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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

April, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

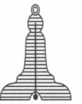
With regard to our April Stated Communication, there has been no change, we remain restricted to ten men, so unless something changes, we will hold the meeting with only officers present, and very limited business will occur, no balloting, or readings.

This 15 days just to flatten the curve, as promoted by our government is taking a lot longer than we were led to believe. I personally, don't think anything we have or could have done substantially affects the progress of this virus one way, or the other. It is going to run it's course in it's own due time, just like so many other afflictions and it is just another fact of life we must deal with. However, it is important that we continue to fastidiously follow the guidance of our Grand Master, and District Deputy Grand Master, with regards to masking, meetings, food prep, etc. Not so much that I believe it really changes anything, but so that should any outbreak, or infection occur anywhere, it could not possibly be traced back to any relaxed action by us, or in any way be blamed on our Lodge in particular, or Masonry in general. It is unfortunate that we must act in a certain manner, not for it's own inherent good, but simply so that the government cannot falsely accuse us of having done bad. However, that is just the way it is right now. These are very strange times we are living in. I hope that someday we may receive a full explanation, and accounting of what really happened, and why, with regards to this pandemic. In the meantime, I, and everyone who might be present in our lodge building will continue to support the institution of Masonry by cheerfully and diligently obeying all lawful orders and guidance.

The good news is that Spring is here and life comes forth anew, as it does every year. I was hoping for baby lambs and daffodils, but alas, we have been blessed with lawn grass and dandelions. The bright side is that we have a good, and legal reason to get together. Watch the Trestle Board for our first yard work party of the year. (www.Lynnhaven220.org) Weather permitting, I expect it to be the first Saturday in April. I look forward to seeing my Brothers, and frankly, a little physical labor with visible results always feels productive and good. If we have more people than we have equipment, then we will just have to share, you might only get a short shift on the mower and have to spend some time socializing. Try not to be disappointed.

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

FROM THE WEST



"Life's Memory Test"

Take this quiz (and no cheating using Google to find the answers):

Name the five wealthiest people in the world right now.

Name the last five Academy Award® winners for best actor or actress.

Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.

Name the last two Nobel Peace Prize winners.

Name the last five Super Bowl or World Series winners.

How'd you do? The point is none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers, yet the applause dies, awards tarnish, achievements are forgotten, accolades fade, and certificates are buried with their owners.

Now, here's another quiz:

List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

Think of four people you enjoy spending time with.

Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

Name five heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

Easier right? The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care.

In your Masonic life, who are the teachers, advisors, and friends you remember and cherish most? Who has helped you in your pursuit of Light, or in time of special need? Or is it possible that you are a person who may be remembered kindly by others? Might you be on someone else's list of life's memories?

"Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices; do good unto all; recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful."

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

PRAYER CORNER

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

Bro. Jim Kiphart
Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis
Lori Adams
Nita Leonard
Nancy Linger
Lola Thompson



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

SCHOLARSHIP

The Worshipful Master and Officers of Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220 are pleased to announce that applications are now available for two (2) \$500.00 scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students eligible to receive this scholarship are graduating seniors (children, grand- or great-grand children) of family members of Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220 and Lynnhaven Chapter No. 184, Order of the Eastern Star.

This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence, demonstrated financial need, community service, school activities, the desire and ability to further their education at the next level and recommendations.

Eligible students may write for an application to:

Scholarship Committee
Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220
2959 N Lynnhaven Rd
Virginia Beach VA 23452

Deadline for requesting applications is 15 June 2021, and the deadline for submitting applications is 15 July 2021.

The winner will be notified prior to 31 July, 2021. The scholarship will be presented on 12 August, 2021, at our Stated Communication.

For further information, contact Rt. Wor. Peter J. Gordon at 757-486-9778, Chairman, Scholarship Committee.

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS APRIL, 2021

Garry W. Barnett-Baker.....04/23/2013
John L. Collins.....04/24/1958
Guy A. Cruise04/27/2004
Kevin M. Gibson04/26/2007
Bill Hammett04/26/1994
Timothy C. Harris.....04/21/2016
George L. Hill.....04/26/1984
F. Mitchell Martin, III.....04/04/1991
Douglas R. Norris04/06/2006
Roy E. Smith, Jr.....04/20/1978
Robert L. Thompson.....04/14/1969
Corey Tinner04/23/2019
Bob Totten04/19/1982

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings,

The topic for this month is MAHOVA. MAHOVA, or Masonic Home of Virginia, has been the home of 891 orphans. Since the addition of the adult wing in 1955, it has been home to 1,200 residents. MAHOVA needs our help with donations. The Morlock Award is given to the lodge that a percentage of the lodge membership gives \$5.00 per member. If you are interested in helping in the endeavor, send your checks or money orders to the lodge with attention to the Junior Warden.

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

FROM THE LODGE OFFICE

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