



## From The South



Brethren, as the year draws to a close, it is time for some reflection. As my journey to the South was a brief one, I have learned many valuable lessons this year. I hope I can take the learning experiences and continue to grow as a Mason, as well as a man. I have learned to trust more people with my concerns and thoughts. I have learned that the brethren are a resource for many things. There is a great deal of knowledge in Kempsville 196. I have learned how important it is to tap in to that knowledge before rushing in to a decision. We are taught that no man should ever embark on any endeavor without invoking the blessing of deity. I have learned that no officer of the lodge should make a decision without first talking with more learned brethren and the Past Masters. The advice and guidance offered by many have gone a long way in helping this year and I will continue use *your* knowledge to help me become a better person, a good Senior Warden, and with the blessing of the brethren, a good Worshipful Master.

We have lost some good and important brothers this year. Bro Frank Matthews was an integral part of this lodge for many years and we are only beginning to scratch the surface of how much he did for us (and our ladies). We can only hope to continue what he started and maintained for so many years. Right Worshipful Bill Pierce has decide to make his move to the Masonic Home. He has been the face, the voice, and the spirit of this lodge for 50 years. His wit and wisdom will be missed on a daily basis. I know that he is only a short drive away, and I have a feeling that I-64 will get worn out with brethren going to visit him, but his presence in the lodge will be very sorely missed. He is irreplaceable. This takes nothing away from Worshipful Bill Nolan and his ability to be our new Secretary. But like in football, it is tough to follow a legend.

Part of our reflection should be in looking toward the future. I know that Roger has planned an exciting year for 2007. We as a lodge will support him fully. As soon as he is back on his feet, I know he will be raring to go. It is up to us to help the lodge to grow. We need to support our new brethren. We need to mentor and counsel them. We need to instill in them the same kind of dedication that we all have. We need to take them

under our wings and help them to soar as men and Masons. It is very easy to initiate, pass, and raise a Master Mason. Sometimes we forget to keep them motivated and interested in the Lodge. We should *all* dedicate ourselves to keeping the lodge vibrant by remembering our new members and make them feel more and more like family as their Masonic journey carries them through their life. Be he one interested in getting in line and working his way to the East, or just being a member on the sidelines, he is important to the fraternity and vital to the lodge.

My brothers; I will close this with a wish for all of you to have a healthy and successful year. If you haven't been to the lodge in a while, come back and visit. You are missed. If you are a regular, I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year.

Brother Adam Green, JW

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