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From The East



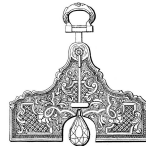
It takes effort to understand the teachings of Freemasonry, because they are illustrated by symbols and taught by allegory. Whenever you teach by symbols or allegory, it is possible that your message may be misunderstood.

There is the mythical story of the elementary school teacher who brought two jars of worms to school one day. In one, she poured some water and the worms continued to wriggle and squiggle like all healthy worms do. In the other, she poured some alcohol and the worms shriveled up and died. She then asked the class, "Did you all see what happened?" "Yes, teacher!" "Did you all learn from this?" "Yes, teacher!" "Well, what did you learn?" One little boy waved his hand. "Johnny, what did you learn?" "I learned that if you drink gin, you won't get worms!"

Now, that probably was not the lesson that the teacher intended with this demonstration, but such are the dangers of free interpretation. To prevent such misunderstandings, it is necessary to ask questions of those men whom you respect for their interpretations or explain yours and ask for comments. What are the lessons taught by a "flight of winding stairs," or the importance of "the point within a circle?" Why were you the central character in the play set around events connected with the building of King Solomon's Temple? What do the ruffians represent and why were you blindfolded when you met them? Open discussions in Lodge (and when appropriate, outside the Lodge) are necessary and a useful part of our education.

Worshipful Steve Ridgeway, Worshipful Master

From The West



Timing is everything. Whether we are opening a lodge and doing the signs, administering the Rite of Destitution in the First Degree, giving a lecture, telling a joke or proposing to a potential spouse, getting the timing right means a lot.

There is the expectation that the Senior Warden will be the Master the next calendar year. You need to know that I will not be the Master in 2015. I will be working my two jobs (school and church) until June when I retire from teaching school. My wife and I have significant travel plans in the months following that anticipated date. As much as I would like to meet the hopes and desires of the lodge and move up earlier than expected, reality dictates it would be best to wait. If you will have me in 2016, I will have much more time and be better able to serve.

Fortunately, the lodge has several options. We have several months to determine the best way to 2016. Meanwhile, let's do all we can to continue to make 2014 the success story it is turning out to be.

Brother Scott Foxwell, Senior Warden

From The South



As we move into February I thought it would be interesting to bring up a few famous Brothers who have represented Freemasonry in some of the sporting traditions that close the winter and open the spring: the Super Bowl, NASCAR, and the lead in to the NCAA basketball championship "March Madness."

In the realm of football, such names as Red Grange, Don Hutson, and Glenn "Pop" Warner highlight a list of "Fraternal Footballers." More recently it is interesting to note that Brother John Elway is the General Manager of the Denver Broncos, a former 2 time Super Bowl Champion, and member of the

NFL Hall of Fame. Brother Elway is an LMIP in South Denver Lodge No. 93 in Denver, CO.

If you are a NASCAR fan you may want to support Brother Sam Hornish, Jr. a member of Omega Lodge No. 564 in Defiance, OH (Brother Hornish also won the Indy 500 in 2006).

Brother James Naismith who invented the game of basketball in a YMCA gymnasium in Springfield, MA, and developed basketball's original 13 rules served as Worshipful Master of Lawrence Lodge No. 6 in Lawrence, KS in 1927 and 1928.

Brother Red Aurbach won 938 games (a record at his retirement) and nine National Basketball Association (NBA) championships in ten years with the Boston Celtics (a number surpassed only by Phil Jackson, who won 11 in twenty years). As general manager and team president of the Celtics, he won an additional seven NBA titles, for a grand total of 16 in a span of 29 years, making him one of the most successful team officials in the history of North American professional sports.

The best part of our Brothers successes is that each of them have happily sat in Lodge "on the level" with everyday guys just like us. Hope to see everyone at Lodge soon!

Brother Greg Muir, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

February 3 Ritual School, 7PM
 February 4 DDGM's Official Visit
 Willis V. Fentress Lodge No. 296, 6:30PM
 February 6 DDGM's Official Visit
 Bayside Lodge No. 218, 6:30PM
 February 10 Ritual School, 7PM
 February 11 Stated Communication
 Speaker: Worshipful Ed Meise, Jr. (DEO), 6PM
 February 13 DDGM's Official Visit
 Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, 6:30PM
 February 15 DeMolay Honest Abe Dinner, 7PM
 February 17 District Blood Drive
 Lynnhaven Lodge, 2PM-7PM
 February 17 Joint Ritual School
 Bayside Lodge No. 218, 7PM
 February 22 Monthly Breakfast, 8AM
 February 24 Ritual School, 7PM
 March 3 Ritual School, 7PM
 March 8 DeMolay Installation, 7PM
 March 10 Ritual School, 7PM
 March 11 Stated Communication
 Speaker: Worshipful Sam Welty, 6PM

