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The Burning Taper

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

August, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

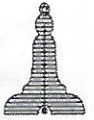
Degree work and education has continued to progress through July. We will definitely be examining multiple EA's in the near future and hopefully passing them in August. At our July Stated, Bro. Zack Schaad stood and recited his Master Mason's catechism for his Grand Lodge certificate. If the name is not familiar to you, it might be because Bro. Zack is our newest Master Mason, having been just raised this April, on the day our Lodge Degree work restrictions were lifted. Congratulations, and well done Bro. Zack. This is an accomplishment that not all Master Masons have achieved, but certainly all Master Masons can appreciate.

Upcoming Fundraisers include the Past Master's Fish Fry which will be September 18 and, enclosed with this *Burning Taper*, you will find tickets. Please consider pre-purchasing your tickets so the Past Masters have a better idea of how many to provide for. Also, this might be a good way to break the ice and mention Freemasonry to your worthy friends and colleagues. Who knows, they may wish to come out and meet us and discuss the craft more with you. We will be holding our Lynnhaven Lodge Yard Sale in October, tentative date is Saturday, October 9th. So start assembling your priceless treasures and consider renting a spot and a table for \$10.

There is no fundraiser scheduled for August. We will, however, be playing catchup on our visits to other Lodges. There will be three visits in August, Victory Daylight #1778, Atlantic #2, and Princess Ann #25. As all Stateds are in the beginning of the month, the first two weeks of August will be busy, culminating in our own Stated on August 12th, which will include our famous Hawaiian Shirt Night, and will feature a Hawaiian themed dinner. And I don't mean bad food, overpriced drinks and cheap Chinese souvenirs, as authentic as that might be. I think we will do better. Please join me if you possibly can, both for our visits to other Lodges, and our own Stated Communication. Aloha.

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

FROM THE WEST



One of the best things I think any Brother can do to improve himself in Masonry is to dedicate time each month to reading any of the numerous articles, blogs, books, and ancient manuscripts about the various aspects of our Craft. Whether about the history, ritual, architecture, symbolism, philosophy, or whatever is of most interest about our Fraternity, indulging yourself regularly in the study of Freemasonry will provide you greater insights into yourself, your Lodge, family, community, and the universe.

For myself, I try to read at least one book related to Freemasonry each month. July's book happened to be *Mastering Masonic Ritual* by John E. Burnapp. While written from a distinctly English perspective, there is plenty for the American Mason to absorb from this relatively small, easy 107 page read. Bro. Burnapp encourages Brothers working on ritual to find whatever means of learning works best for him (visual, kinetic, auditory, and so forth) and then embrace those towards continuing to perfect their delivery and performance of ritual. The Masonic Lodge is a treasure trove of memory anchors to assist in our internalizing ritual and its life lessons.

The "Performance" of ritual—not just its recitation—is an important element of Bro. Burnapp's writing and is one for me, as well. He condemns the style of delivery he calls "park and bark," (I call it simple parroting) in which a word-perfect ritualist stands completely still and delivers the lines in a such a monotonous fashion as if reciting a grocery list or reading from the phone book. As he so rightly opines, ritual has a much greater and more sustained impact if the deliverer is only 80% accurate but is committed to the emotional weight and meaning of the words. It is always the meaning behind the words—not the mere words themselves—which brings Light to Freemasons and the world.

Should we strive for perfection in our performance ritual? Of course we should; we owe our Brothers and the Great Architect of the Universe nothing less. However, I find nothing more rewarding than to sit in Lodge and hear and see ritual performed with passion and appreciation for its context and meaning, but perhaps with less accuracy, to live more fervently in the hearts of every Freemason.

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:

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



In memory of Bro. Gary F Boehm.

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

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Thank you for the donations. I still need to verify; but, I believe we have met our goal. That says a lot about our fraternity, when there is a need, the brotherhood can come together and accomplish phenomenal things and it is my pleasure to be associated with such a good group of men. It is a great day to be together in brotherly love.

I appreciate all the work that the Brethren perform in mentoring, training and development of our lodge. We have an excellent training team. I, for one, am greatly appreciative of the hard work they put in. It drives me to strive to do better.

It is my humble pleasure to be associated with every one of you.

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



MASONIC BIRTHDAYS AUGUST, 2021

Allen L. Bowman.....	08/16/2008
Justin Conner	08/29/2015
Leslie F. Dale.....	08/31/2006
James E. Eubanks	08/30/1973
David B. Filz.....	08/31/1995
Dustin Headley	08/04/2018
Merl C. Hoover.....	08/30/1965
Brent R. Lane.....	08/16/2008
Carl Pennington	08/11/1981
Darrell Perry	08/29/2015
Marlo Pilar.....	08/29/2015
Corey Rodgers	08/29/2015
Aronjol D. Rosenthal	08/29/2002
David Schroy	08/29/2015
Ronald L. Swan, Jr.....	08/28/2003

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND...

LYNNHAVEN LODGE PAST MASTERS' FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

See letter and tickets in this issue.

Brethren, the purpose of our fundraisers is two-fold. First, for socialization to give our Brethren the opportunity to be with and enjoy each other. Secondly, we need your financial support to help with the cost of maintenance of our building. If you are NOT able to attend, please at least make a donation.

Please consider helping your lodge.

Thank you, your Trustees

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
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Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bob Rathbun, PM. Secretary

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