



# *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...**



Well, our Trio has been initiated. We ended up with a lot more Richards than Roberts...the Master was "tongue tied". But all-in-all, it was a great experience. I want to commend all who participated - especially Bob and Dave Foxwell. Well Done Brothers!

We still have a lot going on. Next week we will raise one or two Master Masons. The 25<sup>th</sup> is Past Masters Night raising another Master Mason. Mixed in there is the Family Picnic on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot of activity going on along with the Shriner's having two conventions this month.

At a visit I made this week to Princess Anne 25, I learned that Congress has approved a bill that allows our military out of uniform and veterans to salute our flag as if they were in uniform. Vets, we won!

Don't forget our October stated. We will have the Grand Master visiting our Lodge.

Anyone who has completed any of the Leadership Correspondence Courses, please let me know for the Noah Hilman Award.

Brother Roger Cort, WM

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



Fall is fast approaching. But the work in the Kempsville quarries continues. Your support on the sidelines is great. Your support as being on the degree teams would be better. We have plenty of work for any and all that want to participate. Your participation only makes us stronger. The more people that learn the ritual, the larger the talent pool we have. We have a pretty big pool right now. I would love to see it grow.

Congratulations to the degree team from the Tyson Triple Initiation. What a great night it was. Even

though Worshipful Roger and I couldn't remember when the Tyson clan went from "Mister" to "Brother", I felt honored to be a part of another historical night at Kempsville. Worshipful Carl Thompson made a point of mentioning our two "Foxes" at the Master, Wardens and Deacons meeting the other night. Congratulations and thank you to Brothers Bob and David Foxwell! The two of you performed your duties beautifully. It could not have gone any smoother. Special "Thank You's" to Worshipfuls Carl Thompson and Buddy Pate. Without your guidance and patience, we never could have pulled this wonderful evening off.

What to do, what to do. Family picnic, Grand Master's Visit (on Junior Warden's Night), Initiations, Passings, Raisings, Grand Lodge. DO IT ALL! Join in the festivities. Be a part of YOUR lodge. We have a lot to do in the next 4 months. Try to make time for your Masonic family. That is what we are. Your extended family, your lodge. We can only grow as much as we as members allow. Let's keep growing.

And one more quick note about next year. I just found out that the Grand Master for 2008 will be visiting the 56th District twice next year. His normal open visit will be in August. Most Worshipful-to-be Cohen will be coming to our February Stated Communication as part of his tiled meeting visit. I feel honored that he has selected Kempsville. The only change to my plan is to move our Annual Sweethearts night to March. If you have an Irish Sweetheart, bring her to dinner in March next year. I know this is early, but when planning for a Grand Master visit, the earlier we know the better.

See you in the quarries.  
Fraternally,

Brother Adam Green, SW

## From the South...



Hello my good brethren! Fall is shortly approaching and is very apparent in our slightly cooler weather, especially in the evening.

The officers only have the month of September remaining to wear our summer blue shirts (thanks to Worshipful Roger!) and then its back to coats and ties.

There are a couple of events which I have the pleasure to help coordinate, and they are fast approaching. The first is the lodge family picnic, which is on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4PM. Chef Henri and his coterie have promised that all of us will leave with full stomachs and smiles. Volunteers are still needed for set up, mealtime, and clean up. Please see me to sign up.

Grand Lodge will be held in Richmond from Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> through Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>. I am reserving rooms for those Thursday and Friday nights for all brethren who are interested in attending. Right now, 15 lodge members have committed to attend. The night of our September Stated Communication will be the last day for Grand Lodge sign-ups as I will be mailing in our reservation information the next day.

Over the past month the lodge has remained very active. We initiated five entered apprentices and examined two fellowcrafts in their catechisms. The simultaneous initiation of a father and his two sons was a remarkable evening for the lodge. In fact, I think that it was my most memorable lodge night ever. Worshipful Buddy Pate, with guidance from our District Instructor of Work Carl Thompson, did an excellent job in making that special night work.

We will be raising two Master Masons before this month is over, one of which will occur on Past Masters' Night on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Come out, help out, or both!

Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

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

Our first blood drive for the 2007-2008 Masonic Year will be September 17<sup>th</sup> at Bayside Lodge (3 to 7:30PM). In an effort to increase attendance and improve service, we're using the American Red Cross scheduling web site. Simply visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and use the sponsor code "vbmasons" to choose your time.

If you donate blood or platelets outside of our blood drives, please be sure to let me know.

Brother Steve Sorano, Lodge Blood Coordinator

## Trestle Board

September 11	.....Stated Communication Public Service Night Brother Dale Bimson, Speaker
September 16	.....Family Picnic, 1 – 4PM
September 17	.....Blood Drive Bayside Lodge, 3 – 7:30PM
September 18	.....Master Mason Degree, 7PM
September 22	.....DeMolay Installation, 7PM
September 25	.....Past Masters' Night Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
September 29	.....Lodge Breakfast, 8 – 10AM
October 2	.....Master Mason Degree, 7PM
October 9	.....Stated Communication Junior Warden's Night and Grand Master's Official Visit Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM

## Masonic Birthdays for September

Christopher K. Adkins '99	John R. Lassiter '61
Robert Bruce Baker '00	Shepard W. McClenny '92
Patrick Francis Barnes '95	Jesse L. Monroe '89
Benjamin H. Barnes Jr. '64	Archie R. Nobles '84
Harold Ralph Brenneman '49	Edward H. Perry Jr. '75
Fred Allen Brewer '68	Robert L. Rambin '02
William T. Crooks Jr. '77	William L. Robbins Sr. '65
Ernest John Louis Curcio '04	Theodore T. Sakis, Sr. '75
Richard Alfred Davis III '75	Thomas B. Service '77
William Clyde Earl '80	John P. Tewalt III '92
Robert John Eisenberg '88	Richard W. Walker II '93
Charles Montelle Forbes '86	Mark R. Wegesin '05
James Giles Gordon '76	Christopher C. Widen '96
Larry Register Hale '03	Blair S. Willcox '81
Douglas A. Hutchison '02	Glenn R. Wintemberg '76

## 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
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Blood Coordinator	Steve Sorano	502-5734

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 10/6/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate ([emmett@epate.com](mailto:emmett@epate.com)).