



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...



As usual, it's a busy month at Kempsville Lodge. The Lodge Breakfast, the District Ritual School, the Statewide One Day Conferral – you get the idea.

On a more somber note, we lost two Brethren in July – Brother Michael Anderson and Brother Richard “Ragman” Radecki. I, along with Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, had the honor of representing our Lodge at Brother Radecki's funeral held in Pensacola, Florida. As many of you may know, Brother Radecki was a Master Diver in the Navy and was extremely well known in the diving community. His service was well attended by both his Navy associates and Masonic Brethren – including approximately 15 Florida Brethren from the local funeral team. The following passage, from the conclusion of the eulogy delivered by Brother Bruce Banks, seemed especially appropriate:

“we reach...we grasp...and what is left in our hands at the end? A shadow. Sometimes, however, the shadow endures and becomes an all-pervasive reminder of a unique figure whose larger than life persona lingers on.”

Having never met Brother Radecki, but feeling as if I've known him for years, I can only concur. His persona will live on – at Kempsville Lodge and elsewhere – in the hearts, minds, and stories of those who knew him.

Although most of us will probably not be remembered as “larger than life”, we can, however, hope that a little of our shadow lingers on. As Masons, we hear this quite often in the Entered Apprentice lecture, where we are reminded that “charity extends beyond the grave, throughout the boundless realms of eternity.” It's comforting to know that through our kindness and generosity, we actually do leave behind a little of ourselves. The opportunities are all around us – let's be sure not to waste them.

Brother Emmett “Buddy” Pate, WM

Trestle Board

August 9.....Stated Communication
August 13.....Lodge Breakfast – 8 to 10AM
August 15.....Fellowcraft Examination – 7:00PM
Ritual School – 7:30PM
August 16.....Master Mason Degree
August 20.....District Ritual School
Bayside Lodge – 7:30AM Breakfast/Sign up
8:30AM School
August 22.....Ritual School – 7:30PM
August 23.....Entered Apprentice Degree – 7:00PM
August 27.....One Day Conferral
Bayside Lodge – 7:30 Breakfast
August 30.....Fellowcraft Degree – 7:00PM
September 6.....Degree work as needed – 7:00PM
September 13.....Stated Communication
Worshipful Richard E. Carlson – Speaker
September 20.....Degree work as needed – 7:00PM
September 17.....Lodge Breakfast – 8 to 10AM
September 24.....OES BBQ – 11AM – 6PM
September 27.....Past Masters Night

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Emmett “Buddy” Pate	306-8048
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Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 9/6/2005 to Bro. Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

From the West...



Brethren, I am happy to say that we are doing pretty good. Just so you know, Brother Billy Taylor will be in town around the 20th of August. We're looking forward to see him getting back from

Japan. Unfortunately he's only going to be here for about 3 or so weeks. Other than that, hope to see you at the meetings.

Brother Shawn Garfield, SW

From the South...



Here we are in August already. The District Ritual School and the One Day Conferral are upon us. We are conferring the first section of the Master Mason's degree at both functions and there are still parts available to fill. If you can help, please let me know. We also have the Lodge Breakfast this Saturday (8/13). Bring your family and friends – good food, good fellowship. Possibly some BBQ pancakes!

Brother Roger Cort, JW

Words I Wish I Wrote...

Prudence in Masonry means wisdom: wisdom was anciently a cardinal virtue and the mere changing of the syllables by which it is denominated does not change its nature. It is the wisdom which was meant by the writer of Proverbs, who said, "the heart of the prudent getteth knowledge."

Freemasonry is a system of wisdom of heart, wisdom of mind, wisdom, if the Mason so wills it, of soul. It is an approach of man to his Creator. It is a looking forward to better days and a looking up to higher things. Its whole structure is aimed at helping a man in the formation of good character. Wisdom is essential for this, from thinking, rather from education and teaching. Consider prudence as meaning a wisdom of both heart and mind and it becomes something high and holy and much more impressive than mere precaution, judged by the modern and colloquial meaning of the word prudence. Therefore a man is prudent when he allows wisdom to rule his actions.

Carl Claody

Submitted by Rt. Wor. Tom McGowan

Masonic Birthdays for August

Robert L. Akers '66
Raymond M. Bass '91
Ray L. Benton '88
Curtis E. Brannon '65
Homer J. Cullifer '65
John N. Farr '98
Robert S. Foxwell '02
Moss S. Friedman '91
Shawn P. Garfield '00
Brian K. Headley '00
Walter L. Humphries '71
William T. Kemp '66
Jonathan R. King '00
Walter A. Liffick '94
Grady McGuire '69
Newbury E. Meader Jr. '99
Donald E. Meyer '77
Michael J. Murphy '98
Bennell W. Powers '93
Wesley E. Powers '99
Larry D. Santos '93
Stanley Z. Shipowitz '94
David T. Silvey '04
Joseph B. Tate '65
Walter M. Wales '65
Claude W. Watkins Jr. '91

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

The district's first Blood Drive for the 2005-2006 Masonic Year will be September 19th at Virginia Beach Lodge from 3:00 to 7:30PM. All the tourists have gone home and there's plenty of parking. Come on out and let's start the year off right. I hope to see you here.

Brother Bob Foxwell, SD/Lodge Blood Coordinator

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.

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Bro. Grady McGuire.....495-0778