



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...



It is hard to believe the year is already half over. I am amazed at how the time as flown by. But what a great ride it has been. We continue to roll with degree work. Brother Bill Rawson continues to put together crack degree teams. Keep up the great work, Brother Junior Warden. Our Senior Warden continues his growth in the lodge. His floor work is outstanding, his sense of timing is impeccable, and his support of me is overwhelming. Keep rolling, Brother Ron.

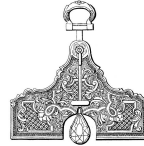
I know that Right Worshipful Tom McGowan and Worshipful Don Meyer and their crews busted their collective buns to make the Bull Roast a huge success. We were able to fully support our scholarships. And as you all know, I have decided the remainder of the profits will go "down the sewer". I want to thank all of you for the support you have shown your lodge so far this year. The letter I sent out has generated \$11,000 as of last Tuesday. I strongly believe that sooner rather than later we will be able to accept a reasonable bid and get the work started.

I will be announcing this at our June Stated, but for those of you who receive this notice via e-mail and are unable to attend, I want to get the word out. Our beloved Past Grand Master, Spencer Macmath Rogers will be receiving his 60 year Masonic Veteran's Pin at his mother lodge on the Eastern Shore. This will take place on July 15th. I am planning a road trip for anyone that is interested in attending. If you would like to attend, let me know by our July stated so we can notify the Secretary as to how many will be attending.

In closing, brethren, I want to remind you of our Closing Charge. **Whisper** good counsel and **Aid** a reformation are important aspects of who we are. Too often we forget the whisper part and correct a brother who has made an error, be it on the floor or in his department during fellowship. This can be embarrassing and hurtful to the brethren, especially some of our less experienced members. Finally, be of one mind. Live in peace. And continue to spread the cement of brotherly love that makes us the greatest fraternity on earth.

Fraternally,
Brother Adam Green, WM

From the West...



Hello friends, family, and brethren of Kempsville Lodge #196. I am pleased to be writing you on the evening following yet another successful Bull Roast. Right Worshipful Tom McGowan, Worshipful Don Meyer, and the rest of "the crew" did an excellent job of putting together the lodge's biggest fund raiser. Yesterday, I had the privilege to present, along with Brother George Fausel, one of the two scholarship checks (from Bull Roast proceeds) to a most deserving student from the Va. Beach VoTech. This student, Christina McGinn, has as her focus Early Childhood Education and will be pursuing her college education at Longwood University this Fall.

When you receive this Rough Ashlar, it will be Senior Warden's Night. I can assure you that it will prove to be a busy night for the lodge with a compelling speech from our honored guest lecturer and DEO, Worshipful Richard Carlson. Additionally, we will also have had the initial preview of our new Fellowcraft's Lecture canvas, as designed by Brother Sam Welty of Ocean View Lodge #335. Sam has worked hard on the canvas and is excited about how it has turned out.

Last weekend I was pleased to be able to attend and support the District 56 Chili Cook-Off fund raiser over at Lynnhaven Lodge. There were several tasty pots of Chili made many of your brethren and Worshipful Denny Harrison can attest that they were all good and a few even cleared the sinuses.

Fraternally,
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

From the South...



I am writing this after recently returning from a very pleasurable experience which I would like to share with you. Brother George Fausel and myself met at the Va Beach Vocational Center and presented one of two checks from our scholarship fund to a young man named Loreedan Reyes. An excerpt from the letter his welding instructor wrote, recommending him for this honor, states that his dedication to his studies is matched by his dedication to his country for upon graduation he will be headed to the Army National Guard. It further states that at his home

school this young man lettered in wrestling as well as in tennis. As I stated to the audience present at the award ceremony, this is exactly the type of individual this scholarship was meant for. Someone who can make a positive influence on our community, and on society for that matter.

