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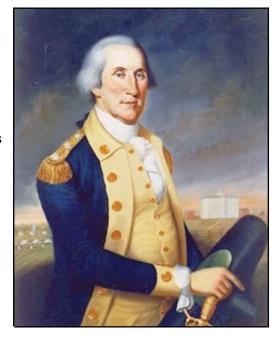
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George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Written by George Washington in 1789, this was the first official Presidential Proclamation made in the United States. Shortly after the Thanksgiving Proclamation was written, it was lost for 130 years. It was probably misplaced when the US Capitol moved from New York to Washington, D.C. It now resides in the Library of Congress. And it reads:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the



beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1789.

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From The East



Autumn is such a great time of year. It's also a busy time of year. Grand Annual Communication will be held in Richmond from the 7th to the 11th. The officers are attending the business

session on the 9^{th} and any Master Mason wanting to go is welcome to join us. We will celebrate our Veterans on the 11^{th} . We are honored to have many veterans in our membership and I personally wish to express my thanks and gratitude for your sacrifice and service.

November is also the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the officers of this lodge. Each of you have served the lodge well this year and it is your effort and dedication that has made 2018 special. There are so many things that go on behind the scenes that oftentimes might go unnoticed. I want to take this opportunity to give a huge Thank You to the officers for their commitment for the support they each have given me this year. I am thankful for our Past Masters. Your guidance and support this year have been incredible and is truly appreciated. There is no way the Master of the Lodge, however prepared he may be, can possibly have a successful year without the help of Past Masters. I am also thankful for the many brothers who in so many ways continue to support the lodge. Your work in the quarries is invaluable. This year that there have been so many brothers, too numerous to mention, who have stepped up in one way or another to support our lodge. Thank you all.

We have a lot to be thankful for and we have a lot to be proud of. Kempsville Lodge truly cares about our community and we have been supporting the community in a variety of ways throughout the year. This month we will provide a Thanksgiving meal to two deserving families discreetly chosen by Kempsville Elementary School. Hopefully this will give them a wonderful and memorable Thanksgiving.

I have said many times that there is no better place to be on a Tuesday night than in Kempsville Lodge and it is the brethren of Kempsville Lodge that make it so. See you in lodge!

Brother Chris Anders, Worshipful Master

From The West



As the Masonic year comes to a close I would like to thank all the brothers that contributed their hard work and time to make this a great year.

Although our degree work may be a

little off we continued to improve our proficiency and assist other lodges in their degree work. The support we had for our lodge breakfast was outstanding from both workers and participants. In short, I extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the Brethren and family that supported Kempsville Lodge putting another successful year in the record books.

Brother Roger Taylor, Senior Warden

From The South



Our October yard sale was a big success, and we raised over \$1200 for the elevator fund. I promised the Worshipful Master that if we could get items to sell that we would make a lot of money for the Lodge, and all of you

came through. I would like to thank everyone who donated items; we were able to raise so much money because of the quality of the items we received. I would also like to thank everyone who helped out with the receipt of donated items, setup, selling, and cleanup. All items that were not sold were donated to the Union Mission Ministries Thrift Store where they will be used to help men, women, and children who are in need.

I would like to especially thank my wife, Mrs. T-Rex (Stephanie) for all her help and support with the yard sale. Anyone who saw her in action on the day of the sale knows that she is a master dealmaker. Without her help and expertise, we would not have been able to pull off the sale as successfully as we did!

Brother Dave Trzeciakiewicz, Junior Warden

Welcome to Kempsville!

Congratulations to Brother Michael Turner, our newest Master Mason, raised on October 30th. Welcome to Kempsville Lodge, Brother Turner!

A Memorial to our Treasurer

Sadly, Brethren, our Lodge Treasurer was very suddenly stricken with a severe stroke, the results of which have ended his earthly labors. He now rests in our Celestial Lodge Above.

Worshipful Gerald Wilson "Bill" Nelligar first knocked at our West Gate 34 years ago, joining his father as a member of the Lodge.



After a few years enjoying the activities of the Lodge, Bill "got in the chairs", and eventually was elected Worshipful Master for 2003.

Bill coached the catechisms to several new Masons, teaching them the work at his law office in downtown Kempsville. From memory, Bill recited the Senior Deacon's lecture for the Fellowcraft Degree many times. Witnessing him doing so was a meaningful and memorable occasion.

