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# The Burning Taper

Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220, AF & AM  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

November, 2020  
Our 58th Year



## FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Grand Annual Communication this year will be somewhat different because there will be no election or advancement of the Grand line in 2020. Earlier this year, with the approval of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, have elected to retain all the DDGMs and Grand Lodge Officers in their positions through 2021. And, "in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.05 of the METHODICAL DIGEST, the 242<sup>nd</sup> Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia will be held at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, commencing on Saturday, November 7, 2020, at 10.00 O'clock A.M. Attendance will be limited to elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, and one representative from each subordinate Lodge. The Master may, under his hand, appoint some Brother as proxy. No Brother shall represent more than three Lodges".

Our Lodge's November 12 Stated Communication will be business as usual. The same PROTOCOLS WILL BE OBSERVED. We are still under the SAME COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS AND PROTOCOLS. Please remember to use the hand sanitizers at the foyer table as soon as you get in the Lodge, maintain 6 feet distance, and wearing of a mask is strongly suggested to protect the other persons and ourselves. And let us not forget to sterilize our seats after we occupy it and before we leave. It is of the utmost importance that we disinfect, decontaminate, or sanitize our lodge to safeguard us from the virus.

One of our Brothers called me and informed me that he will not be attending for a while because he is quarantining himself for the reason that he was exposed to a person that tested positive for COVID 19. So being a thoughtful and responsible Brother that he is, he is staying away from the lodge to prevent his Brothers to the possibility of contracting the virus. The incident happened way after the Stated Communication in September and the brother was in isolation for the October communication. He would like to state that HE HAS TESTED NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19. So, his actions NEVER PUT ANY BROTHER IN DANGER OF TRANSMISSION. I would like to add that HIS ACTIONS HAS SET A PARTICULARLY GOOD EXAMPLE TO THE LODGE AND I WANT TO COMPLIMENT THAT GESTURE BECAUSE THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR BRETHREN. This brother will continue to isolate until a second negative Covid-19 test is received after the quarantine period has ended.

Brethren as you all know by now, I am a strong proponent for the "MASK WEARING" to mitigate the spread of the COVID 19. According to experts, when we wear a mask, we are protecting other people from the germs that comes out of our mouths when we speak, and it also helps attenuate the energy of the virus from entering our nose and mouth. So, if everyone in a group of 20 people are wearing a mask, and one of them is unaware that he is carrying a virus, the probability

of anyone in the group to contract this carrier's virus is way less than when no one is wearing a mask. Although there are controversies about whether to wear or not wear a mask or face shield, I have no problem wearing it because for one reason, our Grand lodge strongly suggest doing so. And, **EVEN IF THIS WHOLE SITUATION ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF THE MASK AS A DETERENT TURNS OUT TO BE A SCAM, I STILL WOULD NOT REGRET WEARING IT BECAUSE I AM DOING IT WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF PROTECTING YOU, MY BRETHREN, WHILE WE ARE AT THE LODGE (INSIDE OR OUTSIDE).**

Also, we might as well continue the effort on to the fast approaching time of the discovery of cure and vaccine. It would be **IRONIC** if we stopped wearing it a day before the vaccine is finally refined for use and we contracted the virus consequently.

Brothers Gary Boehm and William Buchan will be receiving the 50-year Masonic Award via the mail system. Bro Gary Boehm elected to have it mailed to his residence to have a less probability or likelihood of catching the COVID 19, and Bro William Buchan is residing in Michigan.

October has been a busy month with the rehearsals, preparations, and the actual implementation of the One Day Conferral (ODC). Yes, the October 3<sup>rd</sup> ODC has successfully conferred around 20 new Master Masons of which three (3) of them are from our Lodge. The mentors, Bro. Dale Graham, Wor. Joe Hagerman, and Bro. Tom Mirsky, along with our Main Coach Wor, Jim Wagner and LIW Jerry Anderson have been busy honing our 3 newest Master Masons to prepare them for their final requirement before December 31, 2020 in order to qualify them to be a Dues Card carrying member. The Grand Lodge has postponed the second ODC that was scheduled on October 10<sup>th</sup> in order to examine the implementation/execution of the first ODC pertaining to the safety factors regarding the COVID 19 restrictions.

And finally, Brethren, we received a \$35 donation for our Parking Lot Fund from Owens Lodge, District 35. As always, I am grateful that we continue to receive donations, even more so from another District and in the midst of a Pandemic. **HAIL AND SALUTE MASONRY!**

**NEVER A MISTAKE, ALWAYS A LESSON. STAY SAFE BRETHREN.**

Sincerely and fraternally  
Marlo B. Pilar, Worshipful Master  
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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  
Bro. Jim Kiphart  
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Prayer request, please call Carl Pennington at 757-822-9863.

