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The Burning Taper

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

June, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

The *Burning Taper* is a few days late this month, please forgive me. I had indications that significant information was forthcoming, so I stalled a bit before publishing, and am glad that I did, as almost everything I had previously written was suddenly made out of date.

This morning, I received the Communication from Most Worshipful Grand Master Douglas Vernon Jones that we have been looking forward to. The entirety of the Communication is available on our website for you to read at your leisure. The essence is that we can significantly relax the protocols we have been following for Stated Communications and other Masonic Functions. There are three significant exceptions, and those are that the word will continue to be taken up in the modified way, balloting will continue to have some extra safety considerations, and Degree work, due to close proximity, and personal touch, will continue to have some extra safety precautions.

Within those guidelines, we are free to resume Lodge activities, including meals, fundraisers, and events in a nearly normal manner. We will, of course be extra careful about cleanliness and sanitation, particularly among our food service personnel.

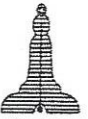
We will be having our June Stated Communication, 10 June, at the regular time, 7:00 pm, and, for the first time in a long time, we will be having our normal dinner at 6:00 pm. I look forward to a good attendance; however, if you believe that your circumstances require that you wait a little longer, take extra precautions, or keep extra distance, I certainly understand.

Because the word on opening up Lodge activities was so late in coming, I do not have any special events on the June Calendar. That does not mean that we might not put something together for later in the month. I have some ideas, which, if they can work out, I will post on the website Trestle Board. (www.Lynnhaven220.org)

The 56th Masonic District is having a One Day Conferral for Candidates who were left high and dry after the abrupt cancellation of the ODC last October. EA/FC is Monday, June 7th at 6:45 pm, and MM is Wednesday, June 9th at 6:45 pm. Both days are at Bayside Lodge. Although Lynnhaven does not have any candidates in this ODC, in support of our district, Wor. Marlo, Wor. Wes, and I are all participating. The District has made no new announcement as to whether Brothers who are not participating can be present to

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FROM THE WEST



"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."— Sir Winston Churchill

This well-known quote from Brother Sir Winston Leonard Spencer-Churchill comes from remarks made at the Lord Mayor's Luncheon on November 10, 1942. For full context of the timing and environment when Churchill said this, it was a little over three years into the war and a year and a half after the end of the Battle of Britain. The "end of the beginning" was the first major victory for the Allies in turning back German forces at El Alamein, Egypt. Nobody knew when the end would be, but it certainly was the "end of the beginning."

The idea of an "end of the beginning" feels so very apropos right now. In my LEO Minute at May's Stated Communication, I talked a little about some of the battles we've been through over the past 16 months. In early 2020, COVID cases rose to the tens of thousands in just weeks. By mid-March, all Lodge activities were suspended, and degree work stopped. We believed the virus couldn't survive the warmer summer months, but as we rolled into autumn case numbers hit an all-time high. One-day conferrals were on, then off, then on, then off again. Indoor gatherings were restricted to 10 or fewer people just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lodges held their officers' line in place and spent the first months of 2021 with just officers present for the dispatch of essential business. By April, we could meet in groups of 50 and complete some much anticipated degree work for some very worthy and patient Brothers.

As I type this, the limit for indoor gatherings is now 100 and 250 for outdoor gatherings. We await May 28th when the Governor is expected to further relax restrictions, with Grand Lodge anticipated to follow suit. Just like in 1942, this is not the end of the war against COVID-19. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is—perhaps—the end of the beginning. Give a listen to Brother Winston delivering his remarks at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lK-rKQYB9ns>.

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:



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

In memory of:

Bro. William Parsons
Elsie Plumeau

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

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observe, but I will keep this updated on our website Trestle Board, as to whether it might be opened to all, or, as it is right now, be closed to spectators. If it is permitted, I would love to see a Lynnhaven Brother or two in the crowd.

Locally, here at Lynnhaven #220, we have initiated two new Brothers in the traditional way, Bro. Brandon Smith, and Bro. Collin Conkwright, who are being expertly coached by Bro. Tom Mirsky and Wor. Marlo Pilar. When each of us entered Masonry, one of the most significant experiences we first had was probably the relationship with our Coach. If you would like to be that first positive experience for a new member of the Lodge, please contact me. I see several Candidates on the horizon who will need the services of an experienced Brother. Is there anyone among us who does not have fond memories of their Coach? I know I do.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Worshipful Master and Officers of Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220 are pleased to announce that applications are now available for one (1) \$500.00 scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year.

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.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS JUNE, 2021

William E. Batten, Sr.....	06/24/1967
Jesse C. Bell.....	06/25/1981
Linwood M. Benton.....	06/01/1989
Aubrey E. Bradshaw, III.....	06/05/1975
Fred R. Crowell.....	06/23/1994
Dennis E. Edwards.....	06/28/1990
Wesley A. Gibson.....	06/01/1972
Robert M. Hammond.....	06/18/1998
Chad E. Langston.....	06/07/2012
Thomas E. Oakes.....	06/03/2010
Robert G. Richards.....	06/23/2005
Thomas A. Rowe.....	06/26/1980
Alan T. Rupp.....	06/19/1986
Thomas C. Sawyer, Jr.....	06/20/1963
Lance S. Thorson.....	06/24/2003
L. Wirt Walker, Sr.....	06/03/1976
Robert L. Weeks.....	06/29/1971
Allen C. Williams.....	06/22/1972
Tery J. Young.....	06/09/2008

FROM THE SOUTH

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." J. R. R. Tolkien



Time waits for no one. It is a great equalizer, all of us eventually runs out of time. So, when you look back at what you have accomplished, have you done everything you can to make yourself, your community and your family better? The simple act of saying, "Hello, How are you?" goes a long way with some people. The point of the article is really on servitude. With COVID-19, it has been a difficult year to perform any type of community service. The lodge will be starting service to the community once the Grand Lodge allows things to return to normal. Will you be ready to give time for the betterment of our community and our lodge? Spreading the joy of masonry to our community. Maybe gathering a few recruits to bring into our brotherhood. When we spread the light of masonry to others, it makes me feel well. How will you feel? Come with your ideas and join us as we plan to better our lodge, community and self. Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bro. Bob Adams
Junior Warden
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