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From The East



I was contemplating on how things have changed since the first time I served as Master of a lodge (1982) and recalled the following article written by Most Worshipful Gerald L. Carver, Past Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina.

Throughout the history of our country there was in most communities, a "Little Red School", a "Little White Church", and a "Little Blue Lodge". The "Little Red School", the "Little White Church", and the "Little Blue Lodge" worked closely together as partners in the Community to ensure the Community's children and young people had a strong faith, a good education, a moral and ethical foundation, a great love of Country, brotherly love and respect for their fellowman, an honor for our Country and our Country's brave soldiers. The "Little Red School" taught the children reading, writing, arithmetic, patriotism, and respect for one another. The "Little White Church" taught the Community members and their children about the salvation of their souls through a loving God. The "Little Blue Lodge" taught young men how to suppress their passions and how to be good citizens, good church members, good patriots, good and faithful husbands and fathers. The "Little Blue Lodge" helped the "Little Red School" and "Little White Church" in Community affairs and projects. Most of the ministers and male members of the "Little White Church" were members of the "Little Blue Lodge" and many of the "Little Red School's" principals and male teachers were members of the "Little Blue Lodge". The members of the "Little Blue Lodge" were members of the "Little White Church" and supported activities of the "Little Red School". The "Little Blue Lodge" was usually the only place in the Community with a dining hall large enough for a crowd of people. The "Little White Church" and the "Little Red School" routinely used the "Little Blue Lodge's" building for events. In recent history, the "Little Red School" began to distant itself from the "Little White Church" and the "Little Blue Lodge". The "Little White Church" began to cry out about the "Little

Red School" abandoning the "Little White Church" and its teachings. But after a while even some of the "Little White Churches" began to distance themselves from the "Little Blue Lodge". After a while, the people in the Community began to question, "What was going on in their Community?" "Why was there violence and killing in the "Little Red School"?" "Why does immorality seem to be running rampant among the Community's young people?" They wondered "What happened to Patriotism among the youth?" All this while, the "Little Blue Lodge" continued to be there for the "Little Red School" and the "Little White Church". The "Little Blue Lodge" continued to teach a belief in God, support for the "Little Red School", and the "Little White Church", tolerance for others, a respect and love of Country, and the same moral teachings that had been taught in the "Little Blue Lodges" from time immemorial.

Brethren, let us remember that kinder and gentler time when within all our Communities the "Little Red School", the "Little White Church" and the "Little Blue Lodge" worked hand in hand for the good of everyone as we continue to be faithful to shine the beacon of Masonic Light in our Communities, The Common Wealth of Virginia, our Country, and the World.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

From The West



September is such an exciting month. It is time for back to school, college football, the NFL, Shrine conventions, our district's official visit of our Grand Master, and my first time to sit in the East for a stated meeting! I have been looking forward to this evening since the Worshipful Master gave me the date. Most Worshipful Clifford Alan Parker, Past Grand Master will be our speaker. Although I don't know exactly what Skip might say, he has indicated that he plans a program around my theme.

Heading into my last year of teaching elementary school music, it was an easy choice to go with Music & Education in Masonry. I plan to invite speakers who will address various topics in masonic education and lead us into a deeper understanding of the beauty of our ritual and how it has impacted music and composers who were Masons.

It all begins this month. Enjoy September, and I hope to see you at some of the many opportunities to get together as masons.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



The Worshipful Master has recently assigned me with the duties of Lodge Picnic Coordinator and now I have 3 subsequent requests of my Kempsville Brothers. My request are: 1) an RFI (Request for Information) from the Brothers; 2) an RFF (Request for Forces) from the Brothers; and 3) assistance in achieving the mission.

RFI. Please pass on to any of the Line Officers or to me any suggestion you may have that will contribute to the success of our event. This may be in the form of something that you liked or disliked during previous picnics, or an idea you may have that has never been implemented. I cannot guarantee you that every idea will be implemented, but each will be favorably received.

RFF. We need help. The Line Officers are certainly the ones who have obligated themselves to take the lead during event execution. The Brethren entrusted each of us to positions of responsibility in the Lodge, we took obligations, and we do not take those responsibilities lightly. That said, there are only a few of us and we need help when it comes time to pull these events off. Please let the Worshipful Master or me know if you are willing to lend a hand.

