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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

June, 2020
Our 58th Year



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

The year 2020 has been genuinely interesting -the pandemic, the lockdown, the quarantine, all make the anticipation of resuming, reconvening, and re-occupying our Lodge, an exciting proposition. Nevertheless, given the nature of uncertainty of the nation's present situation, we can only hope that we will finally meet again at our much-missed Masonic Lodge and continue our Masonic business, camaraderie, and fellowship on June 11, 2020. I expect another promulgation from the Grand lodge to confirm this notion.

Assuming that the Masonic Moratorium will be lifted and we will be granted to resume our Scheduled Stated Communication on June 11, we are going to spread the ballot on 5 people, 2 for restoration of rights and benefits and reinstatement of membership to our lodge, 2 for affiliation from another lodge to ours, and 1 to receive the mysteries of Masonry. It will be quite a long process should there be complications during the proceeding.

Meanwhile, we will continue to maintain our lodge the same way we have been doing for the last 2 months. Shout out to the Brethren who have been doing lodge maintenance on their own time. Wor. Jerry Anderson, Wor. Jim Wagner, Wor. Bob Rathbun, Wor. Brian Adams, Wor. David Conner Bro. Bruce Yorgey, Bro. Dave Schroy, Bro. Jim Witcher, and Bro. Tom Mirsky moved the chairs and tables, and stripped and applied new wax on the cafeteria and foyer floor. Wor. Bob Rathbun and I repositioned the tables back after the wax had dried, and Wor. Jerry and Bro. Jim Witcher moved the chairs out of the Parker Room. Wor. Jerry painted the refrigerator doors, and Ms. Nancy cleaned the women's bathroom. Shout out also to Bro. Bob Schratweiser for continuing to work the yard. In addition, shout out to Bro. Dale Graham for wrestling, I mean replacing the water closet (commode) in the men's bathroom downstairs. Moreover, shout out to Wor. Tony Paramore and all others who participated in moving the (illegally) dumped dirt in the back of our lodge, I apologize for not mentioning your name(s) as I do not have a list of the participants in that effort at this time. As always, thanks to Ms. Lynn Wagner for her continuous support to get our *Taper* organized, and prepared for printing, and to all those who help fold the *Taper* for mailing. Finally, all honor to the 5 Brethren who braved the uncertainties which we are presently dealing with and volunteered to join me in the Masonic funeral service for Wor. Frank Leslie Rentz on April 30, 2020. Wor. Frank entered the celestial Lodge on April 29, 2020. His granddaughter moved heaven and earth to fulfill her grandfather's request to have a Masonic funeral. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, the first Holloman Brown Funeral Parlor



in Norfolk would not allow the Masonic funeral service, so she had to move Bro. Frank to another Holloman Brown at Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach. Since

only 10 people are allowed in the building, there were only 6 Masons; RW Jimmy Caton, Wor. Jim Wagner, Wor. Dave Conner, Wor. Bob Rathbun, Bro. Jim Witcher, and myself; 3 members of the family; and the Funeral Director. The ceremony was quick, I believe we spent less than an hour inside the funeral building including preparations. By the way, our Masonic funeral service is currently administered by two Brethren who are 65 years old and above.

Phase 1 of reopening our economy started last Friday. I believe the number of people allowed to congregate in Phase 1 is 10 also and restaurants are still maintaining 6 feet social distancing, which is good and safe. Phase 2 is scheduled for implementation on June 1st and the number of social congregations would be increased to 50. Phase 3 down the road will probably be restored back to normal i.e. what it was like before the lockdown. Assuming that these figures will be implemented, we will have to adjust our Masonic funeral service group commensurate to the **extreme importance or seriousness** of safety concerns. At present, there is no vaccine or cure to stop the virus. Brethren, according to the reports of our scientists, 65 years old and above are more susceptible for infection by the COVID 19. And, when we increased the number of people inside a funeral building to 50 and above, the probability of passing the virus to one another will increase proportionately. Therefore, there is a good possibility that we will not be able to get the 65 and above members to volunteer to perform the Masonic funeral service. Subsequently, I would like to call for younger members, 60 years old and below, to learn and get training to conduct the Masonic funeral service for our departed Brothers. If interested notify me, our Secretary Wor. Bob Rathbun, or Wor. Jim Wagner, so we can schedule your training. Again, **given the gravity of the situation, THIS IS STRICTLY VOULUNTARY.**

Our Secretary received 3 Parking Lot donations for the month of May from Bro. Bob Schratweiser, Wor. Dave Conner, and myself which makes our total collection very close to \$6,000. Thank you very much Brethren for your continued funding support in the face of adversity and changing times instigated by COVID19.

