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S.D. Archer – 1981	K.P. Strickland – 1991	W.R. Manier – 2005	W.M. Mutter – 2015
R.B. Holmes – 1982	W. R. Manier – 1995	R.G. McEvoy – 2006	J.W. Conroy, Jr. – 2016
H.M. Hatfield – 1984	G.R. Tester – 1996*	R.D. Reed – 2008	D.L. Bagley – 2017
R.S. Best – 1985	P.W. Morley, Jr. – 1998	K.W. Strickland - 2009	J.W. Snow – 2018
+J.V. Matthews, Jr. – 1986	T.W. Magas – 1999*	K.E. Stephens, Jr. – 2010	H.P. Strickland – 2019
L.P. Fields – 1987	+H. C. Slaughter, Sr. – 2000	K.L. Hobbs, Jr. – 2011	R.S. Anderson – 2020
C.R. Jefferson – 1988	R.L. McDaniel – 2001	R.T. Smith – 2012	
M.B. Joyner – 1989	+M.F. Mansfield – 2003*	C.A. Allsbrook – 2013	
G.E. Brown – 1990	+F.T. Whittington, Sr. – 2004	H.P. Strickland – 2014	

+ - denotes PDDGM, * - denotes demitted

LIVING MEMBERS WHO ARE PAST MASTERS OF OTHER MASONIC LODGES

J.V. Matthews, Jr., PDDGM-NC	Garland #664, NC	1997-2001
A.W. Densley	Princess Anne #25	2012
G.L. Hanson	Edmond #37, OK	2018

LIVING AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

F.N. Boalt	Ancon Lodge – Balboa, Rep. of Panama	1981
B. R. Faulkner, PDDGM-NC	Solomon's #1, SC	1976, 1999, 2008
	Old Fort #420, SC	1981, 1982, 2016
	Egeria #71, SC	2014
T.S. Ferrell	Great Bridge #257	2009
W.E. Irving, PDDGM	Great Bridge #257	1984
F.E. Small	Elizabeth #34	1995
R.G. Underdown	Campbell #316	1981
B.H. Wilson, PDDGM	South Norfolk #339	1990, 2013

Master's Message

Brethren,

As we head into March, I would like to see an early spring on our horizon. With vaccinations being more readily available, the warming of weather, and all the prayers made daily we will hopefully be able to return to a more normal state. Until that is the case, we must remain diligent in our efforts to call and check on each other, say a word of encouragement, and continue our positive thoughts prayers. Please continue to donate canned foods to the food bank at Deep Creek Methodist Church. Our neighbors need our compassion and generosity now more than ever. It is in the darkest of times that our fraternity should shine as a beacon of light promoting **Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love**. With these firmly at the foundation of our character, the bible being used as a rule and guide to our daily lives, and God's gift to mankind of hope in the face adversity, we will get through this together and stronger than when we began. Pray for our sick, fellowship with each other when possible, and be a true example of Masonry to our neighbors, friends, and associates.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Paul A. Wotring
Worshipful Master

Quote of the Month

“Masonic labor is truly a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.” - Benjamin Franklin

Fundraising

With COVID-19 infections are still on the rise and with following current restrictions and guidelines our Brunswick stew Fundraiser will remain postponed. It is my hope that you have received our mailing of pledge cards. We would like to thank all of the members that have donated so far. Donations/ pledges will go toward our general fund to help support your Lodge during this unprecedented time.

From the Wardens

Greetings from the South Brethren! Even with all the public health obstacles in our way, Lake Drummond No. 178 has persisted. Our Lodge is still working! The officers and others are preparing and staying sharp for when the restrictions are lifted. Worshipful Paul is working hardest of all and has some interesting ideas that are sure to keep the Lodge relevant and active, he is a good man to have in the east at a time like this. I am sure we are all looking forward to things going back to normal. Rest assured that when that happens, we will be ready.
Brother Adam Drake, Junior Warden

Greetings from the West, I hope and trust everyone is staying safe and healthy. While we are unable to meet in the normal fashion, I urge you all not to let our bonds of fellowship and unity fall aside. Please reach out to your Brethren, especially our older members or those that may need a shoulder to lean on. Stretch forth your hand and sustain your Brethren. Take advantage of our monthly zoom meeting and connect with your Brethren. And as always may Friendship, Morality, and Brother Love prevail. I hope to see you all soon!

