



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...



Are we having fun yet? You bet! We got to visit with the Grand Master twice, and the Bull Roast was a huge success. In our spare time we presented two \$750 scholarships at the VoTech. We raised two Master Masons, passed two Fellowcrafts on Saturday morning, and have one more to raise prior to Navy Night. We also have 5 more to initiate.

June 24th is Saint John's Day. I encourage you to join us at St. John's United Methodist Church in Norfolk. Right Worshipful E. Clifton Whitlock, our Grand Chaplain, is also the pastor. The Grand Master, along with approximately 300 brethren from throughout Tidewater will be attending. The church is located 1 block off East Little Creek Road and 1 block from Azalea Garden Road across from the Library. The service is at 11AM. Norview Lodge will be providing lunch after the service.

I have been in touch with the city about our sewer line project. As of right now, we have a verbal "OK" to do it but I don't have the cost of the fees and permits yet. When we get that, we can go out for bids.

Don't forget our Hawaiian Shirt Night at our July Stated. We will open at 6PM and eat at 7PM. Chef Henrée is planning a roasted pig and other goodies. Again, this is a wives, girlfriends, and widows event so ladies, get out your grass skirts!

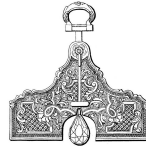
In case you haven't heard, the summer dress code is sports shirts and slacks for lodge (no shorts, cut-offs, tanks, flip-flops, etc.) - look casual but nice.

I want to congratulate the members who stepped up to the plate and donated blood at the last drive. Nineteen donations were made by members or their friends and family. A total of 41 units were collected. Well done, brethren.

Have a safe and joyful summer.

Brother Roger Cort, WM

From the West...



Welcome to Senior Warden's Night 2007. As I am writing this the day before the Bull Roast, I can only say I HOPE it is as successful as years past. I am sure that it was. I also had the privilege to present our scholarship winners from VoTech with their checks. Congratulations to Jon DeArmond, an Outdoor Power Equipment student who has been accepted to ODU, and Ashley Matthew, a Public Safety Student who will be attending Longwood University. These fine young people are very deserving of our support and they were both very grateful for their rewards. I explained to them that while our motto for this year is "Charity Toward All Mankind", our presentation is not charity, but rather an earned reward for their hard work. I hope that they and their families attended the Bull Roast.

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Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Roger Cort	467-5349
Senior Warden	Adam M. Green	615-1659
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Musician	Robert S. Foxwell	490-2797
Tiler	Wor. Chris Jaeger	893-9253
Instructor of Work	Wor. "Buddy" Pate	404-8594
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Blood Coordinator	Steve Sorano	502-5734

Articles for the next next Rough Ashlar should be submitted by 7/3/2007 to Brother Buddy Pate (emmett@epate.com).

The summer is heating up and we have plenty of work to do to keep the lodge membership growing. We have several candidates in the pipeline and more to come. Do your part and help out with coaching, degree teams or both. The lodge can only grow with everyone's full support.

Our 4th Annual Navy Night will be on June 26th and I am putting together the degree team. We will be initiating a Navy Chief Petty Officer and the chairs will be filled with Navy Chiefs. This will truly be a Masonic Chiefs initiation. If you can fit in to your uniform, please wear it that night and support this very special evening. If you can't, come out and support us anyway. I know that Brother Joe Salt and Right Worshipful Brother John Bartleson (from Fentress) will be there. I hope that you will be as well.

Brother Adam Green, SW

From the South...



Greetings my good brethren. I am writing you here on the first Sunday in the month of June, 2007. This is the beginning of a very important week for both our lodge and the 56th

Masonic District. This Tuesday several of us will dine with the brethren of Fentress Lodge as they welcome Most Worshipful G. Bernard Dungan, Jr., current Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. This meeting will prepare us well for the Grand Master's official visit to the District on June 8th. The week will end when we have our most important lodge fundraiser, The Bull Roast, on June 9th. I am looking forward to both the fellowship and community service contributions.

May 2007 proved to be another active degree work month for Kempsville Lodge. We initiated four Entered Apprentices and raised two Master Masons. Additionally, during our May Stated Communication, aka "Ladies Night," we were fortunate enough to be the beneficiaries of the acclaimed Kempsville Demolay "Flower Talk." June will be "busy in the quarries," with the initiation of at least one EA, passing of two FCs, and raising of one MM. And, don't forget Senior Warden's Night on the 12th and Navy Night on the 26th!

Now to close with some Masonic history. The "Star Spangled Banner" music was written by John Stafford Smith, a member of Royal Somerset House & Inverness Lodge No. 4, London. It was used by an Irish Masonic orphans' home for its home song long before Francis Scott Key set the words of our national anthem to it.

Brother Ron Jacobson, JW

56th Masonic District Blood Drive

The last blood drive for this Masonic year is July 16th, 3:00 to 7:30PM right here at Kempsville (sponsored by Willis V. Fentress). In an effort to increase attendance and improve service, we're using the Red Cross web site for scheduling. Simply visit "www.givelife.org" and use the sponsor code "vbmasons".

Brother Steve Sorano, Lodge Blood Coordinator

Trestle Board

June 12.....	Stated Communication Senior Warden's Night Worshipful Dick Carlson, DEO
June 18 (Monday).....	Fellowcraft Examination, 7PM
June 19.....	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
June 23 (Saturday).....	Lodge Breakfast, 8-10AM
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June 24 (Sunday).....	St John's Church, 11AM
June 26.....	4 th Annual Navy Night Refreshments 6PM, Lodge 7PM
July 2 (Monday).....	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
July 3.....	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
July 10.....	Stated Communication Hawaiian Shirt Night Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM
July 17.....	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
July 24.....	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM

Masonic Birthdays for June

James Orval Amburn Jr. '65	Michael LeRoy Harris '92
Sidney Charles Atkinson '82	Daniel Goodman Higger '96
Nicholas Azaransky '00	Lloyd Fletcher Holbrook III '98
Carl Nixon Barber '71	Jonathan W. Jones '05
Gerald Bernard Barham '62	Lee Kelberg '59
Theodore W. Barton Jr. '66	Paul J. LaFond '00
Winfred Allan Beamon '69	Kenneth Lancaster '84
Roy Lee Berkley '66	Robert D. Lockwood '73
Colin Kelly Blair '77	John W. Mapes '97
John Rayos Caole '3	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	James F. Nobles '70
Richard Alfred Davis Jr. '63	Carl W. Nolan '80
Wayne Thomas Dunn '80	Emmett M. Pate Jr. '00
William S. Ereksion '50	Fletcher B. Porter Jr. '91
Roger Newton Farr '74	Norman P. Powers Jr. '95
Frederick Charles Farrer '94	Clifton E. Smith '89
John Thomas Farrer '94	Bobby G. Spruill '81
Ira Lawson Fisk '55	Michael R. Strohmeier '00
William Roy Fitzgerald '88	Raymond E. Talley '62
Adam Trevor Ford '06	Robert B. Wadsworth '99
Floyd Morris Gilbert '56	Jason W. White '04
Robert Lee Gunter '73	Michael J. Willis '73