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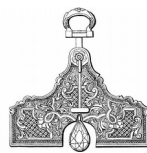
From The East



On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory." There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11AM. In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples." An Act was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veteran's service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans." Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, wherever and whenever they had served.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway
Worshipful Master

From The West



November brings thoughts of thanks and gratitude. There is a song I sing with young children. It starts off with

"There are many things I am thankful for, I can find them near and far.

There are many things I am thankful for, let me tell you what they are."

It concludes with a fill-in the blank section where each child can sing

*"I'm thankful for _____, I'm thankful for _____,
I'm thankful for _____, and I'm thankful to be me."*

The song inspired me to think of a list as it applies to our lodge. Here are a few things:

The work our Worshipful Master has done, most of which goes unheralded.

The camaraderie I feel with the officers and the pleasure we get working with each other.

The legacy of the Past Masters and what they continue to mean to our lodge.

The way so many chip in to help out with the tasks that need to be done in and around the lodge.

I hope you have a list and that you will share it with me and your brethren. Living your life with "an attitude of gratitude" not only makes your life better, but the lives of those around you, too.

Thanks be to God.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



My November article reflects on Masons who supported The United States by putting on a uniform, buttoning a chinstrap, picking up a gun, saddling a horse, strapping on an airplane, driving a ship, and many of the other things that patriots have done in support of this country. We will most appropriately hold our

November Stated Communication on Veteran's Day.

Notable is that Brother Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities to honor all veterans in Birmingham, Alabama in 1947. The event was held on 11 November and was designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming 11 November as Veterans Day. Brother Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982.

Did you know that these military patriots are your Brothers?

Aldrin, Edwin E. "Buzz" Astronaut, second man on the moon, Montclair Lodge No. 144 New Jersey; Allen, Ethan - General, Revolutionary War; Windsor, Vermont; Arnold, Henry "Hap" - General, Commander of the Army Air Force during World War II; Bradley, Omar N. - Five Star General of the Army, World War II; Byrd, Richard E. - Admiral, Arctic & Antarctic explorer, 1st to fly over North Pole.

Some pretty big names and many more that can be found, but in any Lodge they are merely Brothers who stood ready to "saddle up, lock and load" when America called.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon my Brothers,
SHAKE DOWN THE THUNDER!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

From The Secretary's Desk

Brethren, another reminder concerning dues.

Effective January 1, 2015, the Grand Lodge assessments increased \$7. This increase causes our lodge dues to go up by that amount. The increase was approved at the 2012 Grand Annual Communication, to support the Masonic Home of Virginia. When you receive your 2015 dues notice, it will be for the new amount of \$107.

Please remit your lodge dues promptly upon receipt of your 2015 dues notice. Realize that, "lodge dues are payable by January of one year to be current for that same year..." (Sec. 2.146, "Virginia Methodical Digest").

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

Masonic Veterans for 2014

November	Joe Emerson Brown	50 Years
	William Keith Cole	25 Years
	Donald Lee McBride	60 Years

Welcome to Kempsville!

Brother Jonathan Winston Bunch, raised on October 28, 2014. Welcome to Kempsville Lodge, Brother Jonathan!

Trestleboard

November 4	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
November 7-8	Grand Annual Communication 8AM-4PM at Richmond, VA
November 11	Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
November 18	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
November 25	Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
December 9	Annual Stated Communication Lodge 5PM, Dinner 6PM
December 13	Open Installation of Officers, 1PM
December 15	District Blood Drive 2PM-7PM at Lynnhaven Lodge

