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Veterans Day

On November 11, 1919, (100 years ago) President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans:

Address to Fellow Countrymen

The White House, November 11, 1919.

A year ago today (at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month) our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and juster set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.

Woodrow Wilson

The United States Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act approved May 13, 1938, made November 11 in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'." In 1954, veterans 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, where ever and whenever they had served, thus creating Veterans Day.

The global landscape has changed since the first Armistice Day address; nations have formed and dissolved and borders have been redrawn. Our enemies have changes and the weapons of war have evolved but the sacrifice that the men and women of today's US Armed Forces are willing to endure to spread and protect freedom is no less significant than it was at that turbulent time. President Wilson called for a day "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". Let us observe Veterans Day by proudly displaying the Flag and recognizing those veterans that were called to give the ultimate sacrifice and those that have voluntarily committed themselves to do the same while protecting the rights and freedoms of peoples at home and around the world.

From The East



As the Masonic Year is winding down there are only a few activities left on the calendar, mainly the Grand Annual Communication the week of

November 6th and degree work each Tuesday up to our Annual Communication on December 10th.

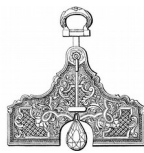
As I noted during the October Stated, movement on the Elevator Project is on hold while we determine the way forward on the foundation repairs. The lighting replacement project is still on track to occur before the November Stated and should bring a new look to the lodge room and other spaces while saving the lodge on electric costs.

All members should have received a letter briefly explaining the condition of the foundation, the required repairs and expected cost. One of the structural engineers that looked at the lodge noted that a probable cause of the foundation problem was water damage caused by poor drainage around the lodge. This struck me as a perfect example of how small problems can become very large problems over time when not addressed. Unlike an air conditioning or lighting problem that everyone notices and can easily report, this problem occurred gradually and slowly over many years and went largely undetected until a small indication with a sticking door spurred interest. This emphasized the importance of maintaining sufficient funds that can be used to respond to these problems as they arise. I believe many of us know of at least one example of a temple that was forced to relocate or consolidate due to the unbearable cost of building maintenance. I believe the membership of Kempsville Lodge would never allow this great organization to find itself in that situation. That's one reason I am confident the funds for the foundation repair will become available and cover the cost without placing the lodge finances in dire straits

On a much lighter note, there are several Community Service projects underway that could use your aid. Most of these projects require nothing but a little time while others require time and possibly a modest contribution. In all cases the beneficiaries of our effort and support are extremely appreciative and grateful. Kempsville Lodge *is* a valued part of the Kempsville community and should be proud of the support we are providing. Thank you!

Brother Roger Taylor, Worshipful Master

From The West



It is hard to believe that there is just over a month left in the 2019 Masonic year. Soon we will be preparing for another Annual Stated Meeting (well stocked with collard greens of course)

and installing a new group of Lodge Officers for 2020. It's been a busy, but very rewarding year so far. Our members have been extremely generous in supporting all of our community outreach programs, and I can proudly say that word is getting out in the community about our involvement in all of these good works.

My thanks to everyone who donated items for, purchased items from, and helped set up and run our second annual Lodge yard sale. Although we faced a lot of competition from local community yard sales and other fall events, we were able to raise over \$600 for the Lodge. This is "free money" in that the only cost of holding the yard sale was the time generously donated by the Brothers (and some of their wives and girlfriends) who made this event happen. My special thanks to Mrs. T-Rex who lends us her yard sale organizational genius every year!

Brother Dave Trzeciakiewicz, Senior Warden

From The South



It's November already and another year is quickly heading to the record books. I doubt this year has been a record year but it has definitely been a busy year for ritual work and degree conferrals. There have only been a

couple of Tuesdays which the Lodge has been dark this year. That being the case, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the Brothers who have been a part of our Tuesday work nights. You have demonstrated a superior level of professionalism and commitment week in and week out. Our candidates would not have progressed without your dedication and support.

Our work tempo has also provided all the elected and appointed officers to work from varying chairs. I think you will notice the officers being full up rounds in their respective ritual beginning day one. I have said it before but our stewards have outdone themselves and deserve a hearty thank you. In addition to our regular meals, we have enjoyed frequent refreshment after degree work. Come out and see what you are missing.

But Kempsville will not rest on its laurels. We are scheduled for degree work every Tuesday through November 19th and if things go as planned all the way through our Annual Stated. So come on out and join us any Tuesday night for Fellowship, food, and fun. And once again, if you are interested in participating in degree conferrals, swing by on Monday evenings for practice and a few good laughs.

Brother Mike Denning, Junior Warden

Trestleboard

October 29 Fellowcraft Degree, 7PM
 November 1 KHS Football Community Assistance, 7PM
 November 5 Master Mason Degree, 7PM
 November 8-9 Grand Annual Communication
 November 12 Stated Communication Dinner 6PM, Lodge 7PM
 November 19 Entered Apprentice Degree, 7PM
 December 10 Annual Stated Communication Lodge 6PM, Dinner 7PM

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

Community Service

Christmas 2019 Angel Tree (Brother Dave Trzeciakiewicz, Bro. Bob Hughes) – One of the new community outreach programs for Kempsville Lodge is the Angel Tree Program. This is a program coordinated by the Salvation Army that provides needy children with wearable items for Christmas. It is a very practical way helping those in need with clothing while proving something under the tree on Christmas morning.

The program is off to a tremendous start. On October 14th we received 20 Angel Tags and by the 17th all of those tags were distributed and an addition 5 tags were received from the Salvation Army. Those who took a tag are committed to buying appropriate wearable items for the Angel and delivering the new, unwrapped items to the lodge by December 10th.