Lastly the mission. The mission is to get folks out to the picnic grounds, to eat all of the food, to laugh it up, and have a good time. So come on out and get your Masonic on!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Masonic Veterans for 2014

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

Trestleboard

August 30	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
September 1	Ritual School, 7PM
September 2	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
September 8	Ritual School, 7PM
September 9	Stated Communication, 6PM
September 13	Grand Master's Official District Visit, Bayside Lodge
	Social: 10:30AM, Meeting: 12 Noon
September 14	Annual Family Picnic, 1-4PM
September 15	Joint Ritual School with Bayside Lodge, 7PM
September 16	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
September 22	Ritual School, 7PM
September 23	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
September 29	Ritual School, 7PM

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

Community Service

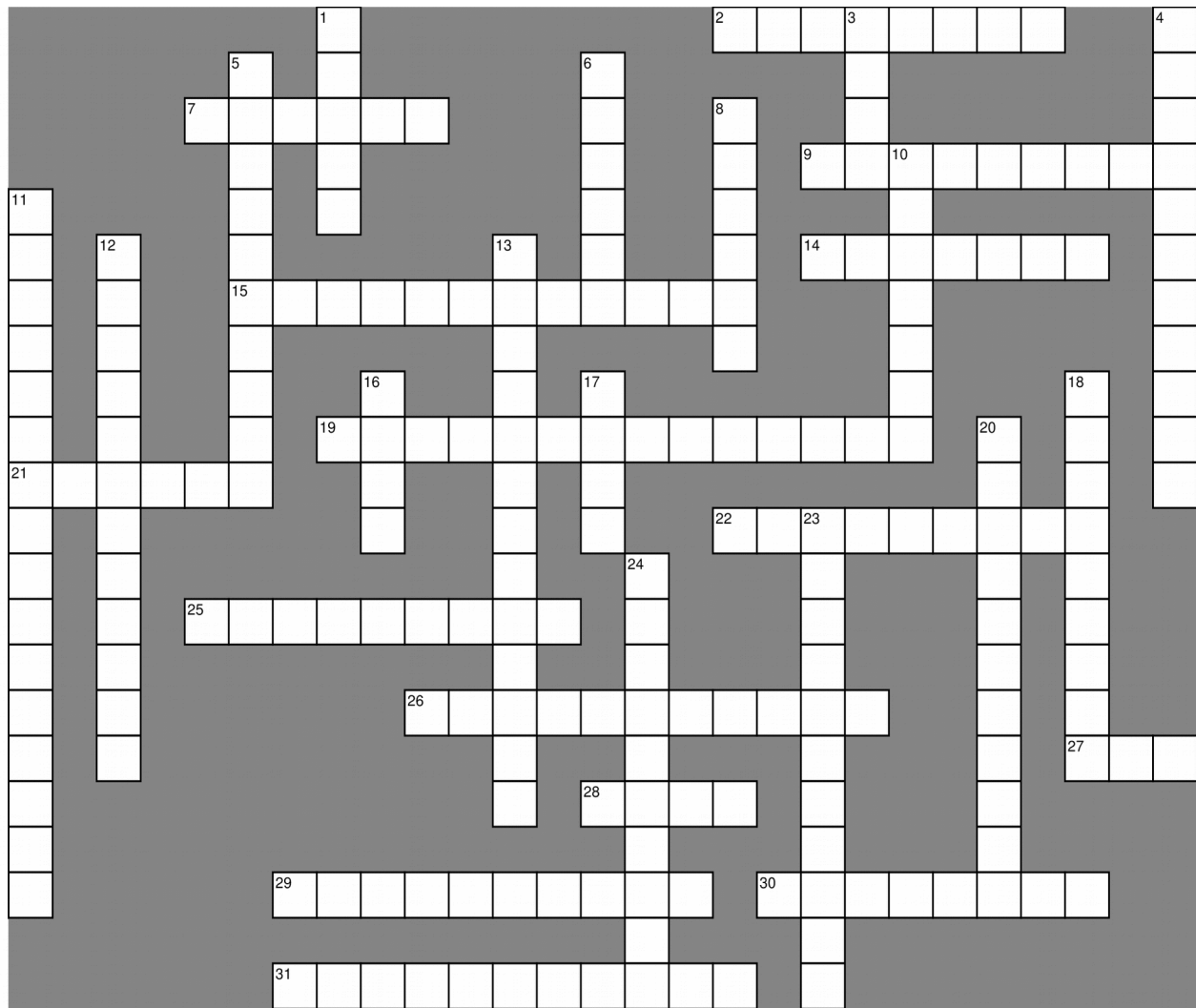
Thanks to the following individuals who helped with the cleanup of Stratford Chase Recreational Park in support of the Adopt-A-Spot Program:

- Brother Karl Wesseler
- Brother Dickie Cooper
- Brother Joe Salt
- Worshipful Bob Stanek
- Worshipful Bill Peterson

Thoughts and Prayers

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

- The Family of Brother Dorman K. Miner – on the passing of Brother Miner.
- Brother Clifford Williams - on the passing of his Mother.
- The Family of Katheryn Mote – on the passing of Katheryn, Widow of Brother J. Harry Mote.
- Sara Nolan, wife of Worshipful Bill Nolan - hand surgery.
- Brother Anson Knowles – recent hospital stay.
- Worshipful Jesse Monroe – at home medical issues.



