

# 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 wonderful time of the year. Annual Stateds, installations galore, and fellowship occurring at every turn. I strongly recommend that as many of you as possible get out and enjoy this time of year with your Masonic brethren

throughout the area. It is a reminder during this dismal economic time that there is still good in the world. If you can't get out and visit, take the time to reflect on what Masonry has meant to you through this year and those past. It is a glorious fraternity we are a part of. Celebrate it with your brethren.

As my year draws to a close, I continue, as I have throughout the year, to reflect on the many blessings I have been a part of as I sat in the East. Without you, my brethren, I could not have a smile on my face during my reflection. Jill has asked me several time recently why I have a silly grin on my face. It is not because of the holiday season we are in the midst of. (While that alone is a good reason). It is because I have been blessed with the trust of you to lead this lodge through 2008. It has been an experience I will never forget. I will take to the grave the feelings of joy, pride, and accomplishment I have felt throughout the year. Even in the darkest times, I knew I had the support and respect of my brethren, both at Kempsville and throughout the 56th District. It is because of that support I was able to get through some very trying times. My choice to join Kempsville Lodge is the smartest choice I have made since marrying my wife.

To all of you and your families; have a safe, joyous and wonderful holiday season. I wish the best to our incoming Master, Ron, and his wife Laura and son Garret. You are all in mine and my family's prayers.

Fraternally, Brother Adam Green, WM

#### From the West...



Salutations my good brethren. It is just a couple of days after Thanksgiving, and other than family and football (my Virginia Cavaliers lost a great defensive battle to in-state rival Va. Tech), my mind has been

steadily on Kempsville Lodge. Following an entertaining and educational Grand Lodge, we finished the year in

strong fashion with a couple of raisings (with at least one Foxwell night!) and one excellent demonstration of proficiency in the Master Mason's catechism.

As many of you know, Brother Sam Welty of Ocean View Lodge #335 completed our Fellowcraft's Lecture canvas and unveiled it at the November Stated Communication. For those of you who have seen it in person, you can vouch that it is truly a work of art and something of which to be proud. Worshipful Bill Nelligar did a stand up job of providing the first lecture using the canvas during the passing of one of our fellowcrafts on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

In closing, I wish to congratulate Worshipful Adam Green on an outstanding year in the East. Adam, you accomplished many things and really helped in assisting me to get ready for Masonic Year 2009. Also, thanks to the rest of the officers and brethren for a job well done.

I invite all of you to attend the Open Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM A catered reception will follow.

Fraternally, Brother Ron Jacobson, SW

#### From the South...



As this is the last time I will be addressing you as Junior Warden, I would like to first of all "Thank You" for granting me the honor of serving the Lodge in this capacity. It has truly been a good and rewarding experience for me, and

although I wish I could have spent more time in the Lodge, I always tried to maximize the time and effort I could apply. Secondly, the past year was not only fun but a great learning experience. I was able to work on not only the ritual but also the inner workings of the Lodge which I had heretofore taken for granted. Primary examples being the Family Picnic, and the Grand Lodge. I never realized the behind the scenes work need to make these events seem as though they just happened by themselves.

I eagerly look forward to the coming Masonic year with Ron Jacobson in the East. I know he has a great year planned and I'm sure he'll do a fine job, as he has done in the previous positions he's held for us.

Brothers, on behalf of the incoming Junior Warden let

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me ask each and everyone of you to consider your own involvement in the Lodge. As we initiate, pass, and raise as many as we are blessed to have, the manpower needed for the dinners, breakfasts, and ritual seems to take its toll on those who participate regularly. If you can lend a hand, cook, clean, swab, or learn a position please contact your JW. I know he'll appreciate the offer.

Always clear in the South, Brother Bill Rawson, JW

#### **Trestle Board**

<b>December 9</b>	Kempsville Annual Stated
	. Virginia Beach Annual Stated
December 11	Lynnhaven Annual Stated
December 12	Job's Daughters
	Installation, 6:30PM
December 13	Kempsville Installation
	of Officers, 2PM
December 13	Lynnhaven Installation
	of Officers, 6PM
January 14	Stated Communication
	Official Visit of DDGM, 6PM
January 17 Of	ficial Visit of the Grand Master
	Khedive Shrine Center, 6PM
January 19	District Blood Drive
	Lynnhaven Lodge, 3-7:30PM

## **Masonic Birthdays for December**

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

#### **Youth Corner**

Brethren, both youth groups would like to sincerely thank the members of the Lodge for the support over the last year. It has truly been a great year for both the Jobies and the DeMolay with both significantly increasing their membership.

From the Bethel, Honored Queen Elect Amanda Roenker would like to extend her invitation to the installation of Officers and Bethel Choir on December 12th at 6:30 pm.

The DeMolay will be hosting their annual Honest Abe Spaghetti Dinner on Valentine's Day. It would be a great opportunity to bring your sweetheart out to meet the boys and enjoy a great meal.

Happy Holidays.

Brother Justin Gray, Youth Advisor

# **Roof Update**

Brethren, by the annual stated meeting the roof should be complete with a 30 year warranty. The total cost is \$9600, which includes the fascia separating the mansard roof and the "A" roof. The wood fascia will also be covered with vinyl. This includes the removal of the old roof and all permits. The roof replacement by itself is \$8800 or \$220 per square. If you would like to contribute to the roof replacement, please consider purchasing a square of shingles or a bundle of shingles for \$55. If you are unable to purchase a square or bundle, please consider a donation of any size.

Thank you for the continued support of your lodge.

Fraternally, Right Worshipful Bill Knowles

### From the Secretary

I have enjoyed my very brief time as your Lodge Secretary. I found out right away that Right Worshipful Bill Pierce left a very large pair of shoes to try to fill. Worshipful Brother Bob Stanek will pick up the job as of December 13th. I wish him all good luck. He is much more organized than I and will, I'm sure, do an outstanding job. If you will give him the same wonderful support you gave me, there is no way he can falter.

God Bless Kempsville Lodge.

Worshipful Bill Nolan

## Ashlar Coming Monthly!

In an effort to better communicate with all our Brethren, we're going to begin sending out the Ashlar every month. This will eliminate the need for the Rough Ashlar as well as the weekly newspaper notices. You can, however, continue to receive our email edition by sending your address to emmett@epate.com.

Right Worshipful Emmett "Buddy" Pate

## **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
<b>Education Officer</b>	RW Tom McGowan	497-3881
<b>Blood Coordinator</b>	John Preddy	439-3225
Youth Advisor	Justin Gray	338-7218

Articles for the next next Ashlar should be submitted by 12/20/2008 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

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