2019 Thanksgiving Dinner (Worshipful Chris Anders) - For the second year in a row Kempsville Lodge will be providing Thanksgiving Dinners for needy families in the Kempsville borough. With the generous contribution from the members we are expanding the assistance from 5 to 10 needy families at Kempsville and Providence Elementary Schools.

Kempsville Area Food Bank (Brother Bob Hughes) Kempsville Masonic Lodge continues to

collect food items for a local church food pantry and cash donations that go to eliminate Virginia Beach Schools Student Lunch Debt.

You may drop off donations at the Lodge anytime the building is open. Keep the contributions coming, it's making a difference. To date the Lodge has donated over \$1100 in donations for school lunch debt relief and 820 lbs of food for the food pantry.

Kempsville High School Football (Brother John Settle III) - There are only a few games left to support Kempsville High School Marching Band by assisting the band parents cook hot dogs and hamburgers at the Home Team Concession Stand.

If you are able and willing to donate a couple hours on a Friday evening for a very good cause, please contact Bro. John Settle III for more information and to get on the access list.

Masonic Birthdays for November

Warren L. Aleck '66	Michael C. Jacob '14
Patrick D. Blankenship '12	Ronald S. Jacobson '03
Albert L. Bonney, Jr. '63	Philip R. Jennings '94
Joe E. Brown '64	Michael D. Johnstone '05
Gordon C. Burton '71	Jerry W. Ledbetter '83
Harold A. Campbell, Jr. '10	John L. Long '01
Herbert L. Carter '66	Andrew C. Mahrenholz '07
William K. Cole '89	Richard D. McCollum '95
Roger Cort '65	Matthew G. Millott '15
Brian L. Cox '77	Charles C. Mills, Jr. '79
Harry L. Cummings '71	River D. Morris '11
Lewis A. Dodson '77	Robert J. Oliver '08
Michael C. Elliott '65	Edward F. Parton '05
Matthew D. Esper '14	Paul W. Pennybacker '68
C. Raeford Eure '59	James S. Perry '79
Christopher J. Evans '09	Philip Poffenbarger, Jr. '80
Clarence G. Felts '69	William H. Rawson '04
Michael P. Fitzgerald '92	William L. Rice '83
Rolfe M. Fleming '72	Steve A. Ridgeway '77
Franklin M. Gamage '59	Charles G. Ryan '07
Timothy D. Givan '93	Henry Sargent '68
Justin L. Glasgow '78	Jerry Silla '99
Cecil A. Goodwin '71	Cecil C. Smithson '98
Justin M. Gray '06	Logan R. Spruill '15
Arthur J. Guarino, Jr. '92	William J. Swanner, III '74
Raymond E. Hall, Jr. '76	Charlie B. Taylor, Jr. '81
James T. Hare, Jr. '73	Robert R. Teller '88
W. Thomas Haste '61	Prentice G. Tuck Jr. '98
Donald O. Hawkins, Jr. '97	Ralph W. Ward '76
Russell L. Houston '85	Peder K. Wennberg, III '13
Willie L. Hudson, Jr. '61	Ronald H. Whitehead '67

The Brethren shown above have a total of 2,020 years in Masonry!

From the Secretary

Annual lodge dues notices for 2020 will be mailed soon. Annual dues remain at \$117. Be reminded, dues are payable in January of each year.

The Life Membership in Perpetuity (LMIP) plan is still available to anyone interested. Effective January 2020, the LMIP multiplier is 25-times the current dues. Contact the Secretary if interested in this program. (The lodge benefits from LMIP forever.)

Also, you may pay your Lodge dues by credit card on our web site:

<https://kempsvillegorge.org/payment/>

Worshipful Bob Stanek, Secretary

To Our Masonic Widows

Happy Birthday to our special ladies in November:

Ruth Simpkins	November 1 st
Irma Porter	November 2 nd
Ruth Litchfield	November 2 nd
Merelena Balance	November 3 rd
Mary Ann Monahan	November 20 th
Barbara McGregor	November 24 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.

Kempsville Youth

Our Bethel 42 Jobs Daughters are currently conducting a fundraiser in partnership with Yankee Candle. Please help support their efforts by going to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter

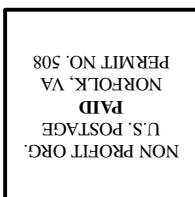
Group Number 999992994 in the "Start Shopping Box". You can then purchase any of the Yankee Candle products and the Jobies get 40% of the profits. It's never too early to start buying gifts for Christmas, birthdays, or anniversaries!

Kempsville Collard Time

Advance orders are being taken for Annual Stated Dinner Collards. Order forms are located in the kitchen or can be picked up from the Stewards. Take a form, fill it out and return it along with payment of \$5 per pound. Forms and payment may be returned to our Stewards, Worshipful Roger or Brother Dave T-rex.

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master	Roger Taylor	478-5498
Senior Warden	Dave Trzeciakiewicz	620-8311
Junior Warden	Mike Denning	651-0712
Treasurer	Chris Anders	635-7617
Secretary	Bob Stanek	255-8336
Senior Deacon	John Settle, III	675-9695
Junior Deacon	Pat Blankenship	406-6166
Senior Steward	Todd Moissett	604-3085
Junior Steward	Doug Dunn	781-389-6557
Chaplain	Scott Sherman	597-1150
Musician	R. Scott Foxwell	536-1659
Marshal	Dickie Cooper	971-7347
Tiler	Ben Jamal	553-2635
Instructor of Work	Tom McGowan	497-3881
Education Officer	William Rawson	724-4867
MAHOVA Ambassador	Ray Connard	630-5797
Blood Coordinator	Michael Blankenship	438-2862
Youth Advisor	Eddie Foley	581-8144



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