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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](mailto: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

October, 2020  
Our 58th Year



## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,



The big /EVENT for the month of October is the One-Day Conferral. As I mentioned in last month's *Taper*, there are two dates and two venues for the one-day conferral. The first one will be held on October 3, 2020 at Princess Anne Masonic Lodge 25 starting 7 AM and the second one will be held on October 10, 2020 at Bayside Masonic Lodge 218 and will also start at 7 AM. Both dates will most probably end between 3 and 4 PM. Our lodge has three (3) candidates; two (2) candidates will undergo the ODC on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Princess Anne Masonic Lodge 25 and one (1) candidate will go through the ODC on the 10<sup>th</sup> at Bayside Masonic Lodge 218. We had a good turn out of participants at the rehearsal for the exemplification of the 3 degrees last Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

Our next Stated Communication is on October 8 and it will be our Senior Warden's Night. Our Senior Warden, Bro. Dale Graham, is also our Electrical Maintenance person at the lodge. In addition to electrical systems, he maintains our mechanical systems as well, things like the water heater and all the pipes that connect to it, among other things. He also single-handedly removed a truck load of illegally dumped tree debris at our parking lot after the storm in August. Our Senior Warden is a Jack of All Trades, with specialty in Electrical Systems.

There will be a second reading on a candidate for affiliation, during our stated communication, so, same PROTOCOLS WILL BE OBSERVED. We are still under THE SAME COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS AND PROTOCOLS, ALTHOUGH THE NEW NORMALS ARE NOW BECOMING "THE" NORMAL. Please remember to use the hand sanitizers at the foyer table as soon as you get in the lodge and wearing of a mask is strongly suggested to protect the other person and ourselves.

The above-mentioned illegal tree debris dumping appears to have been done by a small-time tree contractor who was avoiding payment at the city dump. So, Brethren, whenever there is a storm strong enough to create huge amount of debris, please be carefully vigilant for a pickup truck with a load of tree debris at our parking lot if you happen to drive by the area. If you see one do not engage, call the police to investigate, there is a record at the police department about this incident, so they would understand. Hopefully, we will have enough in the Building Fund next year to purchase and install a surveillance camera.

We had another SUCCESSFUL WORKING PARTY on the last weekend of August which entailed re-installation of two downspouts that were blown off by a storm. Big thanks to Bro. Tommy Bryant who is a Builder by Trade and re-installed the two downspouts in a professional manner. Wor. Joe Hagerman and Bro. Bob Adams assisted Bro. Tommy. It seems that Bro. Bob Adams is the favorite ladder holder for anyone who is climbing a long and tall ladder, for he will keep you safe and steady, great job Bro. Bob. The weed whacking, and weed spraying teams were comprised of Bro.. Ron Swan, Bro. Carl Pennington, Bro. Jim Witcher, Bro. Tom Mirsky,

Bro. Zach Scharrd, Bro. Bruce Yorgey, Wayne Carruthers and myself. On the lawn mowing team are our Senior Warden, Bro. Dale Graham, push mower, and Wor. Jim Wagner on the riding mower. Once again Brethren, thank you so very much for your unyielding dedication to keep our Lodge the best and neatest Masonic Lodge in Virginia Beach.

OBTW, we have a new WEBMASTER, our Junior Warden, Bro. Wes Latchford, has made our website more interesting, colorful, and dynamic, CHECK IT OUT. <https://lynnhaven220.org>.

And finally, I am enormously proud to disclose that as of September 10, 2020 the total Parking Lot donations received are \$7,700. Again Brethren, our lodge is lucky to have devoted members like you. Despite our "Pandemic Situation," you have not forgotten or neglected to include our lodge in your priorities. **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH BRETHREN FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION AND GENEROSITY.**

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

## FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

I recently attended one of our Saturday mowing and weed whacking work parties. Unfortunately, I had numerous other important things in other places that just had to get done that day, and I seriously thought about skipping this work party. I really did not feel an obligation to attend, as I had recently spent a few days and put in a lot of work at the lodge, by myself attending to various projects. I really didn't owe any more time than I had already put in. But, as I considered not showing up, I was concerned that the event might be sparsely attended, and I pictured the same few Brothers, who always show up for everything, there slaving away, all alone, and although they might not say anything, and I certainly had a good excuse, I knew they would be wondering where I was. That did it, I reorganized my day, got up at 5 a.m., finished my first project in a few hours, worked at the lodge from 9-12, then went off by myself and finished more personal projects that afternoon. That night, I was physically beat, but I found time for everything, and I'm glad I did. The work party at the lodge was not just a few Brothers. It was a crowd. Plenty of people to do everything. Everything got done, first class and top notch and even though they did not need my help, I am so glad I went. Among the people there was a Brother I had never met before, who has been a member of our lodge many years more than I have, we'd just never spoke. I heard about people from before my time, and I really enjoyed the conversation, hearing about Brothers I recognized the names of, but never had the opportunity to meet. There were also numerous candidates awaiting initiation, putting in some

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**PRAYER CORNER**

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



- Wor. Dickie Allen
- Wor. Bill Ramsey
- Bro. Roy Smith
- Bro. Dave Schroy
- Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis
- Nita Leonard
- Nancy Linger
- Lola Thompson

Congratulations to Bro. Richard “Ollie” Oliver on the birth of his son Jackson.