Bro. Billy Phelps, Senior Warden

March Masonic Birthdays

Join us in wishing these Brethren a Happy Masonic Birthday!

Bro. K.F. Potts	March 23, 1972 - 49 years	Bro. E.L. Angel	March 8, 2003 - 18 years
Bro. P.M. Young	March 4, 1982 - 39 years	Bro. D.A. Lowery	March 31, 2005 - 16 years
Bro. R.L. Wright	March 8, 1982 - 39 years	Wor. W.M. Mutter	March 31, 2008 - 13 years
Bro. D.J. Alonge	March 2, 1989 - 32 years	Bro. T.E. Spain	March 1, 2012 - 9 years
Bro. W.F. Foley	March 19, 1992 - 29 years	Bro. J.A. Root	March 27, 2014 - 7 years
Bro. J.E. Canterbury	March 23, 1995 - 26 years	Bro. M.J. Patrick	March 17, 2016 - 5 years
Wor. R.L. McDaniel	March 7, 1996 - 25 years	Bro. T.R. Reynolds	March 15, 2018 - 3 years
Bro. M.J. Diaz	March 26, 1998 - 23 years	Total Years in Freemasonry	333 years

Moment of Light from Wor. Chris Allsbrook

"Naomi Widowed"

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

"Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi"

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

"Naomi and Ruth Return"

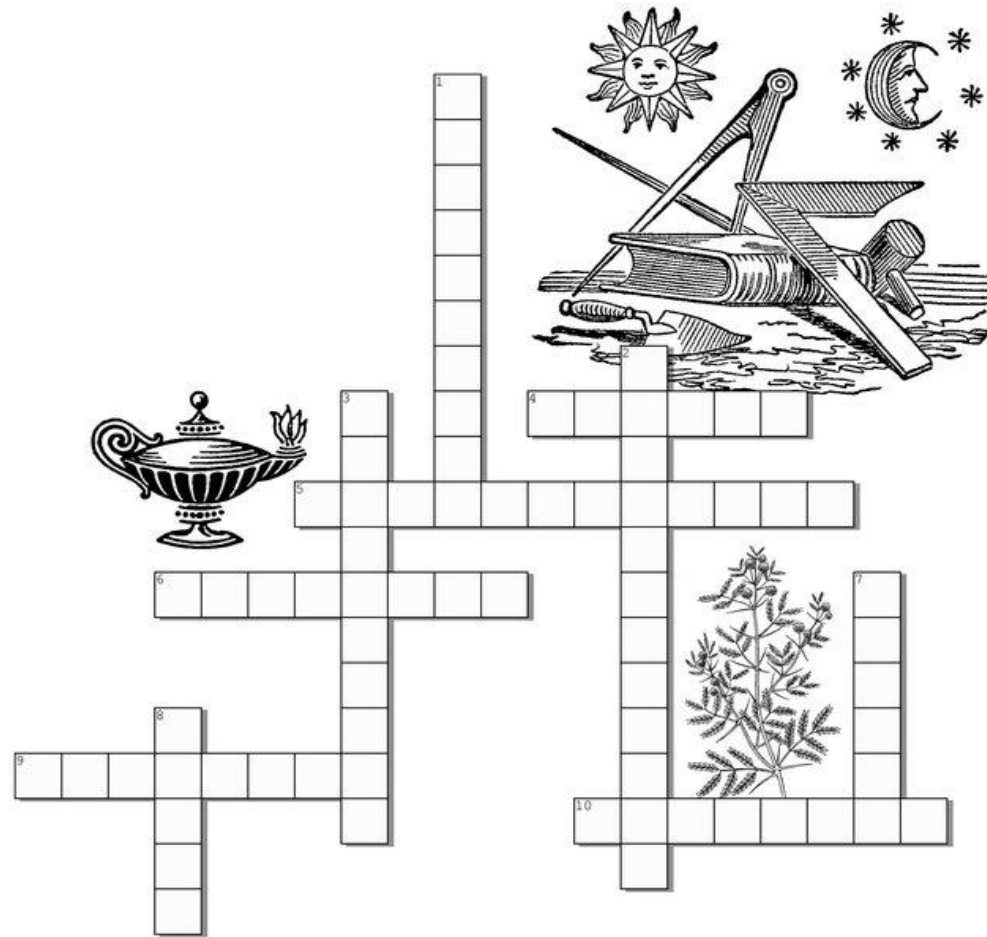
So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?” She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?” So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 1:1-22 ESV

FraternalTies Masonic Crossword Puzzle No. 1

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Across

4. The column of the J.W. which is the Corinthian represents _____.
5. a prying person.
6. A symbol of the cord of bond of Love.
9. A person in the state of being unaware.
10. Derived from the Ancient Greek word for 'earth' and 'measurement'.