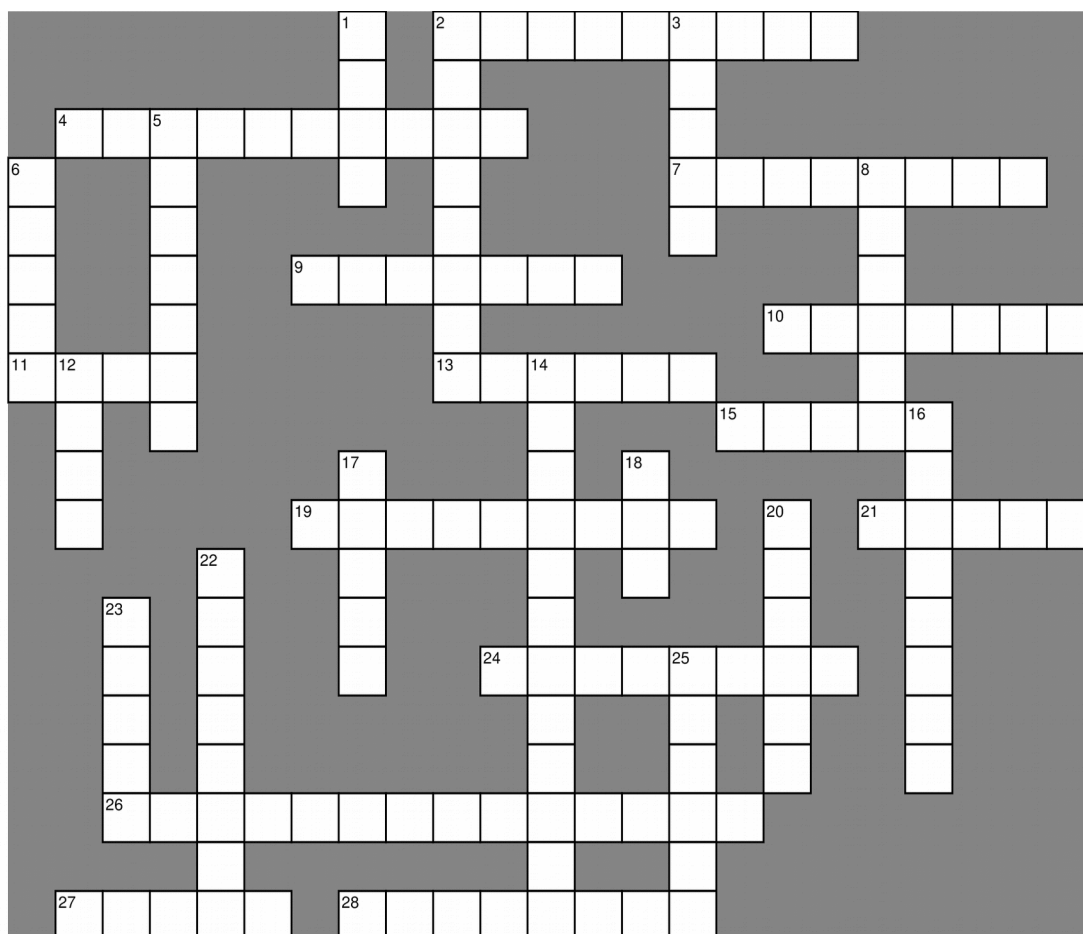
For the latest, up-to-date schedule, check our web site at
www.kempsvilleglodge.org.

Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Right Worshipful Marvin Beacham (Bayside Lodge) in the passing of his wife, Alice. 724 Botino Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23455, 757-497-1951
- Barbara Marchman, wife of Brother Bud Marchman, recovering from back surgery
- Brother Richard Shibley, recent pacemaker recipient
- Worshipful Philip Poffenbarger, recovering from knee surgery

Please keep our military and law enforcement personnel in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve our country in the fight against global terrorism.



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ACROSS

- 2 An emblem of human life.
- 4 Due restraint upon our affections and passions.
- 7 Unwritten.
- 9 Son of King David.
- 10 One of the five human senses.
- 11 Appropriate color of the first three degrees in Masonry.
- 13 A principle support of Masonry.
- 15 King Solomon was a Prince of the Tribe of _____.
- 19 An order of architecture invented by the Romans.
- 21 An order of architecture invented by the Greeks.
- 24 The lowest part or base of a column.
- 26 To walk around some central point or object.
- 27 The Great Light in Masonry.
- 28 Teaches us to regulate our lives agreeably to the dictates of reason.

DOWN

- 1 The left hand pillar that stood at the porch of King Solomon's Temple.
- 2 A sacrifice to the gods of 100 cattle in Ancient Greece.
- 3 Level of the Senior Warden.
- 5 Written record of the proceedings of a Lodge.
- 6 Admonish us to walk uprightly in our several stations in life.
- 8 Meaning "I have found it".
- 12 An emblem of innocence.
- 14 By Operative Masonry, we allude to a proper application of the useful rules of _____.
- 16 A symbol of darkness in which the uninitiated dwells.
- 17 The art of reasoning.
- 18 The Hebrew interrogative pronoun signifying "what".
- 20 A condition associated with old age and is marked by juvenile desires, loss of memory and failure of judgement.
- 22 Belonging to the breast.
- 23 Column of strength that supports the Lodge is of the _____ order.
- 25 Reminds us of the rapid flight of time.

