



The Burning Taper

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

September, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

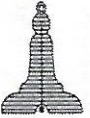
Degree work and education is progressing well; in fact, we did a bit of an acceleration in August. I received warnings and rumors that the State was considering another drastic government crackdown, which would have undoubtedly caused similar action from our Grand Lodge. In anticipation of this, I directed that we move with the utmost haste to take action on every eligible candidate we have in the queue, in order to get our candidates on the correct side of whatever threshold they may be approaching. I am pleased with the response I received, and the hard work by our Station Officers and the cadre of dedicated Brethren who perform 90% of our degree work. In three days' time, we performed four Initiations, one Examination, and one Passing. Every one of them was well done and dignified, more importantly, every eligible candidate has been advanced. It is my intention to act similarly as the year continues to progress, since the State is capricious and unpredictable, and we have no idea what they might do next, no eligible Candidate will languish at a milestone any longer than is absolutely necessary, for fear they might get stuck there without warning. As I said, I am very pleased with the quick response and excellent performance of our Lodge in this regard.

In addition to our September Stated meeting, this month will have two social activities, first will be a regular Saturday Breakfast on September 4, just to stretch our legs, and prove we still remember how. I do realize that this is Labor Day weekend, but perhaps having Monday off will help make some time for Brothers to join us on Saturday. Second, is the much anticipated Past Master's Fish Fry on September 18th. Thank you to the Brothers who have pre-purchased tickets and sent their money in to the Secretary. This is a significant fundraiser for us every year, and we do depend on it and appreciate your support, as well as the labor and commitment of our Past Masters in putting this on. I hope to see many of you there, check the Calendar for details.

The September Stated, on September 9th will be Past Masters' Night, and even better, dinner will be prepared and served by the Lynnhaven Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. I am not sure what they might be fixing, but I am certain it will be good.

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FROM THE WEST



S"Twenty Twenty-Two"

There, I said it! I'm not necessarily wanting to believe it, yet in just a couple more months our Grand Annual Communication will take place during the first weekend in November where the Grand Line of Officers for 2022 will be elected and installed. Then just a few weeks later, Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 will hold its Annual Stated Communication and Election of Officers the second Thursday of December where Worshipful Dale will be unanimously reelected to remain in the East for a second year. [*Just checking to make sure he's paying attention!*].

For those who may not have done the math yet, 2022 will mark our Lodge's 60th Anniversary. So—presuming our Brethren see me fit to elect and install me as Worshipful Master of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 for 2022—I have been working diligently doing the planning for engaging meetings and activities for our Brothers, family, Masonic family, and community that continues the great work of all the Brothers who have come before us since 1962. More to follow in the coming weeks as we get closer to the end of Worshipful Dale's time in the East. [*Not that he's counting, I'm sure.*]

Okay, now – here comes the ask!

ATTENTION ALL CHEFS, COOKS, AND WANNA' BE HASH-SLINGERS... I'm looking for assistance in developing and preparing meals for before each of our Stated Communications during 2022. The qualifications are fairly simple—Interest and dedication is required, actual skill in the kitchen; eh, it's Masons so not so much. If you do have an interest in displaying your culinary talents to our Brothers on any given 2nd Thursday of the month in 2022, please let me know at ecclesxii@gmail.com or 757.831.2438.

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

PHONE NUMBERS

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Junior Deacon	Bro. Cory Tinner	492-0700
Chaplain	Bro. Carl Pennington	822-9863

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.

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As they are preparing dinner as a token of appreciation of the Masons, I especially encourage all Masons to come out, enjoy the meal, and be sure to let the Eastern Star know that we, likewise, appreciate them, and everything they do for us.

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

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER, 2021

Jeffrey Anderson.....	09/26/2006
William Artese.....	09/23/1965
Carlton F. Bennett.....	09/18/1981
Brad Braswell.....	09/20/2012
Marc J. Cahill.....	09/29/2010
Kelby J. Castillo.....	09/23/2014
James C. Caton.....	09/26/1963
Manuel Cheracles.....	09/25/1969
David A. Cool.....	09/06/1977
David L. Cunningham.....	09/06/1979
Jeffrey L. Dudley.....	09/29/2005
Richard Egnor.....	09/02/2003
Dale W. Graham.....	09/25/2014
Charles L. Greenawalt.....	09/21/2000
Michael L. Jensen.....	09/02/1993
William S. Johnson.....	09/22/1960
James G. Keiser.....	09/23/1976
Brian E. Laffey.....	09/23/1982
Jack R. Lawlis.....	09/25/1980
James W. Mitchum.....	09/30/1999
Alastair Pobre.....	09/18/2014
Alfred R. Rathbun.....	09/20/1994
Robert B. Schratweiser.....	09/11/1979
Richard H. Smith, Jr.....	09/27/1973
Jimmy W. Wagner.....	09/18/1971
Frank A. Williams, Jr.....	09/27/1963
James R. Williard.....	09/30/1982
Bruce G. Yorgey.....	09/20/2007

FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren, if your dues card does not say
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 then you are behind on your dues.

I can be reached at 757-639-3407 if you are
 having a problem paying your dues.

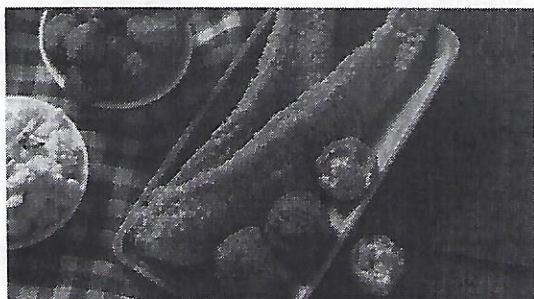
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Sincerely and Fraternally,
 Bob Rathbun, PM. Secretary



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 (757) 639-3407.



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5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220

2959 N. Lynnhaven Rd

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Tickets \$10.00 - Children Under 5 Eat Free

Contact Wor. Dale at dwg2116@gmail.com or 757.805.1441

for Tickets or More Information



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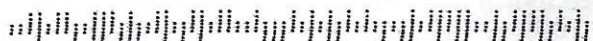
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If your name is printed in **Bold** print, your name will come off the list next month.

Wor. Brian Adams (04/22)
Wor. Richard E. Allen (05/24)
Bro. Arthur Bartlett (02/22)
Bro. Bill Batten, Jr. (09/22)
Wor. John Brown (03/22)
Bro. Dave Cunningham (01/26)
Bro. Thomas Darr (09/21)
Bro. Chuck Delaney (10/27)
Bro. Cecil Doughtie, Jr. (02/30)
Rt. Wor. Dennis & Nadine Edwards
(08/25)
Bro. Bruce W. Exum (03/24)
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(05/22)

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Wor. Joseph Hagerman, Jr. (09/28)
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Bro. William Kennedy (04/22)
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Bro. Bob Schratweiser (06/24)
Bro. Allen Sokolik (03/31)
Bro. Carl Vance (10/24)
Bro. Stephen Vogel (04/31)
Wor. Jimmy W. Wagner (