Needles to say I was quite proud to represent Kempsville Lodge and both young Mr. Reyes and all the officials at the ceremony could not thank us enough for our charitable contribution. While I know we have quite an expense facing us with the sewer project, I think continuing this particular scholarship is certainly a worthwhile endeavor as well.

It appears that pending a favorable ballot the lull in the Lodge will be over and we will be busy in the quarries once again. Now is the time Brethren to step forward and join in the ritual. Under the tutelage if Worshipful Buddy you will be surprised at how much you can learn and how much fun you'll have learning it. So I encourage you to come on out and learn a new part or knock off some of the rust and join in the ritual with your Brethren.

"You don't have to knock over the hive to get the honey."
Rev. Brother Norman Vincent Peale

Always clear in the South,
Brother Bill Rawson, JW

Youth Corner...

Your Job's Daughter Bethel has been very busy and growing every month. On the 1st of June we initiated three new members bringing the number of active members to 28 and making Bethel 42 the largest Bethel in the state. This is only possible through the strong support we enjoy from this Lodge. We celebrated the 50th anniversary of Bethel 42 on May 23rd with a reception at the lodge. Approximately 50 people came to commemorate this historic occasion. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your continued support. Please take the time to attend the installation of officers on the 21st of June at 6 pm. Samantha Boyd will be installed as Honored Queen. The Daughters are also raising money through a coin drive for the sewer fund.

Kempsville DeMolay Chapter continues to excel at all levels. At this time our Chapter is number 2 in the **World** for new membership with 42 active members! Our current Master Councilor Sean Walsh will represent the Eastern Region in the state Flower Talk competition and three of our members will participate on the state degree team. Additionally, two of our members, Ian Gibson and Sean Warren, have been presented the Congressional Bronze and Silver Medals for community service. They were presented by Thelma Drake in a ceremony on May 28th.

Justin Grey

Trestle Board

June 10 Senior Warden's Night
Worshipful Dick Carlson, DEO, Speaker
June 14 District Education and
Leadership Conference
Granby Street Temple, 7:30AM
June 17 Degree Work As Needed, 7PM
June 24 Degree Work As Needed, 7PM
June 28 Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
July 1 Degree Work As Needed, 7PM
July 8 Stated Communication
July 26Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM

Masonic Birthdays for June

James Orval Amburn Jr. '65	Robert Lee Gunter '73
Sidney Charles Atkinson '82	Michael LeRoy Harris '92
Nicholas Azaransky '00	Daniel Goodman Higger '96
Carl Nixon Barber '71	Lloyd Fletcher Holbrook III '98
Gerald Bernard Barham '62	Jonathan W. Jones '05
Theodore W. Barton Jr. '66	Lee Kelberg '59
Winfred Allan Beamon '69	Paul J. LaFond '00
Roy Lee Berkley '66	Kenneth Lancaster '84
Colin Kelly Blair '77	Robert D. Lockwood '73
John Rayos Caole '03	Thomas Nmn McGowan '66
James Cobell III '93	Richard W. Mears Jr. '62
Arthur Richmond Cole Jr. '72	Owen P. Mills '67
John Erick Corbett '69	Darryl R. Moyers '82
Frank Leroy Creasy '73	Harold D. Nix '61
Robert Arthur Davis '82	Carl W. Nolan '80
Richard Alfred Davis Jr. '63	Emmett M. Pate Jr. '00
Wayne Thomas Dunn '80	Fletcher B. Porter Jr. '91
William S. Erekson '50	Norman P. Powers Jr. '95
Roger Newton Farr '74	Clifton E. Smith '89
Frederick Charles Farrer '94	Bobby G. Spruill '81
John Thomas Farrer '94	Michael R. Strohmeier '00
Ira Lawson Fisk '55	Raymond E. Talley '62
William Roy Fitzgerald '88	Robert B. Wadsworth '99
Adam Trevor Ford '06	Jason W. White '04
Floyd Morris Gilbert '56	Michael J. Willis '73

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 7/1/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).