

Kempsville Lodge # 196

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From the East:

Brethren,

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to you for electing me to serve as Worshipful Master of Kempsville #196 for the ensuing Masonic year. I stand ready to discharge the duties of the station to which I have been elected, and I promise that I will do all that I can to justify the confidence you have demonstrated with your ballot. Many thanks to the Past Masters, members, family and friends for all their hard work, assistance and outstanding efforts in making our open installation a success.

My theme this year is **“Dedication through Education.”** Without a doubt, education is a lifetime learning process, from cradle to grave. Your Masonic education begins when you are initiated as an entered apprentice and continues until you depart to the celestial lodge above. There are many educational opportunities available to Masons; however, it is alarming that many of our brethren take little or no initiative to further their Masonic Education beyond the Master Mason Degree. Equipped with the proper tools of education, together, we can be better prepared to meet the challenges which lie ahead. In order to pass Masonry on to the next generation, we must be educated and dedicated. My premise is that the more one becomes educated in Masonry, the more likely that Brother will become dedicated to the ancient craft. Won't you please help! I urge you to encourage the brethren to learn more about the principles we stand for, and to appreciate the pride and self rewards of belonging to the greatest fraternity on the face of the earth. The choice is yours. A candle loses nothing by igniting another wick, thereby passing on the light. What will it be my brethren? Shall we let the flame flicker and die out? Or shall we commit ourselves to pass on the light. Our Grand Master's theme is; **“Freemasonry – Pass it on”**. Be productive Brethren, rededicate yourselves, and make a commitment to attend lodge meetings regularly. Please do whatever you can to make certain the light of Freemasonry continues to shine, and may it never be extinguished.

We are off to a good start this year. Kempsville is blessed with many dedicated Masons who faithfully serve our Lodge, unselfishly, and with a commitment that is second to none. It is my sincere desire to see that each Brother strives to help make 2003 not just a good year, but a great year. To that end, I challenge each and every Brother to recommit themselves to exemplifying the most excellent tenets of our most wonderful fraternity; i.e. friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Et lux in tenebris lucet (and the light shineth in the darkness)

Fraternally,
Wor. D. Alan "Bill" Delligiar