Worshipful Bill was elected as the third Treasurer of our Lodge in 2006. He has served the Lodge faithfully as our Treasurer for the past 12 years. Rest peacefully, good brother. You will be missed by the many who knew and loved you.

Trestleboard

October 27	Monthly Breakfast, 8-10AM
October 30	Master Mason Degree, 7PM
November 9-10	Grand Annual Communication
	Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa
November 13	Stated Communication
	Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
December 11	Annual Stated Communication
	Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM
December 15 O	pen Installation of Officers, 1PM

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

The Finer Points

What is the place of Masonic etiquette in the Craft? It has no "Special" place. It has every special place! It is ALWAYS observed whenever or wherever Masons assemble, or speak, or act in the name of the Craft. For that reason, it is described as "Masonic". If it belonged to the Ritual of the

Degrees a Master might conceive it to lie outside the span of his responsibility.

The Grand Lecturer and the Committee on Work may critique, consult, confer, and advise concerning a Lodge's practice of etiquette, but they cannot act officially FOR the Lodge. The Worshipful Master has full responsibility for etiquette, as he has total responsibility for all things in the Lodge. Like all leaders, the Worshipful Master may delegate certain authority, but the responsibility resides with him alone. Our Brother, President Harry S Truman, said it best, "The buck stops here!"

The Worshipful Master is Master of the Lodge's etiquette in the same sense and for the same reasons that he is Master of the Lodge. It is as much his duty to govern the Lodge in etiquette as in its business, its balloting, its debate, its Degree conferral.

Mike Denning, Senior Deacon

Masonic Birthdays for November

Warren L. Aleck '66 Patrick D. Blankenship '12 Albert L. Bonney, Jr. '63 Joe E. Brown '64 Gordon C. Burton '71 Harold A. Campbell, Jr. '10 Herbert L. Carter '66 William K. Cole '89 Roger Cort '65 Harry L. Cummings '71 Lewis A. Dodson '77 Michael C. Elliott '65 Matthew D. Esper '14 C. Raeford Eure '59 Clarence G. Felts '69 Michael P. Fitzgerald '92 Rolfe M. Fleming '72 Franklin M. Gamage '59 Timothy D. Givan '93 Justin L. Glasgow '78 Cecil A. Goodwin '71 Justin M. Grav '06 Arthur J. Guarino, Jr. '92 Raymond E. Hall, Jr. '76 James T. Hare, Jr. '73 W. Thomas Haste '61 Donald O. Hawkins, Jr. '97 Russell L. Houston '85 Willie L. Hudson, Jr. '61 Michael C. Jacob '14

Ronald S. Iacobson '03 Philip R. Jennings '94 Michael D. Johnstone '05 Jerry W. Ledbetter '83 John L. Long '01 Andrew C. Mahrenholz '07 Richard D. McCollum '95 Matthew G. Millott '15 Charles C. Mills, Jr. '79 River D. Morris '11 Robert J. Oliver '08 Edward F. Parton '05 Paul W. Pennybacker '68 James S. Perry '79 Philip Poffenbarger, Jr. '80 William H. Rawson '04 William L. Rice '83 Steve A. Ridgeway '77 Charles G. Ryan '07 Henry Sargent '69 Jerry Silla '99 Cecil C. Smithson '98 Logan R. Spruill '15 William J. Swanner, III '74 Charlie B. Taylor, Jr. '81 Robert R. Teller '88 Prentice G. Tuck Jr. '98 Ralph W. Ward '76 Peder K. Wennberg, III '13 Ronald H. Whitehead '67

The Brethren shown above have a total of 1,907 years in Masonry!

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in November:

Ruth Simpkins	November 1st
Irma Porter	November 2 nd
Ruth Litchfield	November 2 nd
Merelene Balance	November 3 rd
Mary Ann Monahqan	November 20 th
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

Brothers John Settle III and Scott Sherman manning the grill at the Kempsville High Football game. This was the last of four home games Brothers of Kempsville Lodge cooked hamburgers and hotdogs at the concession stand. A big Thank You to Brother Settle for heading up this program. His crew served the community



well and shined a very positive light on our Lodge. Way to go, J3!

Masonic Thoughts

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic Membership. The best-informed Master Mason is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic studying and our research for more Masonic Light.

Lodge Officers

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