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Jobs Daughters International

This year, Job's Daughters International celebrates their 100th anniversary. Since 1920, Job's Daughters has changed the lives of over 1 million girls and young women around the world by providing them an opportunity to work together, to learn about themselves and to help others. The organization is named after the three daughters of Job: Jemimah (the oldest, whose name means "dove"), Keziah, and Keren-Happuch. The Bible states that these three daughters were given to Job in the later part of his life, after God had tested him by causing him to lose everything and then making him prosperous again after he had demonstrated his unyielding faith. Of these three daughters, the Bible states: "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job; and their Father gave them inheritance among their brethren." Interestingly, the names of Job's sons are never mentioned.



Job's Daughters was found by Ethel T. Wead Mick, known affectionately to Jobies as "Mother Mick". She was born on March 9th, 1881 in Atlantic, Iowa. Mrs. Mick was able to trace her descent both through her father's and her mother's family to the Mayflower company. As a child her family was a closely knit one and very religious. Her mother, Elizabeth D. Wead, read Bible stories nightly to her children and often referred to the Book of Job, quoting to her daughters that "in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job" and stating her hope that her personal trials and tribulations might also be rewarded by her daughters becoming as "fair as the daughters of Job." This left a lasting impression on her daughter Ethel which eventually resulted in the founding of Job's Daughters.

While attending the Creighton Medical College in Omaha, Nebraska, Ethel Wead became acquainted with William Henry Mick, a fellow medical student and they were married in May 1904. She was a member of many organizations including the Nebraska Mayflower Association, Nu Sigma Phi (a medical sorority), and the Eastern Star. She founded the Order of Job's Daughters in Omaha, Nebraska in October 1920, realizing the importance of the early training she received from her mother, and especially the beautiful lessons in literature and drama as found in the Book of Job.

After several years of careful study and consideration with the assistance of her husband Dr. William H. Mick and other capable workers, she founded the Order of Job's Daughters, in honor and memory of her mother. The purpose of the Order was to band together young girls with a Masonic relationship for character building through moral and spiritual development by teaching a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures, loyalty to the Flag and the Country for which it stands, and respect for parents and Guardians. In 1920 weekly meetings were held in the upstairs family parlor of the Mick residence. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska and other leading Masonic related persons were in attendance. The Grand Master of Masons and the Grand Lodge in Nebraska approved and lauded the formation of such a group for young women.

Today the Order of Job's Daughters is known as Job's Daughters International and has chartered Bethels (local groups) in the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and the Philippines. The ritual of the Order is designed to teach young girls that throughout their lives they will face many trials and tribulations, and will experience adversities of many kinds, but if faith prevails, the ultimate result will be the eventual restoration of all that is good and worthwhile.

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From The East



This events of this last month have been unprecedented in the lifetime of all but the oldest of our members and are most certainly unprecedented in the history of Kempsville Masonic Lodge. Because of the COVID-19 virus, much of the country has been shut down and most of us have been limited to travelling out only to buy food or go to work. At the direction of the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in mid-April, all Lodge events were suspended until June 10th. For the first time in its 65-year history, Kempsville Masonic Lodge did not hold a Stated meeting in April, and it does not appear that we will hold one in May. We have also rescheduled our Bull Roast and Past Master's Night for September and October respectively when, hopefully, the virus will no longer be a major issue.

That being said, Masonry is alive and well at Kempsville. Shortly after all Lodge events were suspended, I asked my Senior Warden to head up an effort to contact all our members near or over 70 years old and our widows to see if they needed any assistance during this challenging time. That work has been completed and I am glad to report that everyone from this group is doing well and that none of them were yet in need of any assistance. We will reengage with them again in May. I would ask that that if any of our members are in need or know of anyone in our Masonic family who needs help that they contact me personally so that the Lodge can render assistance.

We have also taken advantage of internet communications to hold regular meetings online using Zoom, a video-conferencing tool that has been quickly adopted by many organizations that cannot meet in person due to the virus. We are using Zoom to hold non-ritual Lodge training, Lodge Officer meetings, Saturday morning coffee and, for the first time ever, a non-ritual replacement for our April Stated meeting. As always, we will continue to communicate often with our members using the e-mail and posts on Facebook. Communication is the lifeblood of every Lodge, and it is something that I think we do well here at Kempsville.

I would ask each of our members to stay positive during this difficult time and to continue to support our members and our communities in any way that they can. Freemasonry not withstanding still survives!

Brother Dave Trzeciakiewicz, Worshipful Master

From The West



It has only been a month since our last Stated Meeting, but it feels like an eternity. Although our routines have been disrupted, we must keep in mind what is important in our lives and attempt to maintain as much normalcy as possible.

Even though we may not be able to gather in person, our Worshipful Master has done an outstanding job to keep our fellowship and comradery intact. He is leveraging technology as much as possible to keep communications open and flowing. We are still executing our Monday evening schools via the internet and video teleconferencing. In addition to Monday evenings, there are random video gatherings for other get togethers for fellowship to include Saturday morning "virtual" coffee. Join our Facebook page and visit our website for announcements. If you are interested in participating, touch base with any of the officers and we can get you connected.

It is important during this time of uncertainty to remember what is important to us and stay connected to family and friends by any means possible. Use this time to catch up on your Masonic reading, call your friends, call your children, volunteer if able. Remember every human being has a claim on your kind offices. Be the Light your community needs every day by espousing all that is good about Masonry.

Brother Mike Denning, Senior Warden

From The South



As Masons, it is embedded within our duties to seek the good in times of despair. Hope and faith are two essential aspects in life that must be central to our thoughts, words, and actions in the face of any crisis. We must always remember how to cast away the burdens that anxiety and uncertainty impose.

