



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 beginning to the new year. We have had our official visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, degree work, visits to other lodges, and sadly, three funerals. A good showing at all events so far.

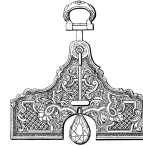
We were all saddened at the loss of Brother Don Nachman. He was more than just a lodge brother, but a good and loyal friend. He battled back from lung cancer, but as with many before him, that dreaded disease finally won the battle. I was aware of how well loved Don was, but it really showed with 32 brethren in attendance at his funeral, including Most Worshipful Bill Holiday. I would like to add that Worshipful Ray Connard did a beautiful job with the Masonic Rites. Don's son, Eric, was particularly moved, as was I. Thank you Ray for helping to put Kempsville's best foot forward for a brother and his family.

Tonight we welcome our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, for his official tiled visit to the 56th District. I want to thank him for selecting us to host this evening, and I want to thank the Past Masters and brethren that have done the work in the previous years to make him want to be here this evening. It should prove to be an exciting experience, and I am sure you are all looking forward for your opportunity to discuss with him the things that concern you about Masonry.

We have gotten off to a busy start. Let's keep up the work in our quarries to make Kempsville the best it can be.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, WM

From the West...



It is odd to be typing this letter in early February knowing that the temperature today reached 80 degrees. This Masonic year is off to a very productive start under the guidance of Worshipful Adam. We are all pleased that Adam has made a swift and successful recovery from his medical procedure and is now back in the lodge full force.

In addition to Senior Warden's night in June, I have four other projects/plans which I am coordinating. I am pleased to announce that Ocean View Lodge #335 has invited me to be a guest lecturer for their Entered Apprentice degree this Friday, February 15th. The meeting will start at 7:00PM. They have encouraged the good brethren of Kempsville to come out and visit that night. In exchange, I have arranged for Brother Sam Welty of Ocean View Lodge to visit Kempsville to provide us with the Entered Apprentice lecture at a future date.

As per my prior announcement, I have been speaking with Brother Sam Welty of Ocean View Lodge about creating/painting our very own Fellowcraft's Lecture canvas. Sam is a renowned muralist and has offered to do this for us at a markedly reduced price. The details of this proposal should be available for public announcement by the time of this Stated Communication.

Worshipful Adam has been gracious enough to designate funds from our March Lodge Breakfast to the Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater (F.A.C.T.). I am closely involved in this organization because my son, Garrett, has autism. In April, F.A.C.T. will be putting together the world's largest puzzle piece (60,000 square feet) and the Guinness Book of World Records will be on hand to document this momentous occasion.

The last project of which I am involved is the

Masonic Child Identification Program, known in Virginia as VACHIP. The state chairman for this program is Worshipful Jeffrey Smith of Nansemond Lodge. The essence of this program is to provide families with a free child identification kit (consisting of a digital photograph, brief digital video interview, fingerprinting, and cheek swab) which will assist them in putting missing children on the Amber Alert System immediately. The VACHIP program is in its incipient stages and will require regional and district support to get up and running. My hope is that Kempsville will do its part to make this program a success.

Fraternally,
 Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

From the South...



First and foremost I would like to congratulate Worshipful Adam Green on a speedy recovery from his recent operation and hope, as I'm sure we all do, that this is the last one he'll ever

have to face. Your strength in the face of this adversity has been an inspiration to me Adam, as with all the Brethren in the Lodge, and I personally wish you all the best in the future.

Wow, talk about fast starts...January has been a blur in our Lodge. With an official visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, three initiations, a raising, and a Lodge breakfast things are happening at Kempsville. And we don't expect February to slow down at all. The Grand Masters Town Hall meeting slated for Feb 12th promises to be an event you wont want to miss as was the passing of Brother Torres on Monday February 4th. If you're available, come to your Lodge and enjoy the festivities.

Brethren, in my new position as Junior Warden my primary job is to fill the seats for the events that take place in our Lodge, and Brethren I am issuing a "Call To Action." We are in need of Brothers who may know, or are willing to learn any of the three lectures. The pool to draw from is getting thin and the Brothers whom you see do these lectures time after time are seeking relief. So, if you need a refresher course or are interested in learning a lecture please contact me at your earliest convenience.

If nothing changes....nothing changes.

Always clear in the South,
 Brother Bill Rawson, JW

Trestle Board

- February 12 Grand Master's Official Tiled Visit
 Kempsville Lodge
 Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
- February 14 DDGM Official Visit
 Lynnhaven Lodge
- February 19 Degree work as needed
- February 23 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10 AM**
- February 26 Master Mason Degree (pending)
- March 4 Degree work as needed
- March 11 Stated Communication
 Nominate DDGM for 2009

Masonic Birthdays for February

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| Alex Harvey Adkins '76 | Glenn L. Gilman '78 |
| Vance Warren Apple '56 | William Franklin Grice '70 |
| David Henry Armstrong Jr. '77 | John D. Johnstone '00 |
| Scott Edward Bateman '99 | Kenneth W. Lancaster '05 |
| Timothy Lloyd Blackstone '01 | Marvin B. Lancaster '05 |
| George Franklin Boggs Jr. '77 | Joshua N. McClanan Jr. '66 |
| Albert Lindsey Creef Sr. '62 | Gordon W. Moffat '47 |
| William Johnson Davis '49 | John M. Nuzum '02 |
| Edward Joseph Foley '93 | Galen K. Rogers '99 |
| Lewis Jackson Forrest '85 | Joseph M. Snook '65 |
| Glenn Douglas Fraser II '80 | Ronald L. Stukey '81 |
| Shane Lee Fuson '04 | Joseph D. Wines II '96 |

In times of change, *learners* will inherit the world while *knowers* will find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.

David Knox

Lodge Officers

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Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 3/3/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).