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in November:

Ruth Simpkins	November 1 st
Irma Porter	November 2 nd
Ruth Litchfield	November 2 nd
Merelene Balance	November 3 rd
Mary Ann Monahan	November 20 th
Mary Bullock	November 21 st
Barbara McGregor	November 24 th
Iris Midgett	November 25 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:

- Brother Karl Wesseller
- Brother Dennis DiMaggio
- Brother Joe Salt
- Brother Greg Muir
- Mr. Dave Trzecizkiewicz
- Worshipful Bill Peterson

Youth Corner

Our clocks may be preparing to fall back, but Kempsville's Masonic Youth are springing forward this month!

The young men of Kempsville DeMolay traveled to Northern Virginia to participate in the state's initiatory degree and to attend the semi-annual MCHQWA ball. A new member was initiated into the Chapter, and Kempsville DeMolay remains one of the strongest DeMolay chapters in the Commonwealth. Members assisted at the Hope Haven Children's Home and participated in the Child I.D. event hosted by Princess Anne Lodge. Kempsville DeMolay is selling fresh Christmas wreaths for the holidays. If you are interested in "sprucing" up your home for the holidays, please contact a member of Kempsville DeMolay, or the fundraiser's chair, Jacob Jackson, at 757-708-8297 any time prior to November 13th.

On October 5th, the young ladies of Bethel 42 initiated three new members into the Bethel in a well-attended Sunday afternoon meeting. Thank you to the many Kempsville brethren who helped welcome these young ladies into Job's Daughters.

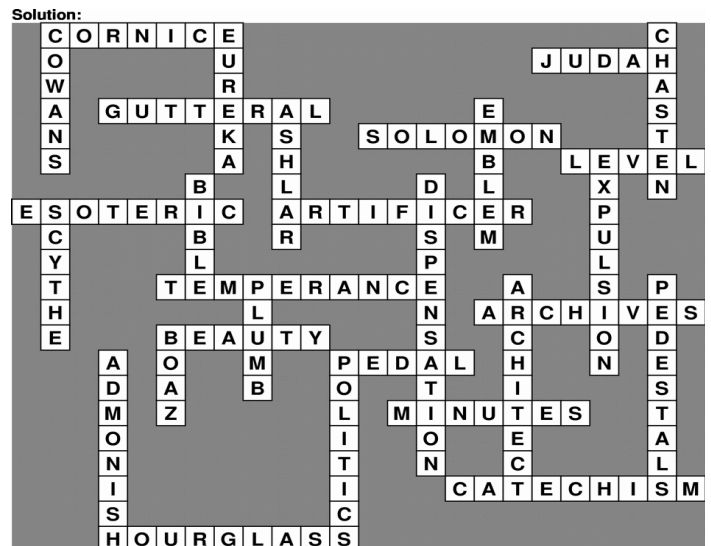
The Bethel travelled to Richmond to take part in the annual MAHOVA Family Day. The ladies participated in a parade through and around the campus and took time out to visit with their Masonic "grandparents" who reside at the home. Our Grand Master even received a surprise visit from the Jobies.



The Bethel rounded out October with an annual fundraising event held at the Virginia Beach oceanfront for their national charity, the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment ("H.I.K.E."). Bethel 42 placed second in the state for money raised to support H.I.K.E. Please join your Jobies for their Grand Visitation Saturday, November 1st at 2PM at the Norfolk Masonic Temple on Granby Street.

Brother Cliff Williams, Youth Advisor

October Crossword Answer



In Memoriam

Brother George Frank Boggs, Jr.

Born February 15, 1928
Initiated August 24, 1976
Passed November 30, 1976
Raised February 22, 1977
Entered into Rest October 20, 2014

Charles Edward Willman

Born September 9, 1931
Initiated January 28, 1969
Passed April 29, 1969
Raised July 1, 1969
Entered into Rest October 25, 2014

Lodge Renovation Continues



The walls, ceiling, carpet, and a new chair rail are in. Look for more information on the plans for your Lodge in the December edition of the Ashlar.

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 is the most significant award which can be presented to a Lodge for their gifts to the Masonic Home of Virginia. We currently have fifty-six (56) contributors. We need an additional ten (10) contributors to qualify for this award this year. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO AND WISH TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE LET THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER KNOW BY PHONE OR E-MAIL AND YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS. You can pay at your convenience. PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING.

