

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...



Here it is, December, and the end of a very impressive time in my life. It has been one of joy and sadness, labor and rest, but most especially, a time filled with the knowledge that it all

went well. There is joy in the fellowship that I have had – not only in our lodge, but in the other lodges I have visited during my term. There is sadness in the loss of our dearly departed brethren and goals that were set and not accomplished.

As I look back, we have had a large number of petitions put in with almost all being accepted by the lodge. We have raised eleven Master Masons and still leave Adam with his hands full for next year. A lot of these new members are young, excited, and ready to be working members of the lodge. They are willing to learn and promote the ideals of Freemasonry – as it should be.

I want to thank one and all who have done whatever was needed to make this a very memorable year for me. Without your support, there would be no lodge to be the Master of. It has been an experience that I will not forget in my lifetime.

Again, thank you all and God Bless.

Fraternally, Brother Roger Cort, WM

From the West...



Happy Holidays to you ,my brethren, and to your families. May this holiday season bring you joy and happiness and the new year bring you continued happiness and success.

What a year this has been. Exciting and scary (at times). I can not begin to thank all of you enough for the mentorship and support I have received throughout the year. My Masonic education was

greatly accelerated and I hope I have learned enough to successfully lead this lodge in the new year. Many of you have voiced your support and loyalty and I appreciate it greatly. I can only hope to live up to your expectations. With your continued support, I am sure that I can.

To Worshipful Roger. I congratulate you on an outstanding year. Your compassion and leadership were an inspiration to me and the Brethren. You overcame personal difficulties and continued to lead this lodge in an exemplary manner. I can only hope to meet the high standards you have set.

I recently met with the incoming officers for next year. Their enthusiasm was overwhelming. They are ready to do what is necessary to carry this lodge. Their input was outstanding and their understanding of what we want to accompish is comforting. I expect great things this year, and your new officers are committed to that end. My theme for the coming year is FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FRATERNITY. It is these three ideals that I have always found here at Kempsville. Even before I became a brother. I hope that we all continue to bring these ideals to the forefront.

We have a busy beginning to the year, as you will see by the Trestle Board. Please try to make it a point to attend as many Communications as you can, be they Stated or Called. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can.

Again, happy holidays to you and yours. May the new year bring us all peace, prosperity and continued FRIENDSHIP FELLOWSHIP AND FRATERNTIY.

Fraternally, Brother Adam Green, SW

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From the South...



As we shift from Fall into Winter, we are reminded that it is that time of year to reflect upon the good things that have come to pass as well as those changes to which we look

forward.

From the perspective of degree work, I am pleased to report that it was once again an excellent year for Kempsville Lodge. We had a large number of individuals elected to receive the degrees in Freemasonry and numerous brethren who were raised to the sublime degree of master mason. I congratulate those who advanced in their degree work with the assistance of excellent coaches. In my role as Junior Warden, one of my responsibilities was to assemble degree teams for lodge work nights. This past year we had almost 50 different brethren participate on degree teams. Many of you were gracious and considerate enough to jump in at the last minute (literally) so that the ritual work could be completed.

There are many people to thank for allowing me to have such a successful year as Junior Warden. Brother (and soon to be Worshipful Master) Adam Green, was instrumental in guiding me with respect to coordinating degree teams, organizing both the Family Picnic and Grand Lodge, and helping me to prepare for Junior Warden's Night/Grand Master's Official Visit. Worshipful Buddy Pate (our Lodge Instructor of Work) and Right Worshipful Tom McGowan were both essential mentors with regard to my preparation for learning both the Entered Apprentice's lecture and the King Solomon role in the Master Mason's degree. Lastly, none of this would have been possible had it not been for Worshipful Roger Cort, who was both a supportive and patient leader throughout the year.

During the 2008 Masonic year, I look forward to serving the lodge as Senior Warden. As you know, my primary duties will be to assist brother Adam in opening and closing the lodge and to promote harmony among the brethren (seems like the right position for a psychologist!).

In closing, here is an interesting tidbit of Masonic trivia: The cornerstone of the Statue of Liberty was laid by officers of the Grand Lodge of New York, August 5, 1885.

Fraternallly, Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

Trestle Board

December 11	Annual Stated Communication
December 15	Open Installation, 2PM
	Past Masters' Breakfast, 8AM
January 1	Dark – Happy New Year!
January 8	Stated Communication
	DDGM Official Visit
	Right Worshipful Chad White
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
	Dark, Visit Willis V. Fentress
January 22	Degree Work As Needed
January 26	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
January 29	Degree Work As Needed
February 5	DDGM Official Visit
	Willis V. Fentress
February 12	. Grand Master's Official Tiled Visit
	Kempsville Lodge
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
February 14	DDGM Official Visit
	Lynnhaven Lodge

Douglas Harold Brown Sr. '62 Jessie R. Ritchie '92 Dennis Lee Creef '61 William Elmer Dennis '61 Lincoln Figuereo '01 Ejnar O. Jorgensen '53 Rubin Kravitz '60 Michael Lombardo '48 Timothy M. Maguire '01 William A. McPherson Jr. '62

Roger J. Rowe Jr. '92 Philip M. Schoepflin '96 Robert M Shelburne '61 Norman L. Shepard '78 James R. Smith '94 Bob S. Turner '62 Alfred L. Vanhorne '54 David H. Weast '87

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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Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 1/2/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

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