



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...



Spring is working it's way to us. Tulips, daffodils, and day-lillies are starting to emerge. Temperatures are trying to get warmer, and the rains are starting to fall in earnest. It is this hope of renewal that keeps us all going.

I am sorry to start this on a sad note, but Masonry has lost a true brother. Worshipful Carl Thompson, our District Instructor of Work has lost his battle with cancer. Carl was a true friend and brother and a teacher that cannot be easily replaced. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family. Carl, you will be sadly missed.

My health battles continue but there may be a light at the end of the tunnel. My surgeon and I have discussed our options and we have come up with a plan that will allow me to sit in the East more comfortably. I will be going in for a procedure on the 18th and be laid up for a couple of weeks. But when I return I should be back to myself and better suited to lead this lodge through the remainder of the year. Thank you for continued support and prayers. They are truly appreciated.

I would like to thank all of the Brethren that attended last night's meeting. I am sure we accomplished what needed to be done. It may have gotten a bit contentious, but we did come to an understanding. Not all are happy I am sure, but I know we did our best.

Finally, Brethren, remember what Masonry is all about. Keep your actions on the square and remain faithful to the fraternity and to your brethren.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, WM

From the West...



Greetings my good brethren of Kempsville Lodge. By the time you have read this edition of The Rough Ashlar you may have been lucky enough to have had either a nice February Valentine's with your special someone or had one this evening with your "Irish Sweetheart."

Last month's Stated Communication was both well attended and well received, as our Grand Master, Edmund Cohen, openly and gracefully tackled a number of challenging questions from the brethren. This "Town Hall" forum fits nicely with the Grand Master's overarching initiative of improving communication with the brethren as well as increasing involvement.

Congratulations is in order for our Junior Warden, Brother Bill Rawson, who has been stellar in his efforts to put together degree teams for our ritual work. The degree teams have been particularly sharp in the past couple of outings.

I would like to send warm greetings and well wishes to all of our ailing brethren, most particularly our Worshipful Master, Adam Green. As many of you might know, Adam has had some problems with intestinal infection after the reversal of his colostomy. The preliminary news, however, is quite favorable in that there is no evidence of any kind of return of colon cancer. Get well soon Adam!

By this Stated Communication, Brother Sam Welty of Ocean View Lodge #335, should have a proposal detailing his ideas and costs for the creation of our very own canvas for the Fellowcrafts Lecture. He promises me that he has something very special in store for Kempsville #196.

Brethren, please remember that the proceeds from this month's lodge breakfast will be donated to a

very good cause - Autism Awareness Month and the Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater!

Fraternally,
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

From the South...



Well Brethren February turned out to be another exciting month in our Lodge, passings, raisings, the Grand Master's visit, Lodge breakfast, you can't ask for more then that now, can you? And March holds more of the same. Please do not forget that the March Stated will hold the election of the District Deputy Grand Master from our Lodge. Be sure to be there and vote on this very special occasion, remember..."if you don't vote you can't complain."

Recently I had the opportunity to visit Colonial Williamsburg with my wife and one of my grandsons for a weekend trip, during which we stopped at Presidents Park, a walk-through museum of sorts featuring fifteen foot high busts of the the Presidents of the United States from Worshipful George Washington to George W. Bush. Each stop along the trail had a plaque with personal information about that particular President and events during his tenure. Duly noted were their dates of birth, dates of death, religion, party affiliation, salary, wife's name, and many other tidbits of information, but nowhere did it identify any as Masons. Fortunately I was able to point many of them out to my wife and grandson (rather proudly I might add) and upon returning to the interior portion of the museum inquired of the on-duty clerk why this important information was not included. After calling over another more experienced clerk, the two babbled for awhile and not being able to come up with a suitable answer I decided to write to the curator of the museum for their official position on this matter. As yet there has been no response but rest assured Brethren I will keep you posted on their reply. Thousands of tourists from all over the world pass through this attraction every year and should be apprised of the fact that many of our countries leaders were Brothers in the fraternity.

Always clear in the South,
Brother Bill Rawson, JW

Trestle Board

March 11 Stated Communication
Nominate DDGM for 2009
March 14 OES Installation, 7:30PM
March 17 Blood Drive
Kempsville Lodge, 3 to 7:30PM
March 18 Work in EA Degree
March 25 Past Masters' Night
March 29 **Lodge Breakfast**
Autism Awareness Fund Raiser
April 2 Degree work as needed
April 9 Stated Communication

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	David W. Marcel '73
Donald Ray Blair '77	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	Linwood R. West '91
Robert L. Lankford '72	James A. Widener '83

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Adam M. Green	615-1659
Senior Warden	Ronald S. Jacobson	343-3460
Junior Warden	William H. Rawson	467-5913
Treasurer	Wor. Bill Nelligar	456-0034
Secretary	Wor. Bill Nolan	467-2252
Senior Deacon	Robert S. Worthington	464-2398
Junior Deacon	David Borntrager	404-7236
Chaplain	Bill T. Peterson	237-5249
Senior Steward	Michael D. Johnstone	334-3013
Junior Steward	Stewart W. Swygert	589-5660
Marshal	Joe T. Salt	481-0652
Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris J. Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. "Buddy" Pate	404-8594
Education Officer	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
Blood Coordinator	John Preddy	439-3225

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 4/1/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).