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NOTE TO LODGE COMMITTEES AND APPENDANT BODIES Input for the *Burning Taper* by Lodge Officers, Committees and Appendant Bodies must be submitted to the Worshipful Master Marlo Pilar (13lakay@cox.net) no later than the third Wednesday of each month. E-mails accepted and preferred.



The Burning Taper

Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220, AF & AM
Virginia Beach, Virginia

September, 2020
Our 58th Year



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,



September 10, 2020 Stated Communication is our Junior Warden's Night. Our Junior Warden, Bro Wesley Latchford, who is also the 35th District Education Officer and member of the *Masonic Herald* as well, has been known to have interesting ideas and Masonic information materials to share with the Brethren. There will be a second reading on a candidate which will be followed by balloting.

We are still under restriction to serve dinner and or beverages at the lodge and there is a good possibility that this practice might continue until the end of this year (2020). So, I am asking you to stretch your flexibility (no pun intended) a tad more until we can have a cure or vaccine.

The One-Day Conferral (ODC) has been decided to be done by the different Districts. The dates, venues, and times for the 56 District's ODC are October 3, 2020 at Princess Anne Masonic Lodge No. 25 and October 10, 2020, at Bayside Masonic Lodge No. 218 and the time for both dates will be from 7 a.m. 'till we finish.

September 12 and 26 are our District's ODC Degree Teams' rehearsal dates starting at 7 a.m. until sometime in the afternoon and the venue will be at Bayside Masonic Lodge No. 218 for both dates. A few members of our lodge are part of the Degree Teams to Exemplify all three Degrees to the candidates.

August Stated was successful, our lodge elected a candidate through the process of balloting in which the COVID 19 protocols were followed. We are getting used to the "new normal" procedures which was prompted by the COVID 19. Soon, these new normal will become just a regular operating procedure which will be filed in a "lessons learned" file when the pandemic is over. Meanwhile, we will continue to sanitize our lodge and follow protocols promulgated by our Grand Lodge. Please remember to use the hand sanitizers at the foyer table as soon as you get in the lodge and wearing of a mask is strongly suggested to protect the other person and ourselves.

We attempted to have a ground working party on the 15th of August but was thwarted by heavy rainstorm around 9:30 a.m. while Wor. Jim Wagner, Bro. Dale Graham, and Bro. Ryan Petit were mowing and weed whacking. Although they were not able to do it all, they were able to accomplish a lot. We will call for another ground working party in a couple of weeks; in fact, we will be scheduling this ground working party every other week weather permitting or as needed to maintain the neatness and cleanliness within the perimeter of our lodge. As always, thank you, Brethren, for your relentless dedication to keep our lodge always neat, clean, presentable and therefore respectable. I'm sure that you would agree with me when I say that...our lodge is one of the neatest and cleanest lodge if not the best looking Masonic Lodge in Virginia Beach, and this we wholeheartedly owe to our dedicated members through the able leadership of our Trustees, Wor. Jim Wagner, Wor. Jerry Anderson, and Bro. Jim Witcher.

And finally, I am immensely proud to announce that the total Parking Lot donations as of August 13, 2020, are \$7,219.50. The donors for the month of August are. RW Den-

nis Edwards, William Kennedy, Bro. Bob Adams, Bro. Chuck Delaney, Wor. Jim Wagner, Bro Wesley Latchford, Wor. Dave Conner, RW Ed Meise Jr., Wor. Anthony Oubre, Wor. Jerry Anderson, Bro. Ryan Petit, Wor. Brian Adams, Bro. Dale Graham, Bro. Tom Mirsky Jr., Wor. Jim Powell, Bro. Wally Maybery, Wor. John Brown, Bro. Jim Witcher, Bro Carl Pennington, Wor. Bob Rathbun, DDGM RW David Crook, and yours truly. **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, BRETHREN, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY and WILLINGNESS TO IMPROVE OUR BUILDING AND THE PARKING AREA AROUND IT.**

Stay safe and healthy, stay home, if you can't stay home, wear a mask, Brethren.

Sincerely and fraternally
Marlo B. Pilar, Worshipful Master
Cell: (757) 779-0705

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,



In these days of strongly held beliefs and views, you cannot read the news or listen to the TV without hearing one political party telling us how horrible, selfish and evil their opponents are. Then, with a change of channel, or the click of a mouse, we can hear the other party saying the exact same thing about the first party. The over the top outright shameless lies and hyperbole are stunning. There is a great prize at stake somewhere, and humble service of your fellow man, probably is not it. Significant events are afoot, and we will all live with whatever the results are.

Fortunately, our Lodge is a refuge of friendship, where we as Masons treat one another with love, and respect, even avoiding entirely topics that could become contentious. But sensitive topics are nothing new or unique to our times, no doubt these existed in abundance in lodges of American rebels and British loyalists, then, later, in lodges of Union loyalists and Confederate rebels. In spite of their passions, Masons respected, and loved one another. There are many examples of this.

