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From The East



As I was thinking about what to write in this newsletter the following story, which I read some time ago, came to mind and it seemed appropriate to repeat it here.

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two cups of coffee. A professor stood before the philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up the very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes". The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now", said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things (your God, your family, and your favorite passions), things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car.

The sand is everything else—the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have time for the things that are important to

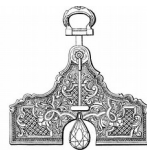
you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. There will always be time to clean house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. Set priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Brethren, take time to share a couple of cups of coffee with a Brother who may not be able to attend Lodge on a regular basis or a Masonic Sweetheart who may be yearning for someone, anyone to stop by for a visit. Make a Difference Every Day!

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

From The West



We have recently raised two Master Masons, Chuck Bateman and Jason Silva, and I call to the lodge's attention several things about these new Master Masons. Chuck is so glad to be a Master Mason, he not only purchased a Life Membership in Perpetuity, he has also attended several work nights and stated meetings. Jason has joined in and taken a part in the Master Mason's degree for Armed Forces Night. His joy was obvious during school and he commented how much fun it was being a part of the work.

There are many members who would do well to remember the joy they once had participating and enjoying the fellowship of being a Master Mason. You are always welcome at your lodge. We will help you with the words, if necessary. If you are looking for entertainment, Monday schools are your answer. Anytime is a good time to be at Kempsville Lodge. See you soon.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



Brothers, I am writing this article from the Officer's Quarters at Naval Base Naples, Italy. As you know I do my share of traveling in my job and one of the highlights of the trip is when I am able to recognize a Brother. Leaving home for work is something that I have become used to, though it can be difficult at times, but meeting a Brother really adds to the trip and makes me feel as though I am home...if only for a few minutes while we exchange pleasantries. The great part is I automatically know something about that person, something that we share, what a great feeling.

I have had this pleasure while walking through Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, while walking through the SIXTH Fleet Compound on my last visit to Naples, at the TRICARE Pharmacy in VA Beach, in restaurants, in airports, during flights, while performing my duties on carrier rides, during my visit to Arizona for spring training, once at the MAC Terminal on Naval Station Mayport and a bunch of other places. One time I was running a shuttle for some shipmates before an at sea event and wanted to free up some space in our van by leaving some luggage in the Mayport Officer Quarters and the Brother behind the counter saw my ring and told me that he could check my co-worker and I in early if we thought it would help, my friend was astonished. He still tells the story.

What a really neat fraternity we have. Brothers acknowledging Brothers is just one of the great aspects of our group. Brothers helping Brothers is another. Brothers being Brothers is the best.

I am sure each of you have experienced similar moments of enjoyment like these during your travels. Keep passing the recognition on, and come out to the Saturday Coffee Club and share them with the rest of us. I hope to sit in Lodge with you soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2014

June	Clifton Essley Smith	25 Years
July	William Thomas Parks, III	25 Years
September	Jesse Luther Monroe	25 Years
	Archie Richard Nobles	50 Years
October	Robert Halstead DeFord, Jr.	60 Years
November	Joe Emerson Brown	50 Years
	William Keith Cole	25 Years
	Donald Lee McBride	60 Years

50 Year Veteran



Brother Alaric James Roche, Jr. receives his 50 Year Veteran's Award by members of Jefferson Lodge No. 65. Congratulations, Brother Roche!

