



# 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...



What a glorious time to be a Mason and a member of Kempsville. The recent Annual Communication was a great opportunity to meet some of our brethren from other parts of Virginia. A ballroom full of Masons was inspirational and enjoyable.

It was wonderful to see our out going Grand Master, Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen, receive many gifts and praises from around the state and the country. His wife, Gwen, was beaming every time I saw her, be it in the Grand East or walking the halls of the hotel. As the Master of Kempsville, I was pleased to pass on our prayers and wishes for a peaceful transition to Past Grand Master. Also enjoyable was sitting behind our new District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Buddy Pate, as he was installed. I look forward to his coming year. He has some wonderful ideas to bring to the district, and I am sure he will make good things happen.

As my year draws closer to its end, I have begun to truly reflect on what we have accomplished. I feel that Kempsville has continued to grow and thrive as one of the busiest lodges in the state. It is because of you, my brethren, we have maintained a high standard of excellence in our ritual and our growth in numbers. I will save the rest of my thoughts for the annual stated. However, I do have a great since of pride at having you all allow me to serve you as your Worshipful Master. I only hope that you feel the same kind of pride when you talk to others about your membership in our lodge.

In closing, I would like to thank Brothers Bill Rawson and Michael Johnstone for their efforts in making our hospitality room in Richmond a warm, inviting and friendly place where brothers and visitors alike could come and have fellowship together. It was a wonderful place to spend time together and it is because of their efforts that it was. Have a great holiday season and make sure you stay safe if you travel. I want everyone available to attend our Annual Stated in December.

Fraternally,  
Brother Adam Green, WM

## From the West...



Hello friends and brethren. I am writing you from my hotel room at Grand Lodge up here in Richmond. It's early Friday evening and, so far, it has been a GREAT experience. There has been lots of camaraderie, celebrating of this past Masonic year, and excitement about Masonic Year 2009.

I was pleased that, during the Grand Annual Communication this morning, a Past Grand Master from the state of New York said "We need to lead from the heart." He then referenced the question "Where Were You First Prepared to Be Made a Mason?" I was excited about this given that "being first prepared in one's heart" will be my central theme for my time in the East for Masonic Year 2009.

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend my "Planning for Masonic Year 2009" meeting on Saturday, October 25th. The turn out and response to the meeting were both terrific. I felt that we were able to openly share our hopes and concerns and move forward with a strategic plan and positive outlook. Many brethren stepped up at that meeting to offer their ideas and support. A special thanks goes out to Worshipful Adam for authorizing this meeting "on his watch" and being there to be part of the solution.

Brethren, one of my biggest concerns entering Masonic Year 2009 is that we do not have a single person committed for either Junior Steward or Senior Steward. Over the past 6 months, I have had six brethren agree to fill these positions only to later back out for various reasons. That being said, we do have several brethren who have agreed to participate on a Stewards Committee and at least four other brethren have agreed to help prepare the meals. Unless someone steps up, we may have to move forward without stewards. I'm open to any suggestions. One idea is to have a group of brothers commit to just coordinating ONE meal (either a Stated or a Breakfast) to include the prep, cooking, and clean-up.

Otherwise, we are in stellar shape heading into 2009.

Optimistically,  
Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

## From the South...



I am sitting down to jot down a few of my thoughts having just returned from the Grand Lodge of Virginia's Grand Annual Communication. This is the first time I have attended this event and believe me, it is truly something to behold. I had the feeling during the proceedings that I had some sort of personal connection to both the outgoing, and incoming Grand Masters. I guess in a way I do, being all Brothers of the Craft, but upon reflecting on this singular circumstance I think its more a case of their ability to make me feel comfortable in their presence. These men are so eloquent and personable that while speaking to an audience of in excess of one thousand they are able to make you feel as though they are directing the conversation to you, and you alone.

I had the pleasure of attending a committee meeting which reminded me of watching C-Span on T.V. Folks addressed a panel on a designated topic and gave there opinion, hoping to effect the outcome of the vote held the next day. Sounds simple enough, but I sure am glad I had Tom and Buddy nearby to explain what was going on.