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ACROSS

- 2 pertaining to the breastplumb an instrument for erecting perpendiculare
 7 a hill in Jerusalem on which the Temple of Solomon was built
 9 lacking means, as without money or food
 14 a mathematical instrument used for dividing and drawing circles
 15 capable of being read or understood
 19 the meetings of a Symbolic Lodge
 21 ceremonial forms
 22 a ruler, sovereign, or monarch
 25 according to popular belief or report, but without proof
 26 having a border
 27 the tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 28 an emblem of innocence
 29 horn of plenty
 30 physical or mental anguish
 31 according to a belief handed down from generation to generation

DOWN

- 1 the evidence of things not seen
 3 city of Sidonian Empire
 4 a story told through symbols
 5 title of honor and respect
 6 The Lord
 8 members of the Mystic Shrine
 10 a notification from the Master to appear
 11 without distinction between
 12 a drawing, picture, or example
 13 literally encircled, hence limited
 16 empty
 17 the mountain or hill in Palestine on which Jerusalem was built
 18 in conformity with
 20 not regular
 23 belonging to the earth
 24 a promise or pledge of obeience

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in September:

Vee McPherson	September 9 th
Linda Ferris	September 14 th
Dorothy Ereckson	September 19 th
Judith Moyers	September 20 th
Sheryl Stanworth	September 23 rd
Linda Moore	September 29 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.

August Crossword Answer

Solution:



Youth Corner

Eleven young men of Kempsville DeMolay attended the Virginia State Association's annual Conclave at Christopher Newport University. Congratulations to Kempsville's own Jeran Gray, who received both a well-deserved scholarship while there as well as a heartfelt rendition of "happy birthday" as the clock struck midnight on his 21st birthday the last night of Conclave, officially marking the close of his tenure as an active DeMolay. Eight Senior DeMolays were awarded their majorities, including Kempsville Lodge members Robert Lockwood, Eddie Foley and Robert Jones. Kempsville DeMolay will switch gears and bring the summer to a close by holding their September stated meeting in a swimming pool. The officers-elect cordially invite you to Kempsville's public installation of officers to be held September 20th at Kempsville Lodge.

Several members of Bethel 42 traveled to Spokane, Washington for the Job's Daughters International

Supreme Session. These young ladies competed against the most distinguished ritualists internationally and brought home the proud distinction of being among the best of the best in the world. Congratulations to Tori Sorensen, who won 1st place for her exemplification of the ritual for First Messenger, Kat Williams, who won 2nd place in exemplification of the Story of Job, and Abigail Masters, who won 3rd place in exemplification of the ritual for Fourth Messenger. Congratulations to Kaitlynn Gray, who placed in the top three in not one but four distinct competitions in the Arts & Crafts category. Back at home, Bethel 42's members enjoyed an afternoon of service and fellowship as they came together to clean the bay, removing trash and other debris from a section of the Virginia Beach bay front, followed by an afternoon of fishing from the Lynnhaven Fishing Pier.

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

The Morlock Award

The Morlock award (named in memory of Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, 1993-94) is presented to Lodges that have shown exemplary participation in giving to the Masonic Home of Virginia. The award is presented to a Lodge in which at least 15% of the members each make gifts of \$5 or more in any one year. This award recognizes the number of active donors, not necessarily the total dollars given. The Masonic Home is convinced that as more Masons learn to give to support the Home, the dollar totals will follow. This is the most significant award which can be presented to a Lodge for their gifts to the Masonic Home of Virginia. Kempsville Lodge will need approximately 75 contributing members in order to qualify for this award in 2014. We currently have thirty-nine (39) contributors.

Blood Drive

I challenged you to increase your total blood donation by 25% over last years total of 188 units which I am pleased to report that you far exceeded that 25% goal. Although I do not have the exact final tally, we are currently at 157% of last years total so far. Great job! I should have the exact total for the year at the next stated. I believe that our lodge can meet a challenge for 2015 of an additional 25% increase. Thank you for your support of the Grand Lodge Blood program.

Patrick Blankenship
Lodge Blood Chairman

Grand Master's Official Visit

The Official District Visit of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, will be on September 13, 2014 at Bayside Masonic Lodge.



The event will commence in the dining hall at 10:30AM. This portion of the event will be "OPEN" and will include comments from the Grand Master. Brethren, Ladies and Guests are encouraged to attend. A "CLOSED" (Tiled) Communication will commence in the Lodge Room at 12 noon. There will be entertainment provided in the dining hall for the Ladies and Guests during the Tiled Communication.

