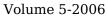


The Ashlar



October 2006

Kempsville Lodge #196, AF&AM



From The East



Times winding down for me in the East and this is the last time as Worshipful Master that I will be addressing you in a formal manner through the Ashlar. I would like to say

that the Lodge is doing great. We have had a very good year, for example; The Most Worshipful Grand Master's Official Visit to Kempsville, Right Worshipful William H. Pierce's 60th Masonic birthday, our 3rd Annual Navy Night, Senior Warden's Night, The Lodge Picnic, Table Lodge and Junior Warden's Night. The year has gone so well that I couldn't imagine that the next two months could go any other way. Come see us on our Annual Stated Communication on December 12th.

It was a shock to most of us when Right Worshipful Bill Pierce went to the Masonic Home in September on such short notice, it being so close to the completion of his 50th year as Secretary. I had gone through the proper channels and had asked the Grand Master to waive a section in the Methodical Digest so that Brother Pierce could receive his full 50 years as Secretary and The Grand Master agreed. For our October Stated Communication I had addressed the lodge with a letter that I wrote explaining what was going on and what the outcome was and I also read the letter from the Grand Master. Worshipful Bill Nolan will be sitting as acting Secretary until the Annual Installations. Brother Adam Green did a fine job in the East for Junior Wardens Night. He had a great meeting.

Thank you to everyone for the experience and it has been an honor being the Worshipful Master of Kempsville Lodge.

Brother Shawn Garfield, WM

From The West



As I sit here pondering on my upcoming surgery tomorrow, I can only reflect on the question so often heard "What is this Masonry all About?" Well it is about us. You and

me and all our fellow Brothers and their interactions with each other and their beliefs in the tenets of our Fraternity. I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of concern, prayers and offers of assistance from every Brethren I come in contact with. Masonry is alive and well when brotherly love and relief shine so brightly. With all that support, good medical treatment and determination, I intend to be able to **walk** up to the East next year.

We still have a busy year coming up. Grand Lodge is coming up soon also. For those officers and others who have aspirations of traveling to the East some day, a visit to Grand Lodge will give you some insight into the workings of the fraternity.

It is going to be a long six weeks of not attending Lodge. I will miss it and you all. Thanks again for your prayers, concerns and assistance.

Trestle Board

November 8 – 11.....Grand Annual Communication November 14....Stated Communication Dinner at 6PM, Lodge at 7PM November 20.....Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM November 20....Blood Drive at Lynnhaven Lodge 3 to 7:30PM November 21....Master Mason Degree, 7PM November 27....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM November 28....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM December 5.....Willis V. Fentress Annual Stated December 12....Installation of Officers, 2PM December 16.....Installation of Officers 6:30PM

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Worshipful Buddy Pate

Quality Membership

The pillars of King Solomon's Temple are an important part of our ritual and to Masons and non-Masons alike, a visible symbol of Freemasonry.

They also suggest a crucial criterion by which to assess the quality of our Masonic membership. For members are of two types – the pillars and the caterpillars. The pillars are visible, stable and dependable; the caterpillars are hardly seen, and simply crawl in every now and then.

True, even the caterpillars have their value as statistics. But the only way for Masonry to be an effective movement is to have pillar members.

Declining members have motivated many of us to adapt the personal goal of "Make a member." It is an essential goal if our craft is to be, as our mission statement puts it so impressively, "an organization of excellence for all worthy men."

But there is a second goal that applies to the members we already have: the goal of "Make a member a better member."

To make Masonic membership work, we have to work harder at it. In a word, it means making the conscious decision to be pillars, and allowing the craft to know we are there and can be counted upon.

From the Northern Light Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

Brother Roger Cort, SW

From The South

Brethren, as the year draws to a 101111111111 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 vear.

Brother Adam Green, JW

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