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

Masonic Veterans for 2014

March	John Duane Johnstone	50 Years
	Lester Randall Lefler	25 Years
April	George Frank Roberts, Jr.	50 Years
	Alaric James Roche, Jr	50 Years
May	Robert Eugene Williams	50 Years
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

To Our Masonic "Sweethearts"

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in February:

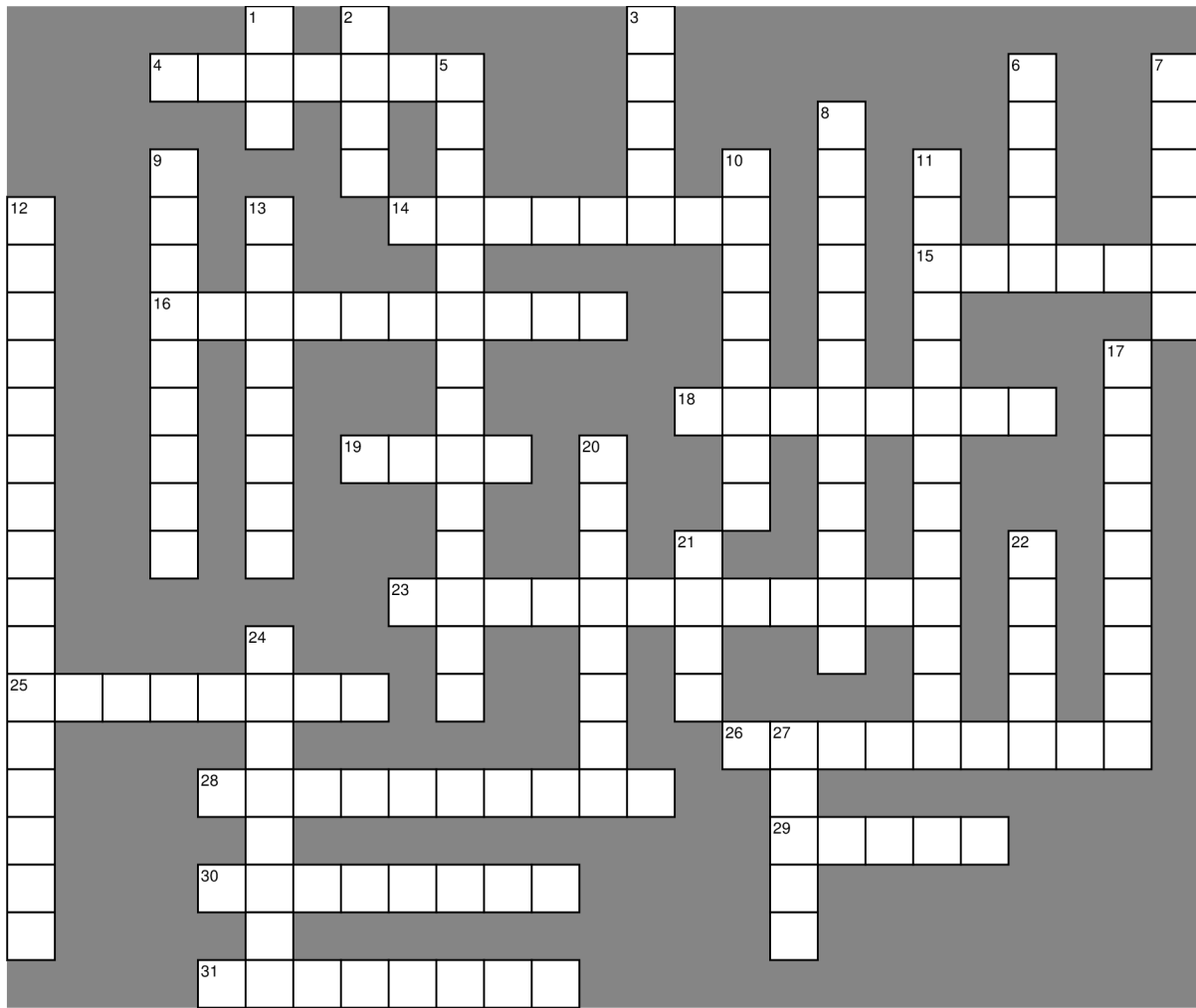
Patricia Henningsgen	February 1 st
Nancy Moffat	February 4 th
Catherine Hamilton	February 4 th
Lorraine Johns	February 5 th

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.