In a famous example, on a battlefield in Gettysburg, a Union Captain, pays honor and respect to a dying Confederate General, fulfilling a last request to carry personal effects to the Confederate General's dear friend, who happens to be the Commanding Union General. All three men are Masons. A touching story, most of us have heard it, maybe even stood, and stared silently at the bronze statues and black marble memorial.

I cruised the internet, looking for other instances of Masons around the world, in conflict, who showed respect for Brother Masons. Then I found something I did not expect. I looked for examples in Russia. Is there even a Grand Lodge there? It turns out, there is, and before that, there was, but for 76 years, there was not, and it's not like they just turned in their charter, and called it quits. The original lodge was established in the 1700's primarily by military

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PRAYER CORNER

Please keep the following Brethren and families in your thoughts and prayers:

Wor. Bill Ramsey
Bro. Roy Smith
Bro. Dave Schroy
Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis
Nita Leonard
Nancy Linger
Lola Thompson
Betty Cunningham, Wife of Bro. Dave

Prayer request, please call Carl Pennington at 757-822-9863.



FROM THE SOUTH

"Don't Be A Sucker" – The Importance of Understanding Rhetoric and Logic



While recently doing research for a short talk on rhetoric and logic, I came across "Don't Be a Sucker," <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGAqYNFQdZ4> a short film produced by the U.S. Department of War released in 1943, and adapted as a slightly shorter version in 1947. With themes focused on anti-racism and anti-fascism, it was made to educate viewers about how prejudice and discrimination have no place in America – and to make the case for the desegregation of the U.S. Armed Forces.

In the 18 minute film, a young American man – who also happens to be a Freemason – has been listening to a racist and bigoted rabble-rouser preaching hate against ethnic and religious minorities and immigrants. The gentleman is seemingly intrigued by the speaker's words, until the speaker starts railing against Freemasons, as well. The young man is then warned about the consequences of such speech by a naturalized Hungarian immigrant standing with him in the crowd. Possibly a Holocaust survivor or escapee, the immigrant explains how such rhetoric, logical fallacies, and demagoguery allowed the Nazis to rise to power in democratic Weimar Germany, and warns Americans should not to fall for similar invective language in our country.

While typically seen as merely a wartime anti-Nazi propaganda film, it is also incredibly instructive for any Freemason seeking to further his knowledge and understanding of rhetoric and logic as tools of communication. Not only does it prominently feature Freemasonry within its plot line, its illustration of the use of *Logos* [using logical arguments such as induction and deduction], *Pathos* [creating an emotional reaction in the audience], and *Ethos* [projecting a trustworthy, authoritative, or charismatic image] with other rhetorical techniques and logical fallacies, are incredibly instructive in how easily these essential parts of the Trivium can, have been, and continue to be, used for both good and ill intentions in our society.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bro. Wes Latchford, 32°, Junior Warden
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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER, 2020

Jeffrey Anderson.....	09/26/2006
William Artese.....	09/23/1965
Carlton F. Bennett.....	09/18/1981
Brad Braswell.....	09/20/2012
Marc J. Cahill.....	09/29/2010
Kelby J. Castillo.....	09/23/2014
James C. Caton.....	09/26/1963
Manuel Cheracles.....	09/25/1969
David A. Cool.....	09/06/1977
David L. Cunningham.....	09/06/1979
Jeffrey L. Dudley.....	09/29/2005
Richard Egnor.....	09/02/2003
Dale W. Graham.....	09/25/2014
Charles L. Greenawalt.....	09/21/2000
Michael L. Jensen.....	09/02/1993
William S. Johnson.....	09/22/1960
James G. Keiser.....	09/23/1976
Brian E. Laffey.....	09/23/1982
Jack R. Lawlis.....	09/25/1980
James W. Mitchum.....	09/30/1999
Alastair Pobre.....	09/18/2014
Alfred R. Rathbun.....	09/20/1994
Robert B. Schratweiser.....	09/11/1979
Richard H. Smith, Jr.....	09/27/1973
Jimmy W. Wagner.....	09/18/1971
Frank A. Williams, Jr.....	09/27/1963
James R. Williard.....	09/30/1982
Bruce G. Yorgey.....	09/20/2007

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men who had been abroad. Then, in 1917, shortly after the Communist revolution and the birth of the Soviet Union, it was crushed, banned, outlawed. Then, after 76 years of darkness, Dec 26, 1991, the Soviet Union collapsed. Just over a year later, the Grand Lodge of Russia was again established. Imagine that, with all the turmoil in that country, and indeed the world at that time, Russia reestablished their Grand Lodge. Interesting, who even remembered?

As they came out of almost eighty years of Communist, Socialist nightmares of fear, starvation, persecution, political oppression, tens of millions dead or missing from disease, famine, and political prisons, possibly hundreds of millions, depending who is counting, and what you include, with all they have going on, one of the first things that the Russian men wanted, and reestablished, was the Institution of Freemasonry, and the most excellent tenants of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

I hope this information helps us appreciate what we have here.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Dale Graham, Senior Warden
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