Masonry at its Best

When a man understands that he was admitted into Freemasonry, not because of what he has but because of what he is; when it is clear to him that Masonic privileges are his only so long as he is worthy; when he responds to the Masonic call for service in the order or in the community; when he knows that every Mason, world-wide is a potential friend; when he is tolerant of every race and creed; when he strives humbly and earnestly to embrace all things – this is Freemasonry at its best.

Eugene G. Hopp
California Freemason, Oct-Dec. 1968

Masonic Birthdays for September

Christopher K. Adkins '99	Douglas A. Hutchison '02
Christopher M. Bardin '07	John Roeland Lassiter '61
Patrick Francis Barnes '95	Shepherd W. McClenny '92
James Michael Beighley '00	Duane Jason McCloud '11
David Borntrager '87	Jesse Luther Monroe '89
Earl Franklin Bray '83	Raymond Scott Nester '11
Harold R. Brenneman '49	Archie Richard Nobles '64
Fred Allen Brewer '68	Edward Hardy Perry, Jr. '75
Gregory Roger Cort '11	Larry Donald Rummel '95
Richard A. Davis, III '75	Christopher Shackelford '06
Cacey Earle DeFord '11	John Paul Tewalt, III '92
Todd Cameron DeFord '11	John Michael Thomas '10
Robert Dale Eberle '11	Richard W. Walker, II '93
Robert John Eisenberg '88	Mark Robert Wegesin '05
Charles M. Forbes '86	Christopher C. Widen '96
Claude Quay Fulcher '82	Glenn R. Wintemberg '76
James Giles Gordon '76	Matthew H. Zardeskaskas '09
Larry Register Hale '03	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 761 years in Masonry!

Lodge Renovation



Pardon our dust, but we're in the middle of a major renovation at Kempsville Lodge. But don't let that keep you away—we're open for business and working in the quarries as usual. Drop by and check out the progress.

In Memoriam

Brother Dorman Keith "Deke" Miner

Born May 13, 1953
Initiated July 5, 1974
Passed September 24, 1974
Raised October 5, 1974
Entered into Eternal Rest July 30, 2014

Freedom of Thought

Someday, when the cloud of prejudice has been dispelled by the searchlight of truth, the world will honor Masonry for its heroic service to freedom of thought and of faith. No part of its mainstay has been more noble, no principles of its teaching have been more precious than its age long and unwavering demand for the right and duty of every soul to seek that light by which no man ever injured, and that truth which makes him free.

Joseph Fort Newton
California Mason, April-June 1968

Masons Are America's Heart

Every line of America's history is written with Masonic inks, sweetened with Masonic love, blessed with Masonic Brotherhood, reddened with Masonic blood. From pioneer days to atomic defense you find members of the craft making the

American Dream. Tom Paine writing The Crisis... Washington and his many Masonic officers suffering through Valley Forge to victory...there's Kit Carson, Lewis and Clark, Oglethorpe, Lindbergh, Sam Gompers, Irving Berlin, Blackjack Pershing, George M. Cohan, Generals MacArthur, Ridgeway, Clark and Doolittle...Admirals from Farragut to Couldrey...empire builders like Astor, Mellon, J. C. Penney, Wanamaker and Morgenthau...football coaches like Stagg, Kerr and Bierman. Just a few of the thousands of Freemasons whose names symbolize free opportunity in free America!

Charlie Vancott, The Empire

Too Fast

Many of our most accomplished Masons do their work and lecturing too fast. A solemn and stately motion is appropriate in Masonry. Every word in the lectures, etc., should have the weight and sobriety of a prayer to Deity. Not only should all levity be strictly forbidden, but the very opposite, the profoundest gravity should be cultivated by the officiating Masons. We believe in "memorizing" one's part, but not in repeating it as if from memory. The nearer it sounds like extemporizing the more impressive it will be to the candidate. Avoid the error, then, of working too fast.

Rob Morris
The American Freemason, Oct.15, 1854

On This Day

My best ambition having ever aimed at the unbiased approbation of my fellow-citizens, it is peculiarly pleasing to find my conduct so affectionately approved by a fraternity whose association is founded in justice and benevolence.

Brother George Washington

Brother George Washington took part in the laying of the cornerstone of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on September 18, 1793.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
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Junior Deacon	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Senior Steward	Michael Johnstone	334-3013
Junior Steward	Jackson Bell	831-0818
Chaplain	Karl Wesseler	439-1858
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Dennis Eaton	671-1187
Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
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Blood Coordinator	Patrick Blankenship	406-6166
Youth Advisor	Cliff Williams	870-2539

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