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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

May, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST



Greetings, Brethren,

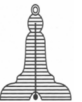
With regard to our May Stated Communication, it is on, Brothers! Regular time, 7:00 PM.. I anticipate that all future meetings will also be on, as well as degree work practice, initiations, passings, and raisings. We can easily accommodate 30 or more Lynnhaven Brothers. So, please come on out, I would love to see a good turnout of Brothers. We will be balloting on some candidates, and all regular business will be conducted with no restrictions. Guidelines on distancing and sanitation will be strictly observed, but none of that will interfere with conducting a successful Stated. Meals are still a bit complicated, so for now, we will continue to skip the meals, meeting only. As I do anticipate successful balloting, we can expect one or more initiations to follow shortly, watch the Trestle Board for the most up to date information on Lodge activities. (www.Lynnhaven220.org).

As many of you know, we have had problems over the years with some vandalism, trash dumping, and even theft at the Lodge. So far the incidents were more of a nuisance than a major threat, but, I think we have run out of lucky breaks, and it is time to put a good quality camera system in place. I have researched inexpensive systems, and I believe we would be very disappointed in the quality of video, and the long term cost of replacing cheap equipment more often than if we just bought better quality to start with. Not to mention, when the day comes that we really need a good view of a crime, I want to be able to give the police a picture that is clear enough to really use, especially if someone has been hurt, or damage has been done. Notice that I did not say "the best picture we can possibly get." We all have to live within our means. You would be stunned at the cost of really good surveillance systems. When I worked for the government, I purchased individual surveillance cameras costing hundreds of thousand dollars. So, the best there is, is not in our budget. However, I think that "good enough" is. Thanks to generous donations from several Brothers, and our Sisters in the Eastern Star, we have enough money to put a decent quality system in place. Bro. Carl Pennington and I will be providing the labor. Total cost of materials will be in the 2-3 k range, and I believe it is time to stop thinking about this, and get it done, before something serious happens, and we regret not having done it sooner.

We had a good turnout for our first Lodge Lawn Maintenance Party of the season. Thank you to everyone who participated. Everything on the worklist was accom-

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FROM THE WEST



As a District Educational Officer, I receive the Mason Service Association of America's monthly *Short Talk Bulletin*. April 2021's edition by Bro. Dave Ritchie entitled "Is Relaxation in Your Box of Tools?" was particularly interesting and timely for me, so I thought it worthwhile to share some of his thoughts and reflections.

"As Masons we are given an extensive tool box for the building of our earthly temple. I think for the most part we are very good at using the tools given to each of us as we pass through the degrees. I have watched many brothers chip away at their vices and rough edges with the common gavel. I have seen brothers measure themselves by both the plumb and the square. I have seen them work to circumscribe their actions, words and thoughts. I have surely seen them spreading the bonds of friendship with the trowel. There is, however, one tool that gets forgotten. One tool we tend to leave at the bottom of the tool chest. For some reason we, as Masons, have a difficult time remembering the twenty-four inch gauge.

I know we do not have a problem taking time for our work and we certainly take the time to help our fellow man and take time to worship Deity. What we struggle with is taking time to rest and refresh ourselves. I have seen brothers fly from one meeting to the next. From Masons, to Sports Boosters, to Lions, to bowling, to church council, and the list goes on and our brother never sees the good he is doing in the community. He never sees the difference he is making.

Rest and reflection are important. So step back from time to time. Lay down, temporarily, the gavel, plumb and square, and pick up that twenty-four inch gauge. Take time to enjoy the progress you have made on that beautiful temple of your life you have been working so hard on. There will be time tomorrow to pick up the working tools and continue your labors. Today in our busy, hectic lives we need to rest and refresh ourselves not because of the labors we have accomplished but for the ones that lay ahead."

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
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:

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



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

FROM THE EAST

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plished, and we went home less than two hours after we started, even with a little time out for chit chat and socializing. This is important to me that we get things done, and then get back home to our families, especially on week-ends, these Lodge work parties will not take all day, so don't be afraid to come out, it's only an hour or two at the most. I promise you will not be stuck at labor all day. Any excuse to meet and hang out with my Brothers is a good time. Next scheduled work party will depend on the weather and how the Lodge is looking, and will be announced on the Trestle Board in plenty of time to attend if you wish.

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

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.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS MAY, 2021

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| Ryan L. Adamson | 05/31/2018 |
| Richard A. Buchanan..... | 05/23/1989 |
| Chuck Delaney..... | 05/05/1967 |
| Robert E. Doolittle..... | 05/25/1978 |
| Robert C. Elms..... | 05/08/1975 |
| Bruce W. Exum, Sr..... | 05/15/1987 |
| Michael C. Farley | 05/01/2010 |
| Christopher A. Grindley | 05/24/2012 |
| Edelyn L. Hubbard..... | 05/19/1966 |
| Daniel L. Huguenard | 05/16/2019 |
| Keith Z. Johnson..... | 05/01/2010 |
| Wes Latchford | 05/01/2017 |
| James W. Marx | 05/31/2012 |
| James M. Mauldin | 05/17/2007 |
| Phillip E. Maybery..... | 05/30/1991 |
| Robert W. Meeker | 05/12/1979 |
| Tony R. Paramore..... | 05/01/2008 |
| Kevin L. Poland..... | 05/20/2010 |
| Henry L. Reid | 05/09/1970 |
| Andrejes R. Rittenhouse | 05/28/2015 |
| Kenneth D. Short | 05/28/1992 |
| Thomas J. Smith | 05/08/1975 |
| Christopher D. Supino | 05/01/2010 |
| Christopher D. Tan | 05/19/2009 |
| Kenneth D. Warren, III..... | 05/15/2012 |

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings from the South

I know I sound like a broken record but, we still need more 5 dollar donations to reach our goal for MAHOVA. Think of this as a pass the hat for our Brethren that need our donations to keep MAHOVA operating. Giving from the heart for something greater than each of us individually says volumes as our organization. Make checks or money orders payable to the lodge. Help the Brethren living in the Home. I humbly beseech you, my Brothers, to participate in this endeavor. For those that have already given to MAHOVA, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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

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