



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...



Brethren, it is good to see our Senior Warden back in our midst again. Adam, I enjoy looking to the West and seeing you there!

We have had a busy and interesting month. Our degree work is on track. We had a long but fun trip to Brookneal Virginia to visit Staunton River Lodge and present a 50 Year Veteran's pin to our own Past Master, Right Worshipful Harry Holland. He was overwhelmed by the presence of 16 Kempsville Brethren attending his lodge.

Along with official visits with the DDGM, we had the Area Leadership Conference held by the Grand Officers. I am proud to say that all of our elected officers and most of our appointed officers attended.

We have a District Blood Drive on March 19th at Bayside Lodge. If you can give blood or know someone who can donate, I challenge you to do so. We need to show the Red Cross what Virginia Beach Masons can do!

Our April Stated is "Bring A Friend Night". We have a roster full of brethren who have not attended lodge for a long time. Call them and bring them to lodge.

Brother Roger Cort, WM

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is March 19th, 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

March 13.....Stated Communication
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
March 14.....DDGM Official Visit
Virginia Beach Lodge #274
March 17.....Jobie Chili Cookoff, 4 to 7PM
March 19.....District Blood Drive
Bayside Lodge, 3 to 7:30PM
March 20.....Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
March 24.....OES Installation, 2PM
March 27.....Past Master's Night
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
March 31.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 to 10AM
April 2.....Masters, Wardens, & Deacons Meeting
Princess Anne Lodge, 7PM
April 3.....Degree work, as needed
April 10.....Stated Communication
"Bring A Friend Night"
Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

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 4/3/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

From the West...



Greetings Brethren. How nice it is to be back with you all. For the first time in my Masonic life, I am at a loss for words. I cannot begin to explain my feelings toward all of you. The support, prayers, warm wishes, phone calls, and visits were – and continue to be – one of the biggest boosts to my health and mental state. Being a recipient of friendship and brotherly love is an overwhelming experience. I thank all of you, my Masonic Family, for all that you have done.

I would like to thank some very special brethren for what they have done. First, Worshipful Prentice Tuck for allowing my loving wife to take whatever time is necessary to tend to me. To Right Worshipful Tom McGowan and Barbara – every single card you have sent (and there are too many to count) brings a smile to my face and warmth to my heart. To Brother Jonathan Jones for being in the O.R. as my spy and making sure the surgeon didn't leave anything behind and for making sure the ward staff knew they would have to deal with his wrath if I didn't receive top-notch care. And finally, Worshipful Roger Cort – the moment I called and informed him of my situation, he sprang (as well as he can!) into action. He was at Jill's side, supporting and comforting. After surgery he visited regularly and kept me motivated toward recovery. He has been much more than a friend, more than a brother. He has been all of that and more. Worshipful, you have my undying (literally) gratitude and love.

I guess I found the words – some of them anyway. I still have a long treatment schedule ahead of me. Knowing I have the full support of the Lodge goes a long way to inspiring me to fight through whatever obstacles are placed before me. I thank you all for that support and prayers.

Brother Adam Green, SW

From the South...



Hello to all of my good brethren of Kempsville Lodge #196. As is usually the case, Kempsville has been very busy "in the quarries" since our last Stated Communication. We had an excellent and well-attended February Stated/Sweetheart's Night, orchestrated in both a humorous and efficient manner by your Worshipful Master, Roger Cort. It was nice to see the spouses and significant others who patiently and kindly support our commitment to Freemasonry. Additionally, there were several widows in attendance, and the Jobies and DeMolay put on a very entertaining, Valentine's-themed

performance.

In addition to our Stated Communication, this upcoming month will see the initiation of at least two more Entered Apprentices as well as other lodge work. Once again, I want to thank all of the brethren who have graciously pitched in to assist with our degree work this year as it seems as though we have had a slight increase in sickness, family crises, and job demands among our degree team members.

And now for some Masonic history ... Did you know that the American flag was made by a mason's wife, in the home of a mason, and ordered by a mason. Ordered by George Washington, it was made by Betsy Ross, whose husband was a member of St. John's lodge of Philadelphia.

Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

Masonic Birthdays for March

Gregory Earl Baewer '87	Lester R. Lefler '89
Carl Alan Barber '98	Robert D. Leonard Jr. '05
Kenneth Robert Barber '95	Thomas E. Lindner '83
Robert Craig Belda '00	Marion W. Maddox '56
Donald Ray Blair '77	David W. Marcel '73
Bruce Edwin Carper '80	Willie D. Matthews '59
Greggory Alan Clark '02	Robert C. Metz '92
William Edwain Combs '80	Sidney T. Moore '69
Edward W. Cornelius Jr. '93	Gary B. Nye '06
Stanley Lloyd Crews '90	Charlie L. Pallett III '87
Patrick Walne Dunn '05	William H. Pierce '46
Billy George Farris '79	Michael S. Polychroni '85
Alberto C. Gatmaitan '96	Paul R. Ramsdell '57
Earl George Gongloff '89	Donald K. Robinson '93
George Milton Harrell Jr. '70	Frederick W. Rudiger '03
William Harry Holland '57	Raiford Scott '65
Christopher J. Jaeger '58	Michael R. Sheehan '96
William M. Johnson '93	Fredrick A. Steinmiller '01
Thomas W. Lang '05	Syrus Leon VanCampen '64
Robert L. Lankford '72	Linwood R. West '91
	James A. Widener '83

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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