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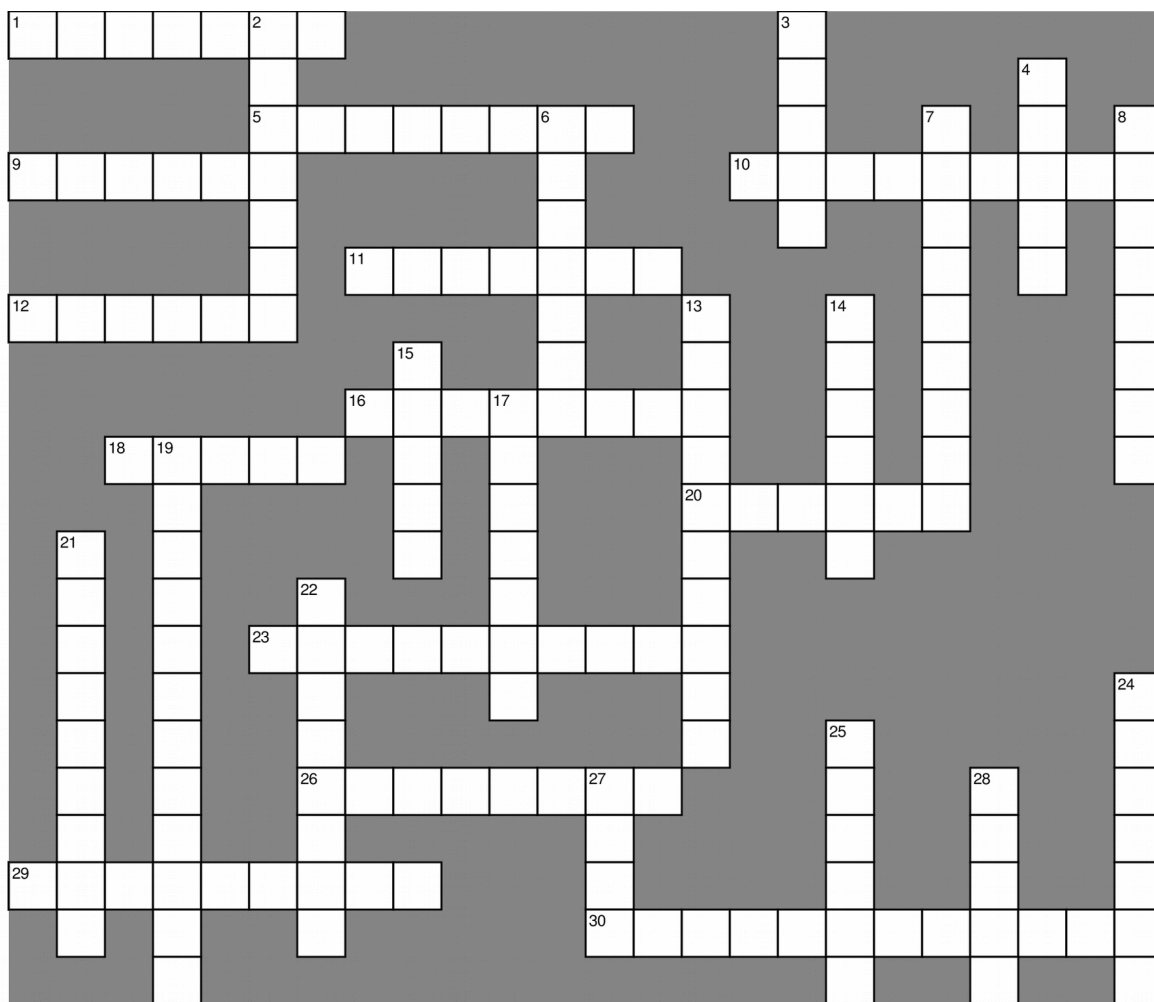
May 31	Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
June 2	Ritual School, 7PM
June 9	Ritual School, 7PM
June 10	.....	Stated Communication, 6PM
June 14	.....	31 st Annual Bull Roast, 11AM-7PM
June 16	.....	District Blood Drive
		Bayside Lodge No. 218, 2-7PM
June 16	.....	Ritual School with Bayside Lodge, 7PM
June 24	.....	Affiliated Past Master's Night
		Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
June 28	.....	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
July 8	.....	Stated Communication, 6PM
July 22	.....	Table Lodge, 6PM

For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at www.kempsvillelodge.org.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep these Brethren and family members in your thoughts and prayers.

- Brother Mike Jacob's Mother – recovering from a recent illness.
- Worshipful Joe Posey – suffering with a pinched nerve.
- Brother Meade McCubbin – recovering from a recent stroke.
- Brother Art Guarino – recovering from neck surgery



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ACROSS

- 1 to earnestly ask or request
- 5 to gently and constructively counsel another person
- 9 candid; the quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech
- 10 one of the four cardinal virtues
- 11 one of the five human senses
- 12 Worshipful Master 1980
- 16 one hundred cattle
- 18 reverence; having or showing strong religious feelings and devotion toward the Creator
- 20 to make an urgent appeal
- 23 a benefit; doing or producing good
- 26 belonging to the throat
- 29 lacking refinement or culture; coarse; very cruel; savage
- 30 guardian of the inner door (two words)

DOWN

- 2 the third round of the theological ladder which Jacob saw extending from earth to heaven
- 3 in a procession, the Marshall carries a _____
- 4 a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue
- 6 request; to petition for something that is desired
- 7 the vault or expanse of the heavens; the sky
- 8 feelings of great warmth and intensity
- 13 serving as a visible symbol for something abstract
- 14 one of the principle supports of Masonry
- 15 rule; to have control or influence over
- 17 out of use; so extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period
- 19 firm; stable; incapable of being dissolved, decomposed or destroyed
- 21 relating to Heaven or the Spirit
- 22 not proper for discussion in a Masonic Lodge
- 24 Worshipful; Master 1997
- 25 various and diverse; many
- 27 Book of the Holy Bible displayed for a Fellowcraft's Degree
- 28 King Solomon was a Prince of the Tribe of _____

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in June:

Jessica Squires	June 3 rd
Shirley White	June 9 th
Clare Krell	June 12 th
Catherine Benjaminson	June 13 th
Mary Walker	June 27 th

If any of our ladies are in need of assistance from the Lodge, please don't hesitate to contact Right Worshipful Bill Knowles or the Secretary.