Stay safe and healthy, Brethren.

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

PRAYER CORNER

Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis
Nita Leonard
Nancy Linger
Lola Thompson



In memory of: *Wor. Frank Rentz*

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

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FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

This is a strange time for all of us, and I am no exception. I work from home all but one day a week. It seems like time should be dragging and slow, but it's not, the days are clicking by so fast I hardly know what day it is. Thursday is my one required day to go into the office and hold down the fort, and it seems like tomorrow is always Thursday. A lot of time has gone by in a blink. It's been so long since we had a Stated, I hope I can remember what to say, and when to say it. There's no degree work, no practice, no initiation, no passing, no raising. I'm suddenly worried that all the hard work and memorization I've done up to this point is going to slip away. If I had believed this would be more than a couple weeks, I might have had a good plan to keep sharp from the beginning, but I didn't do it. So, first of all, it's going to be a crash course for me to get back to the level I think I was at before all this started. The reopening is going to be here soon, so let's be ready. If any Brother would like to join me, we'll keep our distance, but I'm up for some informal practice, away from the lodge. Just give me a call and we'll brush up on the basics.

I also recently ran across those four Masonic Education courses I registered for from the Grand Lodge two years ago, That would be a great way to show back up to lodge, just a little sharper than before we shut down. This is something else I would be happy to share and work with anyone who is interested. I have already bought the reference material, so all you would need to do is enroll in the course, and we can share the reference books. Call me if you're interested.

I look forward to seeing you soon in Lodge, and I thank God that my family, and I have been untouched by all this, and I pray that all of you have been just as blessed.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS JUNE, 2020

William E. Batten, Sr.....	06/24/1967
Jesse C. Bell.....	06/25/1981
Linwood M. Benton.....	06/01/1989
Aubrey E. Bradshaw, III.....	06/05/1975
Fred R. Crowell	06/23/1994
Dennis E. Edwards	06/28/1990
Wesley A. Gibson.....	06/01/1972
Robert M. Hammond.....	06/18/1998
Chad E. Langston	06/07/2012
Thomas E. Oakes.....	06/03/2010
Robert G. Richards	06/23/2005
Thomas A. Rowe	06/26/1980
Alan T. Rupp	06/19/1986
Thomas C. Sawyer, Jr.....	06/20/1963
William R. Sawyer, Jr.....	06/09/1970
Lance S. Thorson.....	06/24/2003
L. Wirt Walker, Sr.....	06/03/1976
Robert L. Weeks.....	06/29/1971
Allen C. Williams.....	06/22/1972
Tery J. Young	06/09/2008

FROM THE SOUTH



"Stronger Together!" This was April's message from Terry Hilton, Director of Development for the Masonic Home of Virginia (MAHOVA). *"Because of your faithful support we are here today and will be stronger tomorrow. Thank you. We will persevere. Now more than ever, we thank you for your support of the Masonic Home of Virginia."*

Rather than wait until later in the year to submit our donations to MAHOVA as part of qualifying for the Morlock Award, it was decided to send our donation to MAHOVA in April. Because of your generosity so early in this Masonic Year, Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 was able to send a check to MAHOVA for \$325. This financial gift will greatly assist now in keeping MAHOVA's residents and staff safe and healthy.

Sadly, as of April 21st, there had been five COVID-19 related deaths among the residents and staff of MAHOVA. Please continue to keep all those affected by this pandemic in your thoughts and prayers.

If you are able, please continue to donate at <https://www.mahova.org/donate/>, or by mailing a check to the Masonic Home of Virginia, PO Box 7866, Henrico, VA 23231.

The Masonic Home has survived 130 years and is still planning for the future. "Masonry Never Stops" – Remember, we are in this together.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bro. Wes Latchford, 32°
Junior Warden
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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

*Deadline for requesting applications is **15 JUNE 2020**, and the deadline for submitting applications is 15 July 2020.*

For further information, contact Rt. Wor. Peter J. Gordon at 757-486-9778, Chairman, Scholarship Committee.