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The Burning Taper

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

January, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Welcome to my first communication from the East. What follows is a summation of my presentation which I delivered in person to many of our Past Masters, and my remarks at my Installation. If you attended either of those, this will sound very familiar, and if you were not present, then you are now up to speed with everyone else, and it is very important that we are all on the same page. Of one mind, if you will.

As we begin this year, I want to thank my Brothers for trusting me to take good care of our Lodge; both the Brick and Mortar, and the Human elements. I want to thank my wife for her love, support and indulgence. I thank the families of all my Brothers, and especially the families of our Officers. I appreciate the support they give to our Officers, as our Officers make time to serve our Lodge.

The theme of my year is "Maintain the Foundation." I believe I have received a good, solid Lodge and it is not my intention to make any drastic changes. Anyone who has been reading my articles for the past two years should be aware that I have an appreciation for the past and the Brothers who built this lodge that we call home. It is my duty to preserve what we have been given, and to make it just a little bit better. Maintain the Foundation. Clean it, inspect it, and attend to little cracks and issues, before they become big problems. The three general areas I will address are the Physical Condition of our Lodge; our Degree Work Proficiency; and our Financial Condition. With regards to the Physical Condition, I have a few worthwhile projects to attend to, but for now, they are not worth taking up space here. The next object of inspection, is the Level of our Degree Work Proficiency. Here we do have some work to do. I have always been proud of the level of our proficiency, but I fear the lack of recent practice may have hurt us, especially with cultivating a deeper bench so the same few Brothers are not always carrying the load. This year, as long as we can meet in any way, we will be maintaining and tuning up our Degree skills, even if we have to do it one on one, at my house, we will do it. Lastly, is our Financial Condition. We are on solid ground, but barely. We are paying our bills, but we rely on generous donations, and fundraisers for everyday expenses and that is not a good situation. I have several ideas I will be investigating to cut our expenses, and raise our income, these are a little too involved to detail here, but I do want you to know I am looking into ideas to make our Financial foundation more solid.

Furthermore, I will use our Web Site more than we have in the past, particularly the Trestle Board, which

you will find listed in the left side menu at: <https://lynnhaven220.org/index.shtml>. I have no right to expect the Craft to be productive, if I have not placed clear plans on the Trestle Board. If you are wondering what is going on, what degree work is upcoming, or what our Thursday practice might focus on, check the Trestle Board. At the very least, I will update it weekly, so you know I have been there and it is current. We will still communicate via email, text, phone, etc. But if anything was worthy of a group text, I will probably put it on the website Trestle Board also so everyone can see it.

Finally, Brethren, I want to commend my fellow Officers, I believe I have been dealt an outstanding hand with which to work in the upcoming year. I look forward to accomplishing good things, and strengthening the solid Foundation of Lynnhaven Lodge #220.

Sincerely and fraternally
Dale Graham
Worshipful Master
805-1441

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 Dale Graham 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

PHONE NUMBERS

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PRAYER CORNER

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

Wor. Jim Wagner
Bro. Jim Kiphart
Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis
Bro. Dave and wife Beverly Schroy
Laurel Adams, wife of Junior Warden Bob Adams
Nita Leonard
Nancy Linger
Lola Thompson



In memory of Ingeborg Lima.

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

FROM THE WEST

“Strike while the iron is hot...”

- 16th Century Proverb



We've all heard the saying, “strike while the iron is hot.” But what does that mean? Let's take a look at the origin and literal meaning to better understand the analogy. The first documented use of the phrase was in 1561, in a comedy *‘The Excellent Comedie of Two the Moste Faithfullest Freendes...’* by poet, playwright, composer [and possible illegitimate son of King Henry VIII], Richard Edwardes (1525-1566).

This old proverb clearly alludes to the imagery of the blacksmith or farrier at his forge. If he delays in shaping the iron when it is hot and pliable, the metal soon cools and hardens, at which point the opportunity is lost. At the heart of the message is this: One should act decisively and immediately take advantage of opportunities when they arise.

For Lynnhaven Lodge, the Senior Warden is charged with ensuring the timely progress of the Lodge's Fellowcrafts towards successfully standing and passing their proficiency catechism, and in overseeing the degree team that will take them on their journey to being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Mason. Worshipful Dale has laid out an aggressive timeline in his plans for 2021 for us to be ready to perform any of the three Masonic degrees on short notice > with minimum practice > and at a high degree of proficiency. As such, I'll be reaching out to many of you to begin practicing in January for the Raising of a Master Mason, so when afforded the window of opportunity by the Commonwealth and our Grand Lodge to again begin degree work, we will be ready to ***“strike while the iron is hot!”***

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Wor. Wes Latchford, 32°
Senior Warden
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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 2021

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

Alice came to a fork in the road. “Which road do I take?” she asked. “Where do you want to go?” responded the Cheshire cat. “I don't know,” Alice answered. “Then,” said the cat, “it doesn't matter.”



Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

As many of you know, I was made a Mason in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and came here and joined this lodge several years ago. How many of you know how I came to decide on making this lodge home? There are lodges that are closer to me (Princess Anne and Kempsville) and I visited both before I made my way to Lynnhaven. I was living in Louisiana and my wife and kids were living here. I had recently been transferred to Louisiana for work. I lived there for five years. Becoming a Mason there, actually Chapter, Council, and Commandry and of course became a Shriner and later became 32° Scottish Rite. So my Masonic calendar was full. Keeping quite busy and active in the craft.

Well that is enough about me, let's get back to the story. My wife and child had broken down at Lynnhaven Mall and a gentleman stopped to assist. (I had a square and compass logo in the back window.) They started making small talk and she was asked what lodge I was in. She didn't know the full name of the lodge all she knew was a lodge in Louisiana. The gentleman assisting her mentioned that he was from Lynnhaven Lodge and told her I was welcome any time I was home. Then April 2018 came and I was able to transfer back to the area and began my search for a lodge home. I felt very welcomed at every lodge I visited but the assistance my wife received stayed present in my mind. So, when I was deciding what lodge I was going to be calling home was Lynnhaven. So, here I am humbly serving as your Junior Warden.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bro. Bob Adams
Junior Warden

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