Community Service

Thanks to the following individuals who helped with the cleanup of Stratford Chase Recreational Park in support of the Adopt-A-Spot Program:

- Mr. Robert Moore
- Brother Karl Wessler
- Brother Dennis DiMaggio
- Worshipful Bill Peterson
- Worshipful Steve Ridgeway

Youth Corner

It's been a busy month for Kempsville's Masonic Youth.

Bethel 42's 6th annual Dinner Theatre was a huge success. We were very pleased to see many of our lodge brethren in attendance as the young ladies put on an incredible show and served up an outstanding dinner to boot. Several of Bethel 42's members travelled to Camp Piankatank for an intense weekend of leadership training. They returned armed with skills that they'll apply not only to their time in leadership roles in the organization, but also to their future successes as young women and leaders. Congratulations to Miss Samantha White who was elected to serve a second term as the Bethel's Honored Queen.

Kempsville DeMolay's Master Councilor, Gavin Martin, travelled to Willis V. Fentress lodge and delivered an outstanding Flower Talk, a public ceremony which exemplifies the first cardinal virtual of DeMolay, the bond between parent and child. Kempsville's members also travelled to Tidewater Chapter on the Peninsula to take part in the conferral of the DeMolay Degree, a powerful and beautiful moral lesson veiled in allegory and delivered in the form of a play. Kempsville

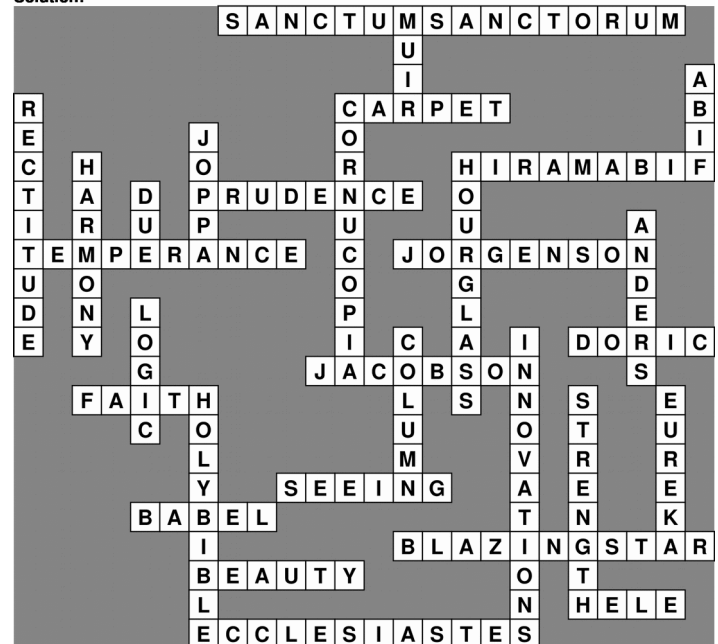
DeMolay will be attending the upcoming state quarterly meeting in Luray, Virginia.

Kempsville DeMolay meets the 1st Thursday at 7PM, and Bethel 42 meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2PM. Kempsville's Masonic Youth always appreciate looking out and seeing you on the sidelines, and Master Masons are always welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

May Crossword Answer

Solution:



Masonic Blood Program

On June 16th, there will be a blood drive at Bayside Lodge from 2 to 7PM. Many brethren were unable to donate at our last drive because of scheduling conflicts. Please use this opportunity to donate blood for those in need of one of life's most precious resources. During our last stated meeting, a visiting brother announced that O-negative blood is in dire shortage. If you or anyone you know has O-negative blood please come donate to help alleviate this national crisis. There are printed announcements available in the dining area that can be posted at your work to encourage other donations.

Brother Patrick Blankenship
Lodge Blood Coordinator

The Bull Roast – June 14th

Brethren, the Bull Roast is right around the corner and that means it is crunch time! The prep work has been done and we are putting the final touches on things as we get ready for a big day at Kempsville Lodge. I hope everyone has made plans to come out and enjoy an awesome meal, great fellowship, and more importantly support the Masonic Home of Virginia and our Lodge Scholarship Fund. A big "Thank You" goes out to everyone who has volunteered to help and to those who have sent in their ticket money! A few last minute reminders: If you haven't yet done so, please remit ticket money to either myself or Worshipful Bob Stanek as soon as possible. If you are baking cakes, please drop them off at the Lodge on Friday June 13th. If you have lined up deliveries please give me the contact info. If you

have not yet volunteered to help, please let me know as we can sure use your assistance. What remains now is simply to step up the effort to get the word out and invite as many people as we can to the biggest fund raiser of the year. We really need a huge turnout to make this a success. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on June 14th.

Brother Chris Anders, Bull Roast Chairman

Welcome to Kempsville

Welcome to Brother Daniel F. Oliver – raised May 20th on Armed Forces Night by a team of uniformed retired and active-duty Brethren. Congratulations, Brother Oliver!

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