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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 Brian Adams (arnative@verizon.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

January, 2020
Our 58th Year



FROM THE EAST

Greetings, Brethren,

THE TRESTLE BOARD FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS AS FOLLOWS. WE WILL NOMINATE THE 2021 CANDIDATE FOR THE DDGM OF THE 56th DISTRICT AND HIS ALTERNATE AT OUR STATED COMMUNICATION JANUARY 9, 2020. COME OUT TO YOUR LODGE AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR CANDIDATES.

In addition, we will be visiting other Masonic lodges where the DDGM is scheduled to visit. The DDGM will have his first official visit of the year to Victory Daylight 1778 at Bayside Masonic Lodge 218 on Jan. 4th, light breakfast begins @ 8AM, meeting begins @ 9AM, full lunch follows the meeting. Monday the 6th, will be our first Officers' meeting @ 7PM where we will practice receiving the DDGM official visit to our lodge on January 9th Stated communication. Tuesday the 7th, will be the second DDGM official visit of the year to Willis V. Fentress 296, dinner begins @ 6:30 PM, & meeting begins @ 7:30 PM. In all probability, there will be an examination of proficiency in the FC degree Catechism, followed by raising to the sublime degree of Master MASON towards the 3rd or 4th week of January. We will make another announcement as soon as we finalize the details.

The year 2019 is gone and as we start the New Year 2020, let me begin by wishing you a year with life of peace of mind, contentment, wellbeing, and prosperity. The highlight of last year was our installation on December 14, 2019. As always, our Installation Crew (RW Richard A. Forgey, Jr. – Installation Officer; RW Edward L. Meise, Jr – Marshal; Bro. James O. Kiphart –



Deputy Marshal; RW George W. Ganter – Secretary; Wor. Jimmy W. Wagner – Chaplain; and Mrs. Lynn Wagner – Coordinator) were impeccable in their performance at the installation event. Thanks to all who attended the installation ceremony. And, to all my Brethren, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for electing me to manage our lodge as the Worshipful Master for the year 2020.

I am greatly honored and deeply humbled by your trust and generosity to allow me to serve you. I also greatly appreciate your support for the other officers of the lodge in electing them as well to serve with me, and to all the lodge officers, thank you for continuing “the march to the East” with me to oversee the activities in our lodge. **Looking forward to plenty of Camaraderie and Unity in the year 2020** (thanks to Brother Wes for coining this slogan, I hope you had your silver tongue aura and/or persona when you came up with this phrase).

Finally, congratulations to Junior PM Brian M. Adams for a successful “Servant Leadership” in 2019. I wish you good luck in all your future endeavors including the Appalachian Trail Journey on FOOT. I hope you can find some free time from your busy schedule to visit us and have fellowship with your Brethren at your mother lodge. I would be happy to give you one of my pens to replace the one that you gave me or was it two? At any rate come and see us from time to time, we can always use an extra hand in our degree work.

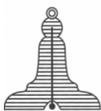
Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Marlo Pilar
Worshipful Master
757-779-0705



2020 OFFICERS

Pictured left front row are Wor. Bob Rathbun (Secretary), Bro. Cory Tinner (Jr. Deacon), Worshipful Marlo Pilar, Bro. Dale Graham (Sr. Warden), Bro. Bob Adams (Sr. Deacon). Back row are Bro. Tommy Bryant (Sr. Steward), Wor. Joe Hagerman (Tiler), Wor. Dave Conner (Treasurer), and Bro. Carl Pennington (Chaplain). Not pictured are Bro. Wes Latchford (Jr. Warden) and Bro. Wally Maybery (Marshal).

FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

Welcome to 2020. Think about that number for a moment. That sounds like one of those exotic and special years from a science fiction movie, with flying cars and cities in the sky, that is so far into the future, we can't even imagine it, let alone believe we will really see it. But here it is. Congratulations, you made it to the future.

Oddly enough, it looks a lot like last year. We have bills to pay, money to raise, dinners to cook, and awards to win. Fortunately, we have twelve full months ahead of us. Thank Goodness, we're not behind the 8-ball yet and we have plenty of time to get it all done! No excuses.

More important than all of that, and most important for our future, we have a brother who is ready to be raised. I should know the date by the January Stated and we will also robo-call it. I am almost certain it is going to be this month, and that is a fantastic way to start off this New Year. My first job for our new Worshipful Master is to put together a well-run, and meaningful ceremony. Please come out and participate if you can, or just come out and be present, and welcome our first Master Mason in the new decade. The future at Lynnhaven 220 is looking better all the time.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS JANUARY, 2020

Gerald A. Anderson.....	01/20/1978
Earl R. Coward, Jr.	01/22/1977
B. O'Dell Fike.....	01/27/1971
Jack H. Kirtland.....	01/18/1996
Charles R. Smith.....	01/23/1979
John J. Stahl, III.....	01/22/1987

FROM THE SOUTH

The BLUF!



BLUF is a military communications acronym—it stands for “Bottom Line Up Front”—that’s designed to enforce speed and clarity in reports and correspondence. The basic idea is simple: Put the most important details first. Don’t tease or delay your main point because people are busy and their time is valuable.

SO, here’s the BLUF: Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 will qualify for the Masonic Home of Virginia’s (MAHOVA) Morlock Award in 2020!

What does that mean to you? In order to qualify for the Morlock Award, Lodges must have at least 15% of its members each make a gift of \$5.00 or more to MAHOVA; this equates to a minimum of 34 members of our Lodge donating \$5.00 or more to this extremely worthy cause.

The core mission of MAHOVA is to provide every eligible Virginia Mason, his wife or widow with the opportunity to join this caring Masonic community, regardless of their financial circumstances. For those applicants whose financial abilities may limit their ability to fully pay for the services provided, the **Cornerstone Program** provides financial relief. This program is made possible through the tax-deductible gifts received from Virginia Masons, their friends and family, as part of qualifying for the Morlock Award.

To make **YOUR** donation for 2020, please be sure to see me in Lodge or, mail it to Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, ATTN: MAHOVA, 2959 N. Lynnhaven Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bro. Wes Latchford, 32^o
Junior Warden
(757) 831-2438
eclesxii@gmail.com

Brethren,

I want to thank everyone who has taken the time out of their busy schedules to support the blood program. Like I have said before, blood supplies have never been as low as they are at this point in time. All types are in desperate need. If you can not give for any particular reason come out and be a volunteer. Your lodge will still get credit. This year (October and December) we have 23 units. We need 58 units to qualify for the Blood Award (232 members x 25%). Whole blood donation is 1 unit or power red is 2 units or if you have the time we are able to earn as many as 30 units for 1 triple platelet donation. Please come out and give the gift of life if you are able. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Wor. John Brown
Blood Coordinator
(c) (757) 573-5027

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.

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