



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...

Brethren, if you missed our February Stated, you missed an outstanding meeting. Great food, lot's of fun, and more people up stairs than I've ever seen. Somehow we squeezed over 150 Brethren into the Lodge. Even the Grand Master had a good time. He wrote in a letter to the lodge, "It's unusual to have that much fun in a tiled meeting". The evening wouldn't have been possible without the support of many people – from our world renowned chefs, Hank & Roger, to the Eastern Star, Jobies, and Demolay – your support was incredible and the Lodge extends a hearty "Thank You!". We couldn't have done it without you.

Brother Emmett "Buddy" Pate, WM

From the West...

Brethren, I need officers next year, please get in contact with me if you are knowledgeable with the ritual and interested (474-0532). I already have some of the positions filled, but I'm sure I can put you somewhere. A Past Master might have to be an option for the Junior Warden station.

Brother Shawn Garfield, SW

From the South...

We are steadily progressing on our degree work. There will be three new Master Masons raised in the next three weeks, the last of which will be done by our Past Masters. We still need help on the degree teams and side line encouragement for the candidates. A lot of new faces can be seen conferring the degrees. You can be one of those who participate. Remember, you get much more out of Masonry than you put in to it.

Our Saturday breakfasts are doing well. Come out and enjoy good food and excellent fellowship.

Brother Roger Cort, JW

Trestle Board

March 8.....Stated Communication
Honor the Potentate Night
March 9.....DDGM at Virginia Beach Lodge
March 12.....Demolay Installation
March 14.....Ritual School 7:30PM
March 15.....Master Mason Degree
March 19.....St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 21.....Blood Drive @ Bayside 3-7:30PM
March 21.....Ritual School 7:30PM
March 22.....Master Mason Degree
March 26.....Lodge Breakfast 9-10:30AM
March 28.....Ritual School 7:30PM
March 29.....Past Master's Night
April 3.....Shrine Open House
Khedive Shrine Center 2PM
April 4.....Masters, Wardens & Deacons Meetings
Bayside 7:00PM
April 12.....Stated Communication

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Emmett "Buddy" Pate	306-8048
Senior Warden	Shawn P. Garfield	474-0532
Junior Warden	Roger Cort	467-5349
Treasurer	RW George J. Wallace	420-2507
Secretary	RW William H. Pierce	497-5160
Senior Deacon	Robert H. Foxwell, Jr.	497-6639
Junior Deacon	John R. Caole	967-9438
Chaplain	Ronald S. Jacobson	363-7524
Senior Steward	Albert L. Torres	456-0915
Junior Steward	Cristian C. Rodriguez	456-0503
Marshal	Robert C. Metz	497-2886
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Adam M. Green	474-0573
Instructor of Work	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Blood Coordinator	Robert H. Foxwell, Jr.	497-6639

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 4/5/2005 to Bro. Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive is sponsored by and will be held at:

BAYSIDE LODGE #218
1465 Independence Blvd.
Virginia Beach, Va. 23455

March 21, 2005
3:00PM to 7:30PM

Your participation is greatly needed and appreciated, hope to see you there.

Letting Go

There were a group of scientists who were on a mission to capture a particular species of monkeys in the jungles of Africa. It was important that the monkeys be brought back alive and well. Knowing the ways of monkeys, the scientists devised a trap consisting of a small jar with a long neck. Into the jar was placed a handful of nuts. Several of these jars were staked out and anchored to the ground.

When the monkeys caught the scent of the nuts in the jars, they would reach in and grab a handful of nuts. But when they tried to withdraw the prized nuts, they discovered that their clenched fists would not pass through the narrow neck of the bottle. So there they were, trapped in the long-necked, anchored bottles, unable to escape with the nuts because of an unwillingness to let go. How ironic. It reminds me of us sometimes. How often are we trapped, or held back, or remain captive through an unwillingness to "let go" of the past and move forward confidently facing the future God has in store for us.

We all have problems. You do. I do. But sometimes I really do believe that so many of them stem from our own self-containment in long necked bottles, bound by our stubborn unwillingness to "let go".

The monkey had the power to open his fist and "let go" to be free. We too, have the power to "let go" of fear worry, resentment, regret and whatever it is in the past which keeps us trapped and unable to live in the marvelous freedom that God gives us each day.

Turn it loose! Live! Enjoy! This is the day the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it.

Anonymous
Submitted by Tom McGowan

Masonic Birthdays for March

Gregory E. Baewer '87
Carl A. Barber '98
Kenneth R. Barber '95
Robert C. Belda '00
Donald R. Blair '77
James J. Burke '83
Bruce E. Carper '80 (25 Year Veteran!)
Greggory A. Clark '02
William E. Combs '80 (25 Year Veteran!)
Edward W. Cornelius Jr. '93
Stanley L. Crews '90
Billy G. Farris '79
Alberto C. Gatmaitan '96
Earl G. Gongloff '89
George M. Harrell Jr. '70
William H. Holland '57
Christopher J. Jaeger '??
William M. Johnson '93
Robert L. Lankford '72
Lester R. Lefler '89
Thomas E. Lindner '83
Marion W. Maddox '56
David W. Marcel '73
Willie D. Matthews '59
Robert C. Metz '92
Sidney T. Moore '69
Moran K. Morris Sr. '47
Charlie L. Pallett III '87
William H. Pierce '46
Michael S. Polychroni '85
Paul R. Ramsdell '57
Donald K. Robinson '93
Frederick W. Rudiger '03
Raiford Scott '65
Michael R. Sheehan '96
Fredrick A. Steinmiller '01
Stanley M. Vickhouse '66
Linwood R. West '91
James A. Widener '83

Shut Ins...

Let's keep these Brethren and their families in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure they'd appreciate a phone call or visit.

Wor. Bobby Spruill.....466-8341
Wor. Mark Morris.....497-8571
Bro. Grady McGuire.....495-0778