



# *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...



2007 has started out with bang. We have initiated 3, raised 1, and had three brethren demonstrate their proficiency in the Master Mason's catechism. Our January Stated was attended by a group from the Masonic Home led by our own "handsome one" - Right Worshipful Bill Pierce. Accompanying him were two Past Grand Masters, Past DDGMs and others. Most Worshipful Adkins, the Grand Secretary, presented Right Worshipful George Wallace and Right Worshipful Bill Pierce their "retired" aprons. The boys from Richmond enjoyed our work and hospitality and had a great time.

On a more somber note, we had one of our Past Masters and a newly affiliated Past Master pass to the Celestial Lodge Above.

Our Senior Warden has been seriously ill for the last few weeks. He had a tumor removed and a second surgery to clear up an infection from the first surgery. Again, I have witnessed Masonry at its finest. During this time of need, his wife's employer has granted her a leave-of-absence whenever needed. She told me that she didn't know how to repay the kindness but I'm sure the bill is already marked "paid in full" from a simple "thank you". Worshipful Prentice Tuck - you are a true brother.

Brother Adam is on the road to recovery. His greatest need right now is rest. Please call ahead to see if he is up for a visit. Keep him in your prayers'. We all wish you a full and speedy recovery. Hurry back - it gets lonesome up here!

Our temple has a lot going on in the next two months. The OES and DeMolay have installations and the Jobies have some projects going on also. Come out and support our youth - more importantly, come out and attend your lodge.

Brother Roger Cort, WM

## Something to Remember

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.  
You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.  
You cannot help the little men by tearing down big men.  
You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.  
You cannot further brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred.  
You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.  
You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.  
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.  
You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.  
AND You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

## 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 3/6/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

## From the South...



Greetings to all of the Kempsville brethren, Past Masters, and officers. First and foremost, as I am sure Worshipful Roger has mentioned in his "From the East" summary, our thoughts and prayers are with all of our ailing brethren and their families, but particularly our Senior Warden, Brother Adam Green. We will do our best to support Adam and, hopefully, do an adequate job of filling in for him during his convalescence.

While visiting Brother Adam at Portsmouth Naval, I also had a chance to see Ryan Chord and his family. As many of you know, Ryan was a former Kempsville DeMolay leader and survived a tragic accident. From what I observed of Ryan and heard from his family, he has made a remarkable recovery and was recently transferred to a rehabilitation facility in Richmond. His physical recovery has progressed slowly but steadily, and his cognitive abilities have been significantly improved. He has had many visitors, Masonic and otherwise, and your kindness and efforts have been most appreciated by Ryan and his family.

As expected, January was a very busy month at Kempsville lodge. We initiated four Entered Apprentices, raised one Master Mason, and had an excellent visit from the Grand Secretary and the busload of Masonic Home of Virginia (MAHOVA) residents, including our very own, Right Worshipful William "Bill" Pierce. We were "dark" on February 6, 2007, in order to attend DDGM Harrison's official visit to Fentress Lodge. Kempsville #196 was fortunate enough to have the highest attendance among the visiting lodges and, therefore, received the "Traveling Gavel."

Here is some Masonic trivia with which to close my update: "The Magic Flute" by Brother Wolfgang Mozart, is the symbolic representation of human evolution and was composed by him to replace the symbolic Masonic initiations forbidden by the emperor of Austria – thus enabling his brethren to instruct masonically in spite of the edicts of a tyrannical government.

Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

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

Our next blood drive is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 to 7:30PM at Bayside 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

**February 13**.....Stated Communication  
Sweetheart Night, Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM  
**February 17**.....District Educational Session  
Princess Anne Lodge, 8AM  
**February 20**.....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM  
**February 24**.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10AM  
Lodge Cleanup, 10AM  
**February 27**.....Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM  
**March 3**.....Area Leadership Conference  
Newport News Scottish Rite Temple, 9AM  
**March 6**.....Degree Work as Needed, 7PM  
**March 13**.....Stated Communication  
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM  
Official Visit of the DDGM

## Masonic Birthdays for February

Alex Harvey Adkins '76	William Franklin Grice '70
Vance Warren Apple '56	John D. Johnstone
David Henry Armstrong Jr. '77	Kenneth W. Lancaster '05
Scott Edward Bateman '99	Marvin B. Lancaster '05
Timothy Lloyd Blackstone '01	Joshua N. McClanan Jr. '66
George Franklin Boggs Jr. '77	Gordon W. Moffat '47
Albert Lindsey Creef Sr. '62	Donald J. Nachman '64
William Johnson Davis '49	John M. Nuzum '02
Edward Joseph Foley '93	Galen K. Rogers '99
Lewis Jackson Forrest '85	Joseph M. Snook '65
Glenn Douglas Fraser II '80	Ronald L. Stukey '81
Shane Lee Fuson '04	Joseph D. Wines II '96
Glenn L. Gilman '78	

## 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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