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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

July, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST



Greetings, Brethren,

We had a nice dinner and a regular meal for our June Stated. Thank you to the Brothers who turned out and made this a great evening, and thank you to the ladies of Eastern Star Chapter #184 for the great job running the serving line. It was indeed a pleasure to see you and welcome you back also.

July is traditionally Dark at Lynnhaven Lodge to permit Brothers to focus on their family plans, and summer activities, and for the most part, with the exception of the Stated Meeting and Dinner, it will be dark this year also. There will be no scheduled special activities or fundraisers. However, one aspect that will not be dark is the education, and advancement of our candidates. Brothers, who have waited many months to be initiated, will not be held up waiting for July to pass. Just as soon as a Candidate has reached a milestone and is ready to test for Masonic Proficiency, we will test him, and if the Lodge is satisfied, we will move him on to the next level. Of course, this will require a certain number of Brothers to participate, but I am sure we can rustle up the minimum to accomplish this without disrupting any plans. Family must always come first. If you happen to drive by the Lodge on a Tuesday or Thursday in July, there is a good chance that several of us will be there, and any Brother is welcome to join us.

One nice way you can support the Lodge, in the absence of scheduled fundraisers, is to purchase a brick for the front sidewalk. Many Brothers have had their brick inscribed with their name and date of raising, as a memorial to their Brotherhood. But you might also have it inscribed with anything, or anyone that means something to you. Wife, Parent, Children, a significant event. I have purchased several, and if anyone is interested, I will point them out, and explain what they mean to me.

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FROM THE WEST



One of the most common pieces of inaccurate information regarding Freemasonry revolves around how many Freemasons signed the Declaration of Independence. Records of Masonic affiliation from the period were either non-existent or varied greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. As such, the number of signers of the Declaration believed to have been Freemasons varies from as few as seven to a claim that 52 of the 56 signers were Masons made by Robert C. Fuller in his book *Spiritual, But Not Religious*.

Current historical scholarship indicates that probably nine of the 56 signers were most likely Freemasons: (1) Bro. William Ellery was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge of Boston, MA in 1748; (2) M. W. Benjamin Franklin was Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734; (3) Bro. John Hancock became a Mason in Merchants Lodge No. 277 in Quebec, Canada in 1760 and affiliated with Saint Andrew's Lodge in Boston, MA in 1762; (4) Bro. Joseph Hewes' mother lodge is not known, but he is recorded as a visitor at a meeting of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, Edenton, NC in December 1776. Hewes was buried with Masonic honors in a funeral that was attended by George Washington; (5) Bro. William Hooper was a member of Hanover Lodge in Masonborough, NC; (6) Bro. Robert Treat Paine is believed to have been a member of Massachusetts Lodge, Boston, MA and is listed as having been present at Grand Lodge in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in June 1759; (7) Wor. Richard Stockton served as Charter Master of St. John's Lodge in Princeton, NJ in 1765; (8) Bro. George Walton was secretary of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, in Savannah, GA; and, (9) Bro. William Whipple was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, NH in 1752.

Oh, and for those of you who are now asking, "What about Wor. George Washington?" Well, General Washington did not sign the Declaration of Independence. While the Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia, Washington and his forces were squaring off against British General

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PRAYER CORNER

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

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



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

(FROM THE EAST *Continued from Page 1*

Details of the Memorial Brick Program are at the below link, or, if that does not work, Bro. Wes has also placed it on the front page of our website. Thank you, Brothers, and please consider adding your story to our front sidewalk.

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Sincerely and Fraternally
Dale Graham, Worshipful Master
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Brick Sample

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS JULY, 2021

Thomas Beverly.....	07/06/2010
Delbert D. Edwards	07/19/1965
Daryl W. Hoover	07/03/2014
Garrvan D. Knox	07/05/1990
Wallace E. Maybery, Jr.	07/02/1992
Christopher M. Savvides	07/05/2007
Chandler A. Wells	07/02/2015

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Sir William Howe in New York. He received an official notification via a letter dated July 6 from Bro. John Hancock, the president of the Continental Congress, along with a copy of the declaration.

All nine of the above Masonic signers are represented in John Trumbull's famous 1818 painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. You can see the painting identifying each Brother by visiting <https://freemasoninformation.com/masonic-education/famous/united-states-masonic-founding-fathers/>.

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

–Declaration of Independence
Sincerely & Fraternally,
Wor. Wes Latchford, 32°
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FROM THE LODGE OFFICE

BRETHREN, PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD!
IF IT DOESN'T SAY YOU ARE PAID THROUGH **12/31/2021**,
YOUR DUES ARE **DUE!**
So, please send your dues payment
without further delay!

FROM THE SOUTH

The article from the south is difficult to write about every month. I never know what subject I should consider. I once thought about writing a book review. Then I thought better of it. We all have our own reasons for joining the fraternity. I had always wanted to work at something larger than myself. My journey started in Louisiana. I worked with a friend that is a Mason. We talked about the fraternity and what it means to be a part of it. He worked with my initiation and was Senior Deacon for it. There the rituals are a bit different. Some of the terminology is different; the



floor work is very similar. I worked and was raised to Master Mason. I was in each of the chairs not making it to the East but was transferred back here. My journey thus far has been challenging and fun. I love the work I am out- ing albeit with a Louisiana twist on occasion. I would not have made it this far without the help of the Brothers. Thank you for all you have done.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bro. Bob Adams
Junior Warden
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