S & D

Our concerns for those around us never seem to be completed. We were saddened to hear of the passing of a long time member of Village Lodge. Worshipful Paul Walker served his brothers and his fellowman for many of his years. We had a Masonic Funeral service at the Lodge, which was appreciated by all who were in attendance. Please remember his family in your thoughts and prayers. We were saddened to report of the passing of Brother Hugh Robinson. A member of Village Lodge, for the past twenty-five years. He too, will be missed. Your thoughts and prayers will be appreciated by his family.

Please keep in mind R..H.. Charles Titus , who is having some serious health problems. And please remember W. Charley Mc –Carty who is in need of our support.

W. Jim Gregory Jr, knee surgery will wait until he undergoes physical therapy. Many are in need of thoughts and prayers. Please call us If you know of someone who are in need of our concerns.

 THOUGHT

The term “excuse me”, has the power of interruption.
And we can use these as an opportunity to grow.

 BAGGAGE

As the year draws to a close, we might congratulate ourselves on a journey well done. We also may complain excessively concerning the setbacks that we may have had. Some will feel that the journey was a great adventure, while others may consider it a nuisance.

But a Mason who has learned the secret of the Craft, knows it was a great gift. While he will take only the things he will need in his journey, such as insights, judgments and a sense of values. When he arrives at the end of his journey, he can remove the baggage of old hates and disappointments that he has carried during the year.

 LIFESTYLE

One who has self-confidence, but does not show it.

One who can be courteous in the face of discourtesy.

One who keeps his word, his temper and his friends.

One who wins respect by being respectable and respectful.

One who has a steady eye, a steady nerve, a steady tongue and steady habits.

One who is silent when he has nothing to say.

One who is calm when he judges and humble when he misjudges.

 ARMISTICE DAY

 11-11-1918

In 1921, on a hillside overlooking the Patomic River and the City of Washington, the remains of an unknown W.W. 1 soldier, were laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Similar ceremonies occurred in England and France, where the remains of unknown soldiers were buried in each of their highest place of honor. And in 1926, the Congress established this annual date as Armistice Day. A day to honor those servicemen who had served in W.W.1. And in 1936 it became a National Holiday

Shortly after W.W.2 broke out in Europe, where 407,000 Americans gave their lives for their country, the concept that all veterans

should be honored, the day became known as “ Veterans Day” in 1958. And two more unidentified soldiers, one from W.W.2 and one from the Korean War, were placed aside their fellow W.W.1 soldier. In 1984, the remains of an unknown soldier from the Vietnam War was interred with the other servicemen. And to this day,, the 3rd U.S. Infantry keeps a day and night vigil. At 11 A.M., on November 11th, a combined color guard executes a “Present Arms”at the tomb. A playing of “Taps”. Completes this ceremony to honor those who gave their all.