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

**FROM THE SOUTH**



Wor. Marlo mentioned two topics in his **“From the East”** which I am currently leading efforts to improve—Lodge Safety & Security and the Lodge Website.

First, Lodge Safety & Security...he mentioned a couple frustrating incidents that have taken place on Lodge property in the past few months. To address this and other concerns, we are utilizing a proven comprehensive safety and security self-assessment process to improve our ability to deter threats, address hazards and risks, as well as minimize the damage from an incident. The kickoff of this process is a brief online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KD6YG68> to capture your views regarding the safety and security practices of our Lodge. Your perceptions and concerns will then be used to further determine and analyze risks and threats, conduct cost/benefit analysis of potential mitigation options, then identify, prioritize, and implement effective measures in a holistic approach to lessen or eliminate our risks to people and property. If you are interested in being a part of this important work for the Lodge, please email me at [ecclesxii@gmail.com](mailto:ecclesxii@gmail.com).

Secondly, I am excited to assume the duties as web-Master for our Lodge’s website—<https://lynnhaven220.org>. The goal for our website is to provide useful and easy-to-find content for both our Brothers and for good men interested in Freemasonry. To that end, the scrolling marquee and main page is being regularly updated with various pieces of information on Masonic activities; the current month’s Lodge calendar can be found by clicking the *Lodge Activities* link; look for frequent announcements from the Worshipful Master under the *Trestle Board* link; and we’ll be working to do a better job at photographically documenting the great things we do as a Lodge under the *Photo Gallery* link. Finally, if there’s something you would like to see included on the website to better serve you as a Lodge member—or would help inform potential future Brothers about the Craft—please do let me know!

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
 Bro. Wes Latchford, 32°, Junior Warden  
 757-831-2438  
[ecclesxii@gmail.com](mailto:ecclesxii@gmail.com)

<b>MASONIC BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER, 2020</b>	
William R. Adams .....	10/29/2016
Gary F. Boehm.....	10/31/1970
Keith A. Bowers .....	10/24/1988
James M. Briggs .....	10/03/1974
John A. Brown .....	10/24/1991
Thomas J. Bryant .....	10/26/1995
William L. Buchan.....	10/31/1970
Thomas C. Darr.....	10/29/2013
Cecil M Doughtie, Jr.....	10/16/1997
Bruce N. Doyle .....	10/26/1989
James K. Fletcher.....	10/18/1957
George W. Ganter .....	10/31/1972
Kenneth A. Gregory.....	10/25/1975
Jesse A. Hughes .....	10/08/1977
Harvey S. Hunt, Sr. ....	10/31/1985
Herbert M. Hurst.....	10/02/2004
Brian J. Kier.....	10/17/2017
James O. Kiphart.....	10/08/1957
John H. Knox, Sr.....	10/30/1975
Brian J. Larose .....	10/28/2010
Jack C. Laursen.....	10/03/1997
Marvin R. Martin, Sr.....	10/23/2001
John A. Martishius .....	10/19/1962
James P. Nulf .....	10/01/1998
Anthony J. Oubre, Jr. ....	10/17/1996
Ernesto Perez .....	10/05/2017
William B. Ramsey.....	10/07/2010
Joseph S. Searles.....	10/31/1991
Ronnie L. Shank .....	10/01/2001
Allen Sokolik .....	10/29/1992
Clinton W. Speer.....	10/04/2012
John W. Tatum.....	10/06/1983
Jeffrey L. Tuell.....	10/17/2002
Wayne S. Umphlett.....	10/23/1980
James S. Witcher.....	10/04/1984
Martin W. Womack .....	10/22/1996

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time, getting to know us, and us getting to know them, I’m certainly glad I didn’t miss that, plus the usual Brothers we all know and love who find the time to be there for almost everything. So, in hindsight, If this had been just a few Brothers, I would have been very glad I showed up to help, and even though it was plenty of Brothers for labor, I am still very glad I showed up and got to meet and speak with everyone. It turned out that the easiest, and most pleasant part of my whole day was the few hours I spent at the Lodge, with my Brothers, and I can’t believe I was afraid it might be a burden I didn’t have time for, and I almost missed it..

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

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