Down

1. that time when the sun is at its highest point in the sky.
2. It has several staves or rounds of which three represents Faith, Hope and Charity.
3. A Latin form of the Anglo-Saxon word for Brotherhood.
7. Speculative Masons use it in two forms: rough and perfect.
8. The oldest and most original of the three Grecian orders.

Answers on a different page, keeping reading to find them!



February 2021		March 2021					April 2021
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2 South Norfolk 339	3	4 Berkley 167	5	6	
7 Lake Drummond Ritual School 0900	8	9 Doric 44	10 Lake Drummond Officer Meeting Officer Practice Discuss Lilies for the widows	11 Lake Drummond 178	12	13	
14	15	16 Indian River 252	17	18 Lake Drummond Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm social 7:00 pm meeting	19	20 Portsmouth-Chesapeake 155 AMD (Virtual via Zoom)	
21 Lake Drummond Ritual School 0900	22	23 Cradock RAC No. 72 Virtual via Zoom	24 Great Bridge 257	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31	Notes: Please Continue donating to the Food Bank at Deep Creek Methodist Church. Together we can help local families stay fed and healthy. Our DIW will either speak in person if lodge is able to resume, or on Zoom. Continue to pray for our sick and distressed.			

Brethren, during this time of uncertainty please verify meeting dates and know that things are subject to change.

Masonic Trivia

Test your Masonic knowledge with a few random trivia questions.

Questions:

- Q1. Which U.S. President and Freemason, died in 1875, said Pillow my head on the constitution of my country, and let the flag of the nations be my winding sheet?
- Q2. What Civil War battlefield did Masons erect a statue?
- Q3. The Grand Lodge of New York, in 1884 laid a cornerstone on Bedloe's Island for what famous landmark?
- Q4. What is the Latin name for the Holy of Holies?
- Q5. What famous American landmark did Frederic Bartholdi, a French Freemason, design?

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, 2021 Lodge Dues are due now. If you have not paid you Lodge Dues, please do so immediately. If you are having any financial difficulties, please reach out to the Worshipful Master or myself so we can assist you and secure your membership. We value every member!

Electronic payments accepted via our website, <http://lakedrummond178.org/PaymentCenter/Default.aspx>

Tired of paying dues, Life Membership is available, contact the Secretary for more info.

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A Masonic Journey

Each month we will spotlight a different Mason. We will tell his masonic story, what brought him to masonry, his most remembered masonic moment, his thoughts, his accomplishments, his dreams. We will learn about members of our lodge by spotlighting different masons each month. This month I would like to spotlight Wor. C. Robert "Bobby" Jefferson.

Worshipful C. Robert "Bobby" Jefferson has been a member of Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178 for the past 38 years. Almost a native, he moved from NC to the Deep Creek area of Norfolk County, VA when he was two years old. Residing in Hampton Roads for 78 years, he has seen many changes, some of which, he helped pave the way for while working as an Engineer and Inspector for VDOT on our highways as the Tidewater Interstate system was being created. He retired from VDOT in Oct. of 1991.

As a young man of 20, he was visiting at his sister's house when she told him about Brenda, a pretty young lady that lived 3 houses down. After some thought, he gathered up some courage, and decided to meet this young lady. She wasn't there, but after Brenda's mother told her of the gentleman caller, she went to visit Bobby at his sister's house. This sparked a romance of 2 years that turned into a lifetime when they married on February 2, 1963. This past February marked their 58-year anniversary together.