In our Masonic education, we are instructed to serve as beacons of Light, not only for new Masons entering the Craft, but also for society as a whole - especially when our friends, family, and countrymen are stranded in a sea of precariousness. Our peers, Masonic and otherwise, are embroiled in dangers not previously known to them. Past events such as the attack on

Pearl Harbor, the September 11th attacks, and now the 2019-2020 Coronavirus Pandemic, have and will change the how we view our world.

Since we have been ordered by our Masonic superiors to vacate our Lodge buildings indefinitely, we are now caused to mix again with the world without the (in-person) benefit of our sacred fellowship. Understandably, this is proving to be a tremendous trial for many among our ranks. However, we must be ever ready and willing to holdfast our Masonic principles, and to help, aid, and assist all of our peers in any manner conducive to us. Doing so in a time devoid of our cherished Masonic fellowship, although arduous, will only embolden our Fraternity, and may ultimately inspire more to seek Masonic Light.

In the absence of the routine in-person fellowship, education, and fulfillment that our Lodge building provides, and in the face of the current crisis, many ruffians (figurative and otherwise) are likely to appear along the paths upon which our Masonic journeys are inscribed- but outside of the foundation of our Lodge building, we must never forget that a sound Masonic foundation will embrace us for all eternity, forever insuring the safety of our minds, bodies, and hearts.

Brother John Settle, Junior Warden

Jobs Daughters International *(cont'd from page 1)*

Members of a Bethel elect their own officers, decide their own activities, and plan their own events. Throughout the year, they perform service projects to help their community, the less fortunate, and other charities. Our own Jobies here at Bethel 42 also support many of our Masonic events such as the dinner held annually by the District for the Grand Master's official visit at the beginning of each year. We are grateful to have such wonderful young women here at Kempsville and look forward to working with them for many years to come!

Kempsville Area Food Bank

Because the Lodge has been closed due to the COVID-19 virus, donations by Lodge members have been made directly to the foodbanks. Anyone wishing to contribute should drop off food or money donations directly to the Church of the

Ascension right next door to the Lodge building. There are signs at the back of the church that will direct you where to go. They have been open daily from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please donate if you can, food is needed now more than ever!

Bull Roast Update

We would like to thank all those that have come forward to volunteer to help during the Bull Roast. Given our current stay at home orders and the uncertainty of when those may be lifted, we have decided to postpone the Bull Roast until a later date. As of this writing, we are tentatively rescheduling for Saturday, September 12th. Stay tuned for updates!

Masonic Birthdays for May

Christopher Anders, Jr. '11	Leslie H. Miller '72
Brandon R. Angel '07	Steve T. Miller '71
George R. Bunch, Sr. '82	Larry Montgomery, Jr. '97
Kevin T. Cotter '11	Stanley D. Moss '96
Wayne C. DeFord '93	Joseph R. O'Leary '96
Frank Filippone '15	Daniel F. Oliver '14
H. Boyd Foxwell '70	John H. Phillips '18
James O. Freeman '74	Gregory K. Pruitt '02
J. Timothy Freihofer '15	Christopher Robertson '13
Billy F. Gordon, Jr. '03	Joseph T. Salt '62
Herbert T. Gordon '86	Jimmy B. Shehan '97
Adam Hernandez '07	Larry L. Strait, Jr. '12
John M. Hewitt '02	Russell P. Tjepkema '85
Monte P. Howell '70	William T. Whitmore '73
Ross O. McLeod '06	William O. Wyndham, Jr. '83
Joseph W. Miechle '09	

The Brethren shown above have a total of 768 years in Masonry!

March Beehive Award

This month we have not one, but two very deserving Beehive Award winners. The first is Brother Mike Blankenship, our District and Lodge Blood Coordinator, who previously won the award for December 2019. The second is Brother John Gabor, our Junior Steward. Both Mike and John spent quite a few hours in the Lodge in March and April installing new LED lighting in the upstairs hallway and in the kitchen. They also removed the remaining fluorescent lights in the Lodge room and installed new ceiling



tiles in their place. Thanks to them we have new, brighter lighting that will use less energy and save us money in the future. Brother Mike also donated the kitchen lights out of his own funds. Thanks to you both Brothers!

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in May:

Elizabeth Hutchinson	May 3 rd
Willie Salih	May 5 th
Bonnie Fitzgerald	May 9 th
Jackie Shelborne	May 10 th
Deborah Smith	May 22 nd
Sue Wright	May 23 rd
Barbara Marchman	May 24 th
Grace Jones	May 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.

Meet the Worshipful Master

The final 2020 Lodge Officer that we will introduce is our very own Worshipful Master, Brother Dave "T-Rex" Trzeciakiewicz. T-Rex hails from New Jersey (or, as we say during Stated meetings, "New Joisey") where he lived until getting his degree in Chemical Engineering and joining the Navy as a Surface Nuclear Power Officer in 1989. After retiring in 2009 after 21 years of service and duty



aboard four different ships, he started work as a military contractor and analyst supporting United States Fleet Forces Command, where he has been ever since. He just celebrated his 5th Masonic birthday, having been raised on April 28th, 2015, and is the first Mason in his family. His wife, Stephanie (Mrs. T-Rex) is a native of Virginia Beach and is pursuing her doctorate in library science. He has one daughter (Laurel, a recent graduate of the College of Charleston), a step-daughter (Lainie) and a step-son (Josh). His favorite Lodge activity besides cooking scrambled eggs (without cinnemon) is coaching new Masons in the Masonic catechism and writing and emceeing the roasts during the annual Past Master's nights.

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