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The Burning Taper

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

March, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

With regard to our March Stated Communication, we remain restricted to ten men, so unless something changes, we will hold the meeting with only officers present, and very limited business will occur, no balloting, or readings. If anything changes, I will get the word out every way I can.

One of my priorities for 2021 was to be certain that our degree proficiency did not suffer, or diminish due to lack of use and practice. Our first focus has been on the Master Mason's Degree and I am pleased to say that we have run through every section several times, and we are 100% ready to go when the Governor lifts his restrictions and our Grand Master gives us permission to resume degree-work. Next up, we will review Initiation and Passing, but, I am not nearly as concerned about those as I was the Master Mason degree, and after our recent practices, I am feeling very confident we are ready.

Something else we went over recently at our Thursday night Lodge School, was Masonic Services, with Wor. Joe Hagerman, our Funeral Committee Chairman instructing. The reason for this timely instruction was that Wor. Ken Gregory had passed and we wanted to be certain we provided services worthy of our Brother the following day. After the Services for Wor. Gregory, several members of the family sought me out, with tears in their eyes, to tell me they had never seen Masonic Rights before, and how moved they were and how grateful they were for our services. I was as touched as they were, I told them that as a Mason and Past Master of our Lodge, their father had participated in the same services for many Brothers, and it was my honor to be in a position to pay my respects to him. I could see in their face they imagined their father giving Grand Honors just like they had seen us do just minutes earlier. I bring this up here, in the *Burning Taper*, because, I, individually, do not deserve their appreciation, but Lynnhaven Lodge collectively does, especially those Brothers who have taken the extra time and trouble to learn the Funeral Service as Master and Chaplain, and perform it so well in public. Most of our craft is practiced behind closed doors, for our own benefit, but the Masonic Funeral Services are open and public, and bring great comfort to our families in their time of loss. The next time we are together, please thank these Brothers in particular, who have learned this ritual, for the comfort they provide and the honor they bring to us all.

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



FROM THE WEST

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I thought I would share a little Masonic history from the Emerald Isle. The Grand Lodge of Ireland, A.F. & A.M., is the second most senior Grand Lodge in the world and the oldest in continuous existence. It governs 13 Provincial Grand Lodges covering all the Freemasons of the Republic of Ireland and 11 provinces worldwide. Irish Freemasonry boasts approximately 27,000 members around the globe.

In England, it was Irish Freemasons who set up a rival to the Moderns' Premier Grand Lodge of England, in the form of the Grand Lodge of England which we now call the Antients (or Ancients). The Grand Secretary of the Antients, Laurence Dermott, would author the *Ahiman Rezon*, or "a Help to a Brother", in 1756 based in part on Irishman Edward Spratt's 1751 work *New Book of Constitutions*. It was the Antients' ritual form that prevailed when the two rival English Grand Lodges joined in 1813. The Irish *Constitutions* became the foundation upon which our *Constitutions of Masonry* today are based.

The Irish Grand Lodge was the first to issue warrants as we know them to Lodges and, unlike the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, had no problem in issuing warrants for travelling Lodges. As a result, the vast majority of Masonic Lodges in the British Army—wherever they came from—were warranted under the Irish Constitution. The form of Masonry that the British Army spread in the colonies was predominantly Irish. It was an English regiment with an Irish warrant that on March 6, 1775 initiated Prince Hall, along with fourteen other free black men, into Freemasonry.

Lodge Ireland 2000 is the only Internet Lodge under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. They meet physically four times a year in Ireland, and on the last Sunday of each month except December they 'chat' online. They do not confer degrees as only Master Masons may affiliate to the Lodge; they have affiliates from many Grand Lodges around the world. Visitors from any Grand Lodge in fraternal communication with the Grand Lodge of Ireland are always welcome to join their physical communications. The Grand Lodge of Ireland is in Regular Communication with the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Éirinn go Brách!

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



PRAYER CORNER

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

Wor. Jimmy and wife Bobbie Caton
Wor. Jim Wagner
Bro. Dave Cunningham
Bro. Jim Kiphart
Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis
Bro. Dave and wife Beverly Schroy
Nita Leonard
Nancy Linger
Lola Thompson



In memory of Wor. Ken Gregory and Bro. William Osborne.

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

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings and Salutations,

I couldn't decide on what I wanted to write about this month. There are so many topics that can be covered it's hard to choose. So, here is what I decided to write about.

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell in unity; it is like a precious ointment upon the head that ran down the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went to the skirts of his garments: As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.” Psalm:133

This psalm is a brief encomium on unity and brotherly love, which, if we did not see the miseries of discord among men, we should think needless, but we cannot say too much, it were well if we could say enough, to persuade people to live together in peace. Some conjecture that David penned this Psalm upon occasion of the union between the tribes when they all met unanimously to make him king. It is a psalm of general use to all societies, smaller and larger, civil and sacred.

Here is

- The doctrine laid down of the happiness of brotherly. (Verse 1)
- The illustration of that doctrine, in two similitudes. (Verse 2)
- The proof of it in a good reason given for it (Verse 3) and then we are left to make application which we ought to do in signing it, provoking ourselves and one another to holy love.

The contents of this psalm in our Bibles are short but very proper, it is “the benefit of the communion of saints.”

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS MARCH, 2021

Stephen H. Brewer, Jr.	03/19/2009
Alan K. Brown.....	03/31/1994
Linwood W. Cherry, Jr.	03/02/1982
Thomas L. Gillikin, Sr.	03/24/1983
Shane W. Higgs	03/16/2000
James N. Kelly.....	03/14/1966
Ernest E. Marrow.....	03/23/1967
Edward T. McCarthy	03/14/1978
Michael L. Mullins.....	03/24/1987
George D. Norton.....	03/28/1996
Paul A. Olich.....	03/04/2014
Richard A. Oliver.....	03/15/2018
Marvin L. Overfelt.....	03/29/1962
William S. Parsons.....	03/16/1982
Jeffrey C. Quinn.....	03/03/2004
Nicholas Stanich, III	03/29/2016
Levi A. Strauss.....	03/26/2013
Carl F. Stroh.....	03/12/2012
James L. Taylor.....	03/30/1995

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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