Masonic Birthdays for February

Alex Harvey Adkins '76	Robert Hunter Johns '05
David H. Armstrong, Jr. '77	Kenneth W. Lancaster '05
Scott Edward Bateman '99	Marvin Boyd Lancaster '05
George F. Boggs, Jr. '77	Brian Donnan Littlehale '10
William Johnson Davis '49	John Theodore Martin '11
Dennis Leonard Eaton '11	David Joseph Meers '10
Charles Frank Edwards '70	John Mark Nuzum '02
Edward Joseph Foley '93	Galen Keith Rogers '99
Lewis Jackson Forrest '85	Joseph Max Snook '65
Glenn D. Fraser II '80	Osmay Torres '08
Glenn Lincoln Gilman '78	William Charles Vahle '13
William Franklin Grice '70	Arthur F. Wadford, Jr. '08

The Brethren shown above have a total of 530 years in Masonry!



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ACROSS

- 4** one of the five human senses
- 14** to overwhelm; to flood
- 15** the form of a lodge is say to be an _____ square
- 16** Master 1970 (two words)
- 18** taking care, patience and perserverance in carrying out tasks
- 19** Masonic handshake
- 23** newly installed Senior Warden (two words)
- 25** deserving commendation; praiseworthy
- 26** reprimand; disapprove
- 28** nourishment; that which is needed to sustain life
- 29** the oldest and most original of the Grecian Orders
- 30** absence of knowledge
- 31** teaches the power and properties of magnitudes

DOWN

- 1** the Hebrew definite article, signifying "the"
- 2** a symbol of refreshment
- 3** ancient sea port
- 5** Deity; Creator of the Universe, Master Architect,, God, etc. (two words)
- 6** one of the immovable jewels
- 7** expression of high regard; showing respect or attesting to the worth or influence of another person
- 8** changes; fluctuations; variations
- 9** one of the four cardinal virtues
- 10** the position of the sun at noon
- 11** unites men of every country, sect, and opinion (two words)
- 12** a procession around the Altar according to the course of the sun
- 13** temporary; for a limited time
- 17** real, sincere, genuine
- 20** teaches us to speak copiously and fluently on any subject
- 21** a Mason and the eleventh President of the United States
- 22** lying flat, prostrate
- 24** hard; firm; unbending; inflexible; unyielding; stubborn
- 27** to endow; to provide with a quality or trait

Youth Corner

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



Bethel 42 completed a book drive for Books for America, a DC-based non-profit that promotes literacy and

life-long learning by distributing gently used books to organizations serving disadvantaged communities and individuals. They also attended an Admirals hockey game at the Norfolk Scope. Miss Brenna Worthington received her sash and became Bethel 42's newest "Jobie-to-Bee," a special designation given to young ladies who are interested in becoming Job's Daughters but have not quite attained the required age. Please join Bethel 42 for a special program honoring Masons and Eastern Star at their next meeting Sunday, February 2nd at 2PM.



Kempsville DeMolay read six (that's right, six!) new petitions at their January stated meeting, and the young men travelled to Richmond to participate in the Brotherhood Weekend state quarterly meeting where several of the new members received their degrees. The DeMolay held a game night and lock-in at Bayside Lodge where members and a few prospective members enjoyed a night of fellowship and fun. The DeMolay invite you to join them for their annual Honest Abe Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, February 15th from 4PM to 8PM at the lodge.

Kempsville DeMolay meets on 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

