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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 Dale Graham (dwg2116@gmail.com) 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, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

January was a good month for us. Not spectacular, but, we are back in business, we are functioning, we held our Stated Communication, and we are holding regularly scheduled Degree work practice and it feels good. In my book, that beats doing nothing, and I'm going to call it a win. Work continues on our Master Mason Practice, and I expect that we will put on a good performance just as soon as we are allowed to. Watching the National news, I see that both New York, and California's Governors, are now publicly talking about, and releasing schedules and plans to open their States back up, beginning in February. Our Governor Northam, in the past, has closely followed the lead of California and New York, so even though he has not said anything yet, I expect that he will also loosen his grip on us soon. That sounds good to me, we have a lot of year left to get things done.

New topic, I have noticed an interesting trend recently. We have been receiving more than our usual amount of inquiries via our website, from potential candidates and Brothers interested in affiliating. I directly credit this to the work done by our Senior Warden, Bro. Wes, cleaning up and making the site more current, functional and easy to use. If you have not visited the site recently, it can be found at <https://www.Lynhaven220.org/> Here, among other things, you will find my Trestle Board with the most up-to-date information, and what is happening at the lodge right now and within the next few days. If you have any suggestions to make the website more useful, please let me or Bro. Wes know.

Unfortunately, as of right now our February Stated will be restricted to the Lodge officers only, and only a bare minimum of business will be conducted. Nothing such as petition readings, or balloting for any reason, will be done. This is in keeping with the Grand Master's guidance, and the Governor's ten man limit on gatherings. If there is any change to this, with the possibility of including more Brothers, we will make use of every means we have to get the word out, e-mails, robo-calls, and, of course, there will be a flashing banner across our website, and fireworks coming from my house. I look forward to seeing more of you all in the near future.

Sincerely and fraternally
Dale Graham
Worshipful Master
(757) 805-1441



FROM THE WEST

"Applied Freemasonry"

Please make plans to join me from 7:00 pm -8:30 pm ET, Wednesday, February 24th via Zoom for a multi-District/multi-jurisdictional Masonic Educational program entitled "Applied Freemasonry."

Signup online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2oup7sg>.

We always hear the expression "*Freemasonry takes good men and makes them better.*" But exactly how does it do that? Is it the scripted words and actions spoken or performed during our Ritual? Does being presented with the working tools of our Craft somehow magically transform someone into a better person? Or is there more to it than that?

Joining us virtually from sunny Kissimmee, Florida will be Bro. Juan Sepulveda, host of "The Winding Stairs" podcast, co-host of "The Masonic Roundtable," professional artist, and white apron Master Mason from Orange Blossom Lodge No. 88.

Rather than *taking a good man and making him better*, Bro. Juan argues that while, "*Freemasonry gives good men the tools to become better*, how good is it to have access to the best tools in the world, if we don't know how to use them properly?"

Bro. Juan will walk us through ways to unlock the timeless lessons of Freemasonry and find practical ways to apply them to our personal lives.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Wor. Wes Latchford, 32°
Senior Warden
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757-831-2438



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PRAYER CORNER

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

Bro. Jim Kiphart
Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis
Bro. Dave and wife Beverly Schroy
Nita Leonard
Nancy Linger
Lola Thompson



In memory of Wor. Daniel Kappers and Bro. Earnest Ivan.

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

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

It is that time of year that we look at the Morlock Award. The award is presented to Lodges that have shown exemplary participation in giving to the Masonic Home. This award is presented to a Lodge in which at least 15% of the members each make gifts of \$5.00 or more in any one year. This award recognizes the number of active donors, not necessarily the total dollars given. The Masonic Home is convinced that as more Masons learn to support the Home, the dollar totals will follow.

This award is named in the memory of Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, 1993-1994.

This is the most significant award which can be presented to a Lodge for their gifts to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

The Masonic Home of Virginia is located at 500 Masonic Lane, Richmond, Virginia and was chartered by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia in January, 1890.

In December, 1889, Dr. George Potts a member of Astrea Lodge No.85 made several eloquent appeals to the committees and the Grand Lodge. Moved by the speech Captain A.G. Babcock offered \$5,000.00 in cash and a conditional pledge of further if the Home was established. It was passed by the Grand Lodge to authorize a Home for orphans of Virginia Master Masons. January 7, 1890 which is the date of the founding of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Captain Babcock donated 44 ½ acres of excellent farming land on Nine Mile Road, with a dwelling of 10 rooms in good order, a large barn and stable recently built, and all of the necessary outhouses. Additional parcels of land were added by Captain Babcock and others to achieve 90 acres.

The Masonic Home raised 839 children of Virginia Master Masons from 1890 to 1975. And has cared for 1,200 adults since the adult division in 1955.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bro. Bob Adams
Junior Warden
(757)754-9216

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY, 2021

Brian M. Adams	02/04/2003
Dennis O. Baker	02/25/1978
Gerald A. Bell.....	02/19/1974
Richard A. 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



From The Secretary

Brethren, if your dues card does not say

December 31, 2021,

then you are behind on your dues.

I can be reached at 757-639-3407

if you are having a problem paying your dues.

Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bob Rathbun, PM. Secretary