Last but certainly not least was the installation of the District Deputy Grand Masters. And I don't mind telling you I had a feeling of pride when they announced the 2009 DDGM from the 56<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, Emmett Moseley Pate Jr. Right Worshipful Buddy, I want to congratulate you on your new position and I know you will bring the DDGM's position to yet another level. I look forward to the coming year and know you will do a super job in you new role.

Well Brothers, it is my recommendation to anyone who has never been, or has not been in awhile to make plans early to attend next year. It's a trip worth taking.

Always clear in the South,  
Brother Bill Rawson, JW

## Trestle Board

November 11 .....	Stated Communication Honor the Veterans
November 17 .....	District Blood Drive Lynnhaven Lodge, 3-7:30PM
November 18 .....	Examine and Pass Brother Robert Johns
November 24 .....	Examine Brother Robert Oliver
November 25 .....	Raise Brother Oliver Foxwell Degree Team
November 27 .....	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
December 2 .....	Willis V. Fentress Annual Stated
December 3 .....	Princess Anne Annual Stated
December 4 .....	Bayside Annual Stated
<b>December 9 .....</b>	<b>Kempsville Annual Stated</b>
December 10 .....	Virginia Beach Annual Stated
December 11 .....	Lynnhaven Annual Stated
December 13 .....	Kempsville Installation of Officers, 2PM

## Masonic Birthdays for November

Warren Louis Aleck '66	Burton H. Jones '64
Charles Edward Austin '93	Montague Jones Jr. '64
Selby Ray Ballance '73	Gary K. Krause '05
Albert Lee Bonney Jr. '63	William J. Krell '91
George Edison Braswell '59	E. Louis Lane Jr. '72
Joe Emerson Brown '64	Jerry W. Ledbetter '83
Gordon Curtis Burton '71	John L. Long '01
Dario Joseph Canclini '75	Charles J. Lund '86
Herbert Linwood Carter '66	Donald L. McBride '54
William Keith Cole '89	Iras W. Midgett Sr. '64
Roger Cort '65	Charles C. Mills Jr. '79
Harry Lee Cummings '71	Dorman K. Miner '79
Richard Donald Diffie '82	Gerald E. Monahan '55
Lewis Alton Dodson '77	James G. Moore '59
David Michael Dutcher '86	Eric M. Nachman '91
Michael Ceroy Elliott '65	Robert M. Ohman '65
Curtis Raeford Eure '59	Edward F. Parton '05
Clarence Gwaltney Felts '69	Paul W. Pennybacker '68
Michael Patrick Fitzgerald '92	James S. Perry '79
Rolfe Martin Fleming '72	William H Rawson '04
Franklin Mason Gamage '59	William L. Rice '83
Steven Morris Gilbert '83	Steve Allen Ridgeway '77
Justin Lee Glasgow '78	Raymond R. Rowley '62
Cecil Anthony Goodwin '71	Theodore R Saleeby '47
Elwood Marvin Grant '54	Joseph S. Salih '63
Curtis McKee Graves Sr. '79	Henry Sargent '69
Arthur Joseph Guarino Jr. '92	Jeffery L. Scott '91
Raymond Elnor Hall Jr. '76	Jerry Silla '99
James Thomas Hare Jr. '73	Cecil C. Smithson '98
William Thomas Haste '61	William J. Swanner III '74
Donald Orr Hawkins Jr. '97	Charlie B. Taylor Jr. '81
Russell Lee Houston '85	Robert R. Teller '88
Donald Eugene Howard '87	Prentice G. Tuck Jr. '98
Willie Lenwood Hudson Jr. '61	Ralph W. Ward '76
Ronald S. Jacobson '03	Ronald H. Whitehead '67
Philip R. Jennings '94	Henry A. Young '58
Michael D. Johnstone '05	

## 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
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 12/1/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).