



# *The Rough Ashlar*

Kempsville Masonic Lodge, #196 A.F.&A.M.  
4869 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Stated Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00PM  
Dinner @ 6:00PM  
Work Nights @ 7:00PM

## **From the East...**



Here we are in 2007 already. I hope all had a happy new year and holiday season. But now it is time to get to work. We have already initiated our first EA for the year and have more coming in. We have a special treat for two of our stalwarts that have given up their posts. We will have degree work on Tuesday nights and school on Monday nights. The first Tuesday in February will be dark so we can visit Willis V. Fentress for the DDGM's official visit. Our February Stated will start at 6PM with Dinner at 7PM followed by a program to be put on by the DeMolay and Jobies. The Dinner and program are open to all so bring your sweethearts and brides and enjoy.

With our growing number of Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, we are in need of coaches and mentors. This is a great opportunity for our newly raised Master Masons to practice what you learned and for the older group (especially Past Masters) to show their stuff. We will be starting a coaches/mentor school by the end of this month. If you have a little time and a desire to make these newcomers into great Master Masons, let me, any of the officers, or LIW know.

Brother Roger Cort, WM

## **From the West...**



Welcome to 2007. A new year, a new master and a new group of officers. I believe that you have elected an excellent cadre to assist Worshipful Roger in executing his plan for the year. I know he is looking forward to making things happen and we, as a whole, are standing by to assist. I can't wait to see how the year will play out. I know it will be smooth being led by our Worshipful Master. Best of luck, Roger. We're standing by awaiting your orders.

The year has already gotten off to a quick start. We initiated a new Entered Apprentice on the 2nd

and we have three second readings coming in to the January stated. Things are really heating up in the Kempsville quarries. We need your assistance. Brother Ron is working hard to put together the degree teams. As we initiate new members, we need to assign competent and attentive coaches and mentors. Our Lodge Instructor of Work, Worshipful Buddy Pate, is implementing a Coaches Clinic to assist those brethren that want to coach, but may need a little assistance in getting started. I know that I am looking forward to getting smarter on the catechism and being a better coach and mentor. This is a great way to help grow our lodge by educating more of the younger brethren (my self included). Thank you Worshipful Buddy for adding this to your long list of responsibilities, and thanks to the brother that recommended this idea, Worshipful Bob Stanek.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy and prosperous new year. May it be filled with health, friendship, and love.

Brother Adam Green, SW

## **Lodge Officers**

Worshipful Master	Roger Cort	467-5349
Senior Warden	Adam M. Green	615-1659
Junior Warden	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Senior Deacon	Jonathan Jones	535-1241
Junior Deacon	William H. Rawson	495-4867
Chaplain	Ross O. McLeod	343-0332
Senior Steward	Meade E. McCubbin	716-2590
Junior Steward	Todd L. Herbst	965-9489
Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. "Buddy" Pate	404-8594
Education Officer	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Blood Coordinator	Gary K. Krause	297-6842

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 2/6/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

## From the South...



Happy New Year to all of the brethren, officers, and their families. I am optimistic that not only will this be a prosperous year for us individually but also for Kempsville

Lodge #196.

Along with several other brethren and Worshipfuls from our lodge, I was able to attend the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Robert Leroy Harrison, at Princess Anne Lodge #25. This event was extremely well attended by many, well run by the brethren at Princess Anne, and informative. Whenever you have a first visit to another lodge (which was true in my case), there is always something new and meaningful that you learn. On behalf of our new Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Right Worshipful Harrison suggested that we resume the idea of calling brethren, via a phone tree concept, to check in on them and encourage more active involvement. While forms of correspondence like The Ashlar, Rough Ashlar, and postcards, are helpful, there is nothing to replace the personal touch. Worshipful Roger Cort will be reviewing this concept with the officers, and we will collectively do our best to implement this potentially positive change.

I have one additional thought about participation in lodge activities. There is ALWAYS a place for a brother to do their part, albeit small or large. For example, this past Tuesday night I noticed that one of our new entered apprentices, became immediately involved by carrying around our new petitioner's degree team card to acquire the requisite signatures of all participants. EVERYTHING COUNTS IN SMALL AMOUNTS.

In closing, I was struck by this observation from one of our well-known Masonic predecessors, Brother Rudyard Kipling, who said, "I was secretary of No. 782, Lahore, English constitution, which included brethren of at least four creeds. I was Entered by a Hindu, Passed by a Mohammedan, and Raised by an Englishman."

Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

## 56<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 to 7:30PM at Lynnhaven Lodge. We hope to see you there. If you donate blood or platelets outside of our blood drives, please be sure to let me know.

Brother Gary Krause, Lodge Blood Coordinator

## Trestle Board

**January 9**.....Stated Communication  
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM  
MW Bill Holliday & MW Alan Atkins  
**January 13**.....Past Masters' Breakfast, 8AM  
**January 15**..Blood Drive at Lynnhaven, 3 to 7:30PM  
**January 27**.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10:30AM  
**February 5**.....Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Mtg.  
Princess Anne Lodge, 7PM  
**February 6**.....DDGM Official Visit  
to Willis V. Fentress  
**February 13**.....Stated Communication  
Sweetheart Night, Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM

## Masonic Birthdays for January

Hardaway S. Abernathy '48	James E. Pearsall Jr. '79
Craig Allen Davis '04	Fletcher B. Porter Sr. '53
Henry Lee Foiles Jr. '59	Daniel E. Price '97
Fleatwood Morris Frias Jr. '57	Jeffrey A. Rasmussen '98
Luician Albert Gunter III '58	Bill Rensko '96
Thomas Marshall Huff '95	George F. Roberts III '96
Richard I. Kimbrell '93	William B. Ross '03
Ronald S. Melton Jr. '04	Donald C. Scott '80
Francis G. Mielkey II '98	William E. Taylor '04
Patrick M. Miller '06	Richard B. Temple Sr. '55
Robert C. Nelson Jr. '99	Charles G. Thompson '85

## 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.

RW Richard A. Davis III.....497-1227  
Brother Grady McGuire.....494-0778  
Worshipful Bobby Spruill.....466-8341

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## Junior Past Master's Corner

I would like to say that, being The Junior Past Master of Kempsville Lodge is a great feeling. I have done my time, so to speak, and will always cherish my time in the East. But what I want to say is that, if you think that you might want to get in line and eventually become Master of the Lodge, you won't regret it. Yes, it's a lot of work, but well worth the rewards. There are many of you that have a lot of potential and I would love to see you in the hot seat. It's something you'll never forget, trust me.

Worshipful S. Garfield, PM