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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

May, 2020
Our 58th Year



FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

On March 30, 2020, Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam issued the Executive Order No. 55, Temporary Stay Home Order Due To Novel Coronavirus (COVID 19). In conformity with this Executive Order, our Most Worshipful Grandmaster Douglas V. Jones promulgated the extension of the Moratorium on all Virginia Masonic Lodges' activities until June 10, 2020 which conforms with our Virginia Governor's Executive Order No. 55. (See insert page)

Experts are quick to point out that currently there is no cure or vaccine for the virus, so the best prevention method is to avoid exposure to it. This is especially critical for the most at-risk groups which are adults over 65, people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and those with multiple medical issues such as diabetes, heart condition, asthma etc. Consequently, we are not going to implement our plan to serve you with a pork loin social dinner in June because relaxing social distancing by that time might be too soon and might pose health risks to our members. This virus is a deadly invisible killer, so we must have a vigilant eye as we navigate thru this very unstable situation that could change from day to day. In times like this, we need to be strong, versatile, and focused.

Therefore, the month of May is going to be just like March and April...no lodge activities except for the maintenance crew, Secretary, and Treasurer. Although the lodge is not allowed to have stated communication, degree work and other rituals, we are very much alive and busy with official business, keeping our paper work and accounts flowing along with building electrical, mechanical and grounds maintenance. Our Secretary received two Parking Lot donations last month (April.) from Brother Bob Schratweiser and Brother Cristopher D. Supino.

I am hopeful you and those you love are healthy, safe, and staying home as much as possible.

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

PHONE NUMBERS

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FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

Among my several duties at our lodge is that of amateur building maintenance man. It seems something always needs a little attention. A few weeks ago, I was informed that the water valve in the men's restroom was leaking. The cheap zinc valve was dripping and seriously corroded, and looked like it might crumble and spray water at any moment. It had to be replaced, now. Naturally, it wasn't just a simple screw off and screw back on pipe fitting, it was soldered in place. Mounted as it was, in the stall, behind the toilet, it was impossible to both see it, and get two hands on it at the same time to manipulate the torch, solder, flux, pliers and other tools. After several hours of work, I finally had the old valve out, and a new male copper pipe fitting in its place, but I just could not get a good solder joint going, it always leaked when I turned the water back on. Finally, I decided that the only way to get this done right is to remove the toilet so I have room to work and can get both my hands and my eyes all involved at the same time. I removed the rusty bolts securing the toilet to the floor, and tried to lift it. Nothing. It would not budge. I gently rocked it, twisted it, pulled it, pried it, and it was as solid as a rock. Brethren, is this our dilemma, what shall we do?

No, not that, I decided on force, and plenty of it. I straddled the commode, got a good solid grip on the rim, lift with your legs, not your back, and I lifted with everything I have and a grunt that would make a Mauri Haka warrior proud. I woke up unhurt, thank God, lying on my back, staring at the ceiling, wondering where that sound of breaking glass came from, with just the rim of the toilet still clutched in my hands, I started to laugh, what else could I do? It took another couple of hours of work, but I finally triumphed, mission accomplished, and restroom is in good working order. It seems that instead of a wax gasket, someone had used five pounds of plumbers putty and tile grout to seal this toilet to the deck.

There is no moral, or Masonic lesson here, I just thought with all the serious problems going on right now, you might enjoy a little laugh at my expense, I know I did. I felt a little foolish, but things worked out OK. Be safe, Brethren, and I hope to see you all again soon.

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

PRAYER CORNER

In memory of: *Bro. Henry Gregory and Yvonne Hamilton (widow of Wor. James Hamilton)*



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

Give us Hope

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will.

John D. Rayner

FROM THE SOUTH



I did it! I managed to complete a 47-day spiritual devotional over this Lenten season. But that accomplishment is not what I want to share with you. In the final lesson of the study, there were some truths that I believe every Freemason – whether you just observed Lent and Easter, Passover, Ramadan, or another custom – should strive to accomplish each day.

*Worship the Great Architect of the Universe for who He is in the passages you read each day in the Volume of Sacred Law.

*Pray over the people in your life.

*Remember what the Great Architect of the Universe has done for you and how He has walked you through difficult seasons in life.

*Examine yourself by asking the Great Architect of the Universe to help you become self-aware so that you can grow into the best version of yourself.

*Always look for little and big ways that you can do kind acts for those around you—those you know and those you don't know.

As we continue respond to a global pandemic, remember the Great Architect of the Universe IS our all-powerful, all-knowing, all-encompassing Heavenly Father.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bro. Wes Latchford, 32°
Junior Warden
757-831-2438
ecclesxii@gmail.com

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.

Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bob Rathbun, PM. Secretary

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS MAY, 2020

Ryan L. Adamson	05/31/2018
Richard A. Buchanan	05/23/1989
Chuck Delaney.....	05/05/1967
Robert E. Doolittle.....	05/25/1978
Robert C. Elms.....	05/08/1975
Bruce W. Exum, Sr.....	05/15/1987
Michael C. Farley	05/01/2010
Christopher A. Grindley	05/24/2012
Edelyn L. Hubbard.....	05/19/1966
Daniel L. Huguenard.....	05/16/2019
Keith Z. Johnson	05/01/2010
Wes Latchford.....	05/01/2017
James W. Marx	05/31/2012
James M. Mauldin.....	05/17/2007
Phillip E. Maybery.....	05/30/1991
Robert W. Meeker.....	05/12/1979
Tony R. Paramore	05/01/2008
Kevin L. Poland	05/20/2010
Henry L. Reid	05/09/1970
Andrejes R. Rittenhouse	05/28/2015
Kenneth D. Short	05/28/1992
Thomas J. Smith	05/08/1975
Christopher D. Supino	05/01/2010
Christopher D. Tan	05/19/2009
William H. Warf, Jr.	05/21/1954
Kenneth D. Warren, III.....	05/15/2012

SCHOLARSHIP

The Worshipful Master and Officers of Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220 are pleased to announce that applications are now available for two (2) \$500.00 scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students eligible to receive this scholarship are graduating seniors (children, grand- or great-grand children) of family members of Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220 and Lynnhaven Chapter No. 184, Order of the Eastern Star.

This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence, demonstrated financial need, community service, school activities, the desire and ability to further their education at the next level and recommendations.

Eligible students may write for an application to:

Scholarship Committee
Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220
2959 N Lynnhaven Rd
Virginia Beach VA 23452

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

The winner will be notified prior to 31 July, 2020. The scholarship will be presented on 13 August, 2020, at our Stated Communication.

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