 5Princess Anne Annual Stated
December 6 Bayside Annual Stated
December 8 Jobie Installation, 7PM
December 10 Ritual School, 7PM
December 11 Kempsville Annual Stated
Lodge at 6PM, Dinner at 6:30PM

December 12 Virginia Beach Annual Stated
December 13 Lynnhaven Annual Stated

Warren Louis Aleck '66	Burton H. Jones '64
Roy Madison Arnold '04	Montague Jones Jr. '64
Charles Edward Austin '93	Gary K. Krause '05
Selby Ray Ballance '73	William J. Krell '91
Albert Lee Bonney Jr. '63	Albert J. Lalonde '58
George Edison Braswell '59	E. Louis Lane Jr. '72
Joe Emerson Brown '64	Jerry W. Ledbetter '83
Gordon Curtis Burton '71	John L. Long '01
Dario Joseph Canclini '75	Charles J. Lund '86
Herbert Linwood Carter '66	Donald L. McBride '54
William Keith Cole '89	Iras W. Midgett Sr. '64
Roger Cort '65	Louis F. Miller Jr. '90
Brian Lynnwood Cox '77	James G. Moore '59
Harry Lee Cummings '71	Eric M. Nachman '91
Richard Donald Diffie '82	Robert M. Ohman '65
Lewis Alton Dodson '77	Edward F. Parton '05
David Michael Dutcher '86	Paul W. Pennybacker '68
Kenneth Wesley Easter '60	James S. Perry '79
Michael Ceroy Elliott '65	William H Rawson '04
Curtis Raeford Eure '59	William L. Rice '83
Clarence Gwaltney Felts '69	Steve Allen Ridgeway '77
Michael Patrick Fitzgerald '92	Raymond R. Rowley '62
Rolfe Martin Fleming '72	Theodore R Saleeby '47
Franklin Mason Gamage '59	Joseph S. Salih '63
Steven Morris Gilbert '83	Henry Sargent '69
Mark Randall Gillean '88	Jeffery L. Scott '91
Justin Lee Glasgow '78	Jerry Silla '99
Cecil Anthony Goodwin '71	Cecil C. Smithson '98
Elwood Marvin Grant '54	William J. Swanner III '74
Curtis McKee Graves Sr. '79	Paul R. Swanson '90
Arthur Joseph Guarino Jr. '92	Charles R. Taylor '00
Raymond Elnor Hall Jr. '76	Charlie B. Taylor Jr. '81
James Thomas Hare Jr. '73	Robert R. Teller '88
William Thomas Haste '61	Prentice G. Tuck Jr. '98
Donald Orr Hawkins Jr. '97	Ralph W. Ward '76
Russell Lee Houston '85	Ronald H. Whitehead '67
Donald Eugene Howard '87	Adrian D. Willis III '66
Willie Lenwood Hudson Jr. '61	Henry A. Young '58
Ronald S. Jacobson '03	
Phillip R. Jennings '94	
Michael D. Johnstone '05	

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Roger Cort	467-5349
Senior Warden	Adam M. Green	615-1659
Junior Warden	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Senior Deacon	Jonathan Jones	535-1241
Junior Deacon	William H. Rawson	495-4867
Chaplain	Ross O. McLeod	343-0332
Senior Steward	Meade E. McCubbin	716-2590
Junior Steward	Todd L. Herbst	965-9489
Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. "Buddy" Pate	404-8594
Education Officer	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Blood Coordinator	John Preddy	439-3225

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