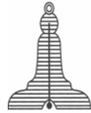


## FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

The One Day Conferral. The ODC. I knew there was such a thing, I knew that some very good Brothers have come to us by that method, but I had never witnessed it, or been a part of one. I had no serious objections to the process, it just never really presented itself as an option for me, either as candidate, or participating Mason, and frankly, I believe that the traditional experience of Initiation, Passing and Raising, along with the Catechisms, strung out over a few months is such a great experience. The satisfaction, sense of accomplishment, gratitude and comradery is such that, why mess with it? Why look for an alternate method? Just do it the normal way. Well, this is not a normal year and the traditional method is not a timely option. We raised one Master Mason, in January, one, and that was it before we were shut down. We have had candidates patiently waiting for months and months and months, with no end in sight. I would still prefer to do this the traditional way, but it just was not a viable option. We have to play the cards as they are dealt to us. Now, having said all that, as far as making the best of a bad situation, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, has my gratitude and appreciation for allowing this to happen, and the Brethren, DDGM, and officers of the 56<sup>th</sup> Masonic District did an outstanding job of putting on a solid performance and a safe, and proper ceremony. I don't know if every District did as well as we did, but the 56<sup>th</sup> knocked it out of the park. Every step was well done, and something to be proud of. Good Job, to all involved. I have a new found appreciation for the One Day Conferral. Best of all, we have three new Brothers. Brother Diego Starks, Brother Wayne Caruthers, and Brother Kyle Lewis. In case you missed them at our October Stated, you can stop by the Lodge on Tuesdays and Thursdays and welcome them in person, while they are diligently learning what they need to know to earn their dues card and become fully vested members of our Lodge. Thank goodness we have our oars back in the water, and moving again, making new friends and Brothers.

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



## FROM THE SOUTH

### "On Yonder Book"

Congratulations to our newest Brothers who were Initiated, Passed, and Raised at the One-Day Conferral on October 3rd! As these new Masons begin their lifelong journey for More Light, I wanted to share the preamble to MW Benjamin L. Hadley poetic charge entitled *On Yonder Book* for not only our newest members, but for all the Brethren to reflect on...



## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER, 2020

Richard E. Allen.....	11/04/1971
William E. Batten, Jr.....	11/09/1974
William H. Caldwell.....	11/25/1997
Michael R. Eakins.....	11/30/2002
Hugh P. Etheridge, Jr.....	11/10/1973
Edsel R. Haislip.....	11/23/1993
Ronnie M. Hudson.....	11/28/1967
Thomas V. Irving.....	11/30/1978
Richard A. Johnson.....	11/05/2013
William L. Jones.....	11/19/1977
Daniel H. Kappers.....	11/30/1993
William S. Kennedy.....	11/20/2001
Ronald A. Lee.....	11/26/1963
Reino J. Lindroos.....	11/29/1988
Joseph G. Malesky.....	11/19/1981
Donald I. Marsh.....	11/03/1960
Douglas G. McCloud.....	11/30/1961
Thomas F. McDaniel.....	11/03/2005
Edward L. Meise, Jr.....	11/20/1982
James E. Miller.....	11/02/1972
Walter J. Moore, III.....	11/20/1975
Weldon L. Morrison.....	11/17/1962
Charles W. Nissen, III.....	11/02/1978
Steven G. Owen.....	11/29/1984
Jack Pallett.....	11/20/1982
Joseph B. Stewart.....	11/09/1974
Lawrence L. Sutton.....	11/23/1971
Carl Vance.....	11/19/1977
William L. Ware.....	11/23/1976

"It must indeed be gratifying to know that you are at last a Master Mason, and once you have affixed your signature to the Bylaws of this lodge, you will have sealed your allegiance to the oldest and greatest fraternity in existence, one that encircles the globe and whose influence for good is never ending.

The particular reason that you chose to become a member of this grand and noble order is known only to yourself. It might have been the prompting of idle curiosity. That being true, you should now be well satisfied. It might have been for financial reasons. That being true, be at once undeceived for Freemasonry offers no financial benefits to any of its members. It might have been for social aspirations. That being true, you are now afforded the opportunity to acquaint yourself with many interesting and intelligent gentlemen. It might have been because a relative or close friend (can also name the relative such as father, brother, etc. as appropriate) is a Mason and expressed a desire that you should become one also and follow in their footsteps. That being true, it is not only an honor to yourself, but to the fraternity as well.

But, be the reason that it may, there are two great questions that still confront you. Will you be worth anything or nothing to Freemasonry and, will Freemasonry be worth anything or nothing to you? The answers lie within you yourself, for if you will apply to your own life the lessons that you have received in the three degrees, it will make you a better citizen, a better father, a better son and a fonder husband."

Read MW Hadley's entire charge at [http://mastermason.com/brothergene/symbols/on\\_yonder\\_book.htm](http://mastermason.com/brothergene/symbols/on_yonder_book.htm).

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
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