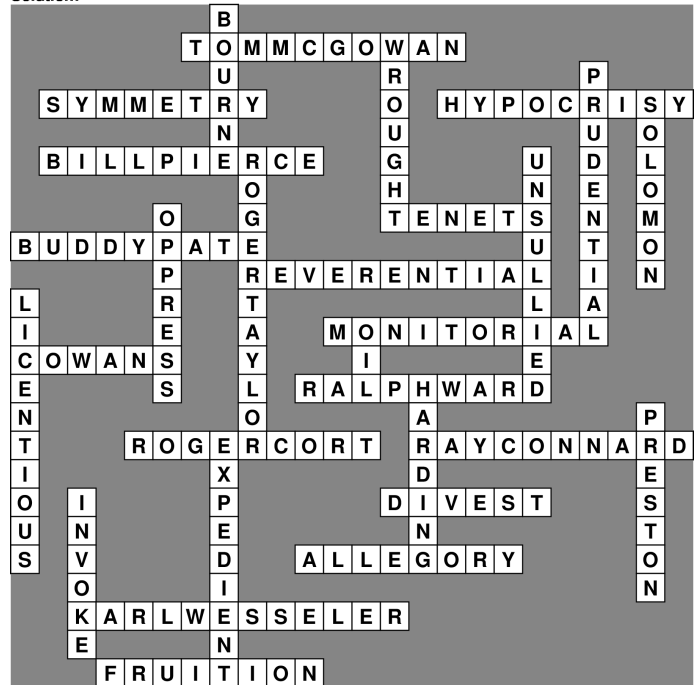
Masonic Blood Program

This is the time of year when everybody is trying to lose those few extra pounds. Blood makes up about 7% of your body's weight. By donating one pint of blood you can not only lose weight, you can save up to three lives. Our goal, as a lodge, is to have a 25% increase in donations this year. According to the Red Cross National Center, if you have type O blood the donation needs are first choice, double red cell, secondly, whole blood, and thirdly platelets. Let us start off the year right and donate at the first District blood drive in 2014 at Lynnhaven Lodge on February 17th from 2-7PM. See you there, Brethren!

Brother Patrick Blankenship
Lodge Blood Coordinator

January Crossword Answer

Solution:



What Masonry Is And Is Not

Masonry is not a gorgeous temple on a prominent corner; it is not a golden emblem worn on a coat lapel; neither is it a group of individuals bound together by secret oaths to a life of helpfulness and uplift. It has to do with these, but it is not that.

Masonry is a system, an influence, an institution, an incentive. It is an uplifted banner, upon which great principles and lofty ideals are inscribed in symbols which all may see, but which only those

may read who search diligently. It is a code of morality which can harm no one, but abundantly bless all who live up to it's precepts. It is influence which works beneficently upon the individual and binds men together in brotherly love, mutual helpfulness and the search for truth. It is an institution in which are gathered persons of all nationalities, diverse opinions, and varying temperaments. It is an incentive to nobler deeds, higher thoughts, and greater achievements. It is all of these and more. Next to religion it is the greatest reformative agent in the world. It boast but little, does not use spectacular means of attracting public notoriety, but pursues it's unpretentious course with a sincere tenacity of purpose and a sincere friendliness for all men that attracts the thoughtful and farseeing, commands the admiration of those who seek the betterment of the race, and enlists the best efforts of a host of common men who are not seeking personal gain, but feel the urge to improve themselves help the weak and make this old earth a better place in which to spend our short span of life.

Cornerstone Article 1928

Submitted by Right Worshipful Tom McGowan

In Memoriam

The following Brother has dropped forever the working tools of life and now resides with the Supreme Grand Master. We shall ever hold him in our memories and will truly miss him at our gatherings.

Richard Lewis "Rook" Boyette

Born June 26, 1923
 Initiated April 14, 1948
 Passed May 19, 1948
 Raised June 9, 1948
 Eternal Rest December 31, 2013

Thoughts and Prayers

Brother Robert Walter Jones is undergoing physical therapy and can be reached at 321-235-8799 (2054 Foxboro Drive, Orlando, FL 32812). Brother Floyd Morris Gilbert is recovering from foot surgery and can be contacted at 757-467-6435 (4557 Bob Jones Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462). Brother Richard Miles Sibley is hospitalized with a heart condition and can be reached at 757-467-2065 (708 Pinebrook Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462).

Please keep these Brethren in your thoughts and prayers.

The Little Red School, the Little White Church and the Little Blue Lodge

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; our own Grand Master, Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora, has chosen "FREEMASONRY – A BEACON OF LIGHT" as his theme for 2014. 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, our State, our Country, and the World.



From an article by
Most Worshipful Gerald L. Carver
Past Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina
Submitted by Steve Ridgeway, WM

Thank You!

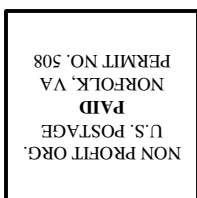
Eastern Star Chapter No. 173, for providing, preparing and serving the meals/refreshments at our Installation of Officers and our January Stated Communication.

Bethel No. 42, for providing refreshments following our Entered Apprentice Degree on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

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
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