Masonic Birthdays for November

Warren Louis Aleck '66	Willie L. Hudson, Jr. '61
Charles Edward Austin '93	Ronald S. Jacobson '03
Patrick D. Blankenship '12	Philip Russell Jennings '94
Albert Lee Bonney, Jr. '63	Michael D. Johnstone '05
Joe Emerson Brown '64	Jerry Wayne Ledbetter '83
Gordon Curtis Burton '71	John Leonard Long '01
Dario Joseph Canclini '75	Andrew C. Mahrenholz '07
Herbert L. Carter '66	Donald Lee McBride '54
William Keith Cole '89	Richard D. McCollum '95
Roger Cort '65	Meade Earl McCubbin '57
Brian Linwood Cox '77	Charles Clay Mills, Jr. '79
Harry Lee Cummings '71	Dorman Keith Miner '79
Lewis Alton Dodson '77	River Douglas Morris '11
David Michael Dutcher '86	Robert Jeffrey Oliver '08
Michael Ceroy Elliott '65	Edward Franklin Parton '05
Curtis Raeford Eure '59	Paul W. Pennybacker '68
Clarence G. Felts '69	James Stanley Perry '79
Michael P. Fitzgerald '92	Philip Poffenbarger, Jr. '80
Rolfe Martin Fleming '72	William Harold Rawson '04
Douglas Roger Fortier '10	William Lewis Rice '83
Franklin J. Gamage '59	Steve Allen Ridgeway '77
Steven Morris Gilbert '83	Raymond R. Rowley '62
Timothy Dwayne Givan '93	Henry Sargent '69
Justin Lee Glasgow '78	Jerry Silla '99
Cecil Anthony Goodwin '71	Cecil Carroll Smithson '98
Justin Marshall Gray '06	Stephen Edward Spratt '09
Arthur J. Guarino, Jr. '92	William J. Swanner, III '74
Raymond Elnor Hall, Jr. '76	Charlie B. Taylor, Jr. '81
James Thomas Hare, Jr. '73	Robert Ray Teller '88
William Thomas Haste '61	Prentice G. Tuck Jr. '98
Donald Orr Hawkins, Jr. '97	Ralph Weldon Ward '76
Russell Lee Houston '85	Ronald Hugh Whitehead '67
Donald Eugene Howard '87	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 2,053 years in Masonry!

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross has developed a Blood Donor App that is available for iPhones. This new App will help you do many different things like:

- Making appointments or rescheduling appointments
- Find local drives and donation centers
- Receive special shortage alerts
- Keep track of your total donations

If for some reason you can not make a Masonic District blood drive you can locate a local drive and time that is convenient to you and just let me know so I can advise the Grand Lodge District coordinator of your donation.

Patrick Blankenship
Lodge Blood Chairman

Past Masters Night



14 Past Masters attend the Fall Past Masters Night held on September 23rd.

Words I Wish I Wrote

The closest I ever came to angry violence is in the presence of someone who says he will not even bother to vote because it doesn't make any difference. I saw a bumper sticker on the back of an old Buick: "IF VOTING REALLY CHANGED ANYTHING, IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL." I felt like giving the driver a bumper bang from behind.

He's typical of those who have a shallow view of history—those who don't understand that nobody had a right to ride on the bus without making some contribution to the cost of the journey. They don't respect the fact that somebody else paid the price to build the vehicle of civilization in the first place. They owe. We owe. It's a moral obligation to participate in the work of society.

If you take from the pot, you must put into the pot. Even those who have no money can sing and keep the driver of the bus awake and hopeful.

It has been said that the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality. I say that the moral crisis of the times is continuous. Knowing and understanding and being are not enough. One must do. To gain the world and give nothing to it is to lose your soul.

In the words of Norman Cousins, "The tragedy of life is not death, but what we let die inside us while we live."

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Steve A. Ridgeway	270-7338
Senior Warden	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Junior Warden	Gregory C. Muir	676-3761
Treasurer	Bill Nelligar	536-4100
Secretary	Bob Stanek	619-7646
Senior Deacon	Chris Anders	635-7617
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
Education Officer	Bill Rawson	724-4867
MAHOVA Ambassador	Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Patrick Blankenship	406-6166
Youth Advisor	Cliff Williams	870-2539

Articles for the next Ashlar should be submitted by the 18th of each month to
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