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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

July, 2020
Our 58th Year



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

After 3 months, the lockdown has been lifted, we can now reconvene, and reoccupy our Lodge and have our long-awaited Stated Communication on July 9, 2020. There is of course a "**NEW NORMAL**" set of Protocols that we must abide by which are all listed in the insert provided in this month's *Taper*. These protocols are necessary to prevent the spread of the COVID 19, so, please read it and act accordingly.

The most important protocol that I like to stress is...**NO ONE WITH A FEVER OR SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 CASE(S) IN THE PRIOR 14 DAYS, IS PERMITTED TO ENTER THE LODGE BUILDING, PER PHASE II REOPENING GUIDELINES AND CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL GUIDELINES.**

When you come to the lodge, the very first thing that I would like for everybody to do is...after opening the entrance door, please use the hand sanitizer provided on top of the desk at the foyer especially those who held the door handle to open it. There will be paper towels next to the hand sanitizers. Although we are not permitted to eat meals, snacks, and drink beverages before or after Lodge communication, it is always safe to have clean hands, for one reason that you might have an itch on your face and instinctively scratch it. And, although we are not serving a meal, the **FRATERNAL BOX OF ASSISTANCE** will be placed at the same table where we usually place it, in order to "**DEFRAY THE COSTLY PREPARATION**" of the Lodge consistent to the requirements of the Grand Lodge. These requirements commensurate to the promotion of healthy practices and adheres to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We will put another fraternal box of assistance by the lodge room entrance in case you missed the one in the dining room area.

As I mentioned in our last *Taper*, we are going to spread the ballot on 5 people, 2 for restoration of rights and benefits and reinstatement of membership to our lodge, two (2) for affiliation from another lodge to ours, and one (1) to receive the mysteries of Masonry. The "**new normal**" for balloting is the wearing of disposable acrylic or plastic gloves and of course the six (6) feet social distancing. The gloves will be laid down on top of the altar next to the ballot box. A four (4) gallon waste basket will be provided next to the sacred altar for disposal of the gloves when finished with the balloting.

Lodge seats marked with blue tape are six (6) feet apart and are assigned for audience in the sideline. The total number of available lodge seats for the sideline audience being six (6) feet apart is only twelve (12) but



we can place some folding chairs in the carpet area. Masks are strongly encouraged for every member. These are just a few of the protocols, the insert page will list all the protocols necessary to safeguard our health as per CDC guidelines.

Brethren, to date, there is no known cure or vaccine for this COVID-19, **THEREFORE, WE CANNOT BE TOO CAREFUL** Stay safe and healthy, Brethren.

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

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

From the West, I have a good view of what is on the steps in the East. In particular, I have been noticing and thinking about the rough ashlar, and the perfect ashlar, two of the three movable jewels in Masonry. The rough ashlar is the raw material cut from the quarry, but what was this stone before it was the rough ashlar? Even before it was a rough ashlar, it must have been material of good quality, solid, not broken, cracked, or fatally flawed. In short, even before the first stroke of the gavel, it was good enough to be selected as raw material for a rough ashlar, it contained all the attributes required to someday become a perfect ashlar before it ever left the quarry. Now, consider the perfect ashlar, what the rough ashlar, with work, skill and precision, the rough ashlar may become. The standard against which gauges and samples are tested. No ashlar will ever quite measure up, but they will be good enough to serve their purpose. Even the most perfectly cut and polished diamond from the most pure and pristine raw material, upon close inspection, is unique and distinguishable from every other diamond, not by it's perfection, but by it's unique flaws.

Keep this in mind in all your interactions with our fellow Brethren, none of us is perfect, we all have our flaws, and we need forgiveness, but we were all good enough to once ask, and be selected, to become Masons and we keep trying to be better Masons and better men.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Dale Graham
Senior Warden
(757) 805-1441



PRAYER CORNER

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS JULY, 2020

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Daryl W. Hoover	07/03/2014
Garrvan D. Knox	07/05/1990
Wallace E. Maybery, Jr.	07/02/1992
Christopher M. Savvides	07/05/2007
Chandler A. Wells	07/02/2015



From The Secretary

Brethren, if your dues card does not say

December 31, 2020,

then you are behind on your dues.

I can be reached at 757-639-3407

if you are having a problem paying your dues.

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Sincerely and Fraternally,
 Bob Rathbun, PM. Secretary



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FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren All – Over the past few weeks I have been morally and ethically struggling with very troubling questions facing our Fraternity. Not with Lodge membership, finances, proficiency in ritual, or absence of Masonic Education. But disconcerting questions of “Are we truly who we say we are?” Are we men who really, as we claim, embrace all men regardless of race, creed, color, orientation, faith, and nationality? And if this be so, are we doing enough—or anything—to actively address the issues of injustice, intolerance, fear, apprehension, and trepidation so affecting our society today?

On June 6th, the North Carolina Masonic Research Lodge and the “Refracted Light” Facebook group held an online panel discussion (<https://tinyurl.com/ybc9cq15>) with Brothers of Several Grand Loges and Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodges on racism, divisiveness, and healing in our communities and Freemasonry. I encourage you to watch, listen, and absorb what these much respected Brothers have to share about Freemasonry’s role in “Being the Light” in the world today.

In his book, *Freemasonry in Black and White*, author Charles M. Harper says “Like the power of centripetal force, goodness revolving in the center attracts goodness to it.” We change society by who we are outside the Lodge, not within it. For too many years, too many Masons both black and white have chosen to ignore society’s interracial relations and in so doing failed in living out the tenants Freemasonry professes—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

My Brothers, every human being has a claim upon our kind offices. The world needs us to be at the forefront of these issues and to publicly talk about and demonstrate our Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. The study of the Trivium-Grammar, Rhetoric, and Logic—is earnestly recommended to our consideration when we are passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. If embracing this charge, who better to take the lead in facilitating civil discourse in a society replete with uncivil diatribes and mutual disregard for one another? We are uniquely positioned to create a sacred space both within and outside the Lodge room to engage the world in productive conversation between men of all colors, nations, and creeds

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.” Hhhmmm, judged by their internal, and not their external qualifications—sound familiar? On August 28, 1963, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his iconic “I Have a Dream” speech to a crowd of over 250,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. It is unfortunate that he could give this speech again today 57 years later and his eloquent words still ring true. You can watch Rev. Dr. King’s speech at <https://tinyurl.com/ybegnpfo>.

What will you do today, what will Freemasonry do today, to let brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue unite and cement us—all of us?

Sincerely and Fraternally,
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