Bobby and Brenda have shared everything together; from their love of each other, extending to their shared love of Masonry. When Pat Hankins, a family friend, spoke with Ms. Brenda about Freemasonry and told her that Bobby would be a good fit, she was very supportive. Bro. Pat Hankins and Bro. Elmer Walters signed his petition, initiating him on Nov. 18, 1982, passing him on Feb. 03, 1983 and raising him on Feb. 24, 1983. He has remained a valued brother for 38 years. In 1985 Ms. Brenda and Bro. Bobby served the "Craft" together in the Eastern Star and have remained members for 36 years. Brother Bobby decided to get into line to serve as an officer, and while he was sitting as Senior Steward Bro. Jimmy Barnes became ill, causing him to jump from Senior Steward to Senior Warden. Wor. Bobby Jefferson served as Worshipful Master of Lake Drummond in 1988. Wor. Bobby also served as Treasurer of the Lodge for ten year, from 1992-2002.

Bobby instantly fell in love Masonry and he became involved in everything that he could. Throughout His Masonic Career he was a member of Royal Arch, Scottish Rite, and served as Worthy Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star at least seven times. Reflecting back, he said the main lesson he learned as a Mason was to become a helper. This lesson has served him well throughout his life, as he has always been involved; helping wherever there was a need. He stated that while he has many wonderful memories as a Brother, almost too many to count, his fondest was that of serving Lake Drummond Lodge as its Worshipful Master. When asked if he would change anything, he said only the dress code. He feels that a strict dress code is restrictive and holds some people back from the learning the lessons of Masonry. His advice to the newly raised brethren, "do good to all and be a good example of the Craft." Likewise, his advice to me, as a new Worshipful Master was to "listen and learn as much as you can."

As Worshipful "Bobby" Jefferson looks back on 80 years he is happy to have met so many wonderful people and to have been a part of Masonry. Over three years ago He was told that he had cancer and was given a prediction of 6 months or less. He has handled this cancer diagnosis just as he has everything else in his life; with his wife by his side and determined to make the most of each day by living his life to its fullest.

Trivia Answers

- Answer 1. Andrew Johnson
- Answer 2. Gettysburg
- Answer 3. The Statue of Liberty
- Answer 4. The Sanctum Sanctorum
- Answer 5. The Statue of Liberty

Crossword Answers

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Across: | Down |
| 4. BEAUTY | 1. HIGHTWELVE |
| 5. EAVESDROPPER | 2. JACOBSLADDER |
| 6. CABLETOW | 3. FRATERNITY |
| 9. IGNORANT | 7. ASHLAR |
| 10. GEOMETRY | 8. DORIC |

This Month in Masonic History

- March 3: On this date in 1753, George Washington received his Fellow Craft degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia.
- March 5: On this date in 1792, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was organized.
- March 6: On this date in 1775, several black men, including one named Prince Hall, were initiated into Freemasonry in Boston. This marked the beginning of what became a huge movement or organization in the United States known as Prince Hall Masonry, composed mainly of African Americans.
- March 9: On this date in 1822, a national Masonic Congress was held in Washington DC, in the U.S. Capitol building.
- March 17: On this date in 1856, the Grand Lodge of Kansas was formed. On this date in 1848, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington DC was established.
- March 18: On this date in 1902, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was incorporated, in Trenton, New Jersey.
- March 23: On this date in 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 3rd degree.
- March 25: On this date in 1882, the Grand Lodge of Arizona was organized. On this date in 1902, Sir Winston Churchill received his 3rd degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London England.

Masonic Humor

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives. Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like. As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

"Is that you, Bill? "

"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."

"Oh, MY,.... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth. The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up. "Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third-degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."

Sunshine Committee Report

Please keep our sick and distressed raised up in your thoughts and prayers. The best thing that you can do for someone is to pray for them. If you know of a Brother, widow, or family member that is sick, injured, or distressed, please inform either the Sunshine Committee, or one of your Lodge officers. We want to ensure we are praying for every need any of our Lodge members may face. In this unprecedented time, we need to readily reach out to one another and share each other's burdens. All reported needs will only be shared based on the privacy and discretion requested by each member.

Rt. Wor. Boyd Wilson lost his wife Alice, prayers are much needed.

Bro. Edward J. Corona has had a rough time with his chemo-treatments this go-round.

Bro. Tommy Meiggs daughter, Meika had lung surgery and was hospitalized, released, and continues her recovery.

Bro. Marshall worth "Bubba" Tatem's mother has had surgery and is recovering well.

Bro. Gregory "Gus" Gustafson had back surgery on Feb. 25 and recovering well.

Bro. David Sammon continues to recover from a severe auto accident.

Wor. Bill Manier's Sister, Barabara had a ruptured abdominal aneurism and has a long road to recovery