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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

February, 2020
Our 58th Year



FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

The big ticket for February is the Official Visit of Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones to Masonic District 36 and 56 at the Khedive Shrine Center, 645 Woodlake Dr. Chesapeake, VA. 23320 at 6 PM. Our Stated, will be on Feb. 13 at 6 PM, and Italian Dinner Social Event will be on Feb. 15 at 5-7 PM. The cost is \$10 for adults and children under 8 are free.

Brethren, we got off to a good start on our first stated communication. The count was over 80 people in the lodge that night. There were 17 first time visitors and I gladly gave away over 30 personal ballpoint pens. We went through the process of selecting our candidate for the Office of the District Deputy Grand Master and his alternate for the year 2021-2022. Wor. Bro. Gerald A. Anderson was elected to be the candidate for the Office of the District Deputy Grand Master and his alternate is Wor. Bro. Phillip Maybery. Let's congratulate them and a very special Congratulations to Bro. Robert Schratweiser for receiving the Mason of the Year Award for 2019. Well deserved, Bro. Bob, you are an inspiration to our old and new members. Our new Coordinator for the Scholarship Program is RW Pete Gordon, he has an article in this month's *Taper*, make sure you look for it.

The delicious and palatable Chicken Fricassee (Louisiana style) prepared by Wor. Bro. Jay Oubre for our Stated Dinner was greatly appreciated. He will be preparing another superb dinner for February Stated. Come out to your lodge and sample his Cajun cuisine and have fellowship with your Brethren. For March, I will be cooking Sauvignon Chicken, come check it out.

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

FROM THE SECRETARY

Just a reminder that dues cards went out in the mail the end of December...please return them with your check as soon as possible. Should you need assistance on payment, please contact the Worshipful Master Marlo Pilar or myself to apprise us of the situation so that we may be of assistance if possible. My number is 757-639-3407 and email is Bobrathbun2@cox.net.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bob Rathbun, PM
Secretary

FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

Our new DDGM made a very good point recently that I really liked. I can't recall his exact words, but the idea was that we should talk less about the people who do not come to lodge and participate, and start appreciating more the people who do.

I really liked it, because it was exactly something that I've been thinking about, trying to put into words, and intending to bring up someday, when I am speaking from the East. So don't worry, if I'm not clear here, you will hear it again. In the meantime, since the DDGM has brought it up, let's think about it. What does it mean to appreciate the Brothers who do participate? It's more than just a thank you, it is accepting what they do, and being grateful, and appreciative of it, even if it's not perfect. Whether they are in a chair, or on the sidelines, it means have a little grace, and cut them a little slack. Never embarrass a Brother. We all make mistakes, and a missed word or incorrect sign is not a live grenade that demands your immediate action. Mention it quietly and discreetly, later, not publicly, in the moment. Recently, I have seen some public corrections that I thought might not have been in the most friendly manner, or might not have been at the most appropriate time, and I've been wondering how to make us think before we speak. I bring all this up right now, because I saw a valuable lesson at our January Stated, during our DDGM official visit, when we are trying to put our best foot forward, I cringed when I saw our JD make a minor error, then I skipped four words in my opening, even our Master might have made a minor error, or two. Then the DDGM made an error before trying to close the lodge. Shazam, a trifecta, win, place and show. I think we all got a good laugh out of it. From the JD, to the DDGM, every last one of us was not perfect. That's a relief, I thought it was just me. Fortunately, we were all in good company with one another. Thank God we are all human, thank God we all tried, and thank God we all showed up, and good job everyone, thank you all for being there. Anyone who wants to know exactly what the errors were? You should have been there, we had a good time.

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

PHONE NUMBERS

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PRAYER CORNER

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

- Rt. Wor. Raymond Mountford
- Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis
- Bro. Thomas Irving
- Sonia Gregory, wife of PM Ken Gregory
- Nita Leonard
- Nancy Linger



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

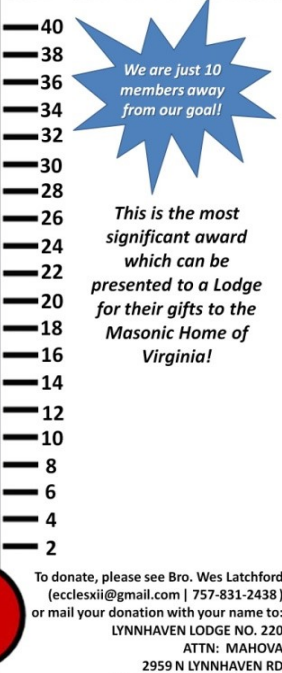
FROM THE SOUTH



The Morlock Award is presented to Lodges that have at least 15% of its members each make a gift of \$5.00 or more in any one year to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

This award recognizes the number of active donors, not necessarily the total dollars given.

LYNNHAVEN LODGE NO. 220
GOAL = 35 MEMBER DONATIONS



As of: January 9, 2020

We are just 10 members away from qualifying for the Morlock Award!

As of January 9th, we already have 25 Brothers who have contributed a gift of \$5.00 or more for the Masonic Home of Virginia—putting us at 75% of our goal of 35 donating members. All our 2020 elected and appointed officers have donated, along with several PDDGM’s and PM’s. Will yours be among the donations reported as a part of next month’s *Burning Taper*?

If you have yet to make **YOUR** donation for 2020, please be sure to see me in Lodge or, mail it along with your name to Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, ATTN: MAHOVA, 2959 N. Lynnhaven Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bro. Wes Latchford, 32^o
Junior Warden
757-831-2438
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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY, 2020

Brian M. Adams.....	02/04/2003
Dennis O. Baker.....	02/25/1978
Gerald A. Bell.....	02/19/1974
Richard P. Corbin	02/27/1986
Rodolfo Q. Delarosa	02/21/1998
Paul H. Doughtie	02/20/1997
James V. Furrule.....	02/02/1995
Joseph H. Hagerman, Jr.....	02/17/1994
Richard H Hall.....	02/04/1993
Gary B. Johnson.....	02/05/1976
John H. Knox, III.....	02/17/2011
John T. Lawson.....	02/21/1958
John R. McCloud.....	02/15/1962
Myron F. Mires.....	02/07/1963
Claude A. Norton, III.....	02/17/1979
Michael D. Plemmons	02/01/1977
Joseph R. Schneider.....	02/07/2006
Frederick W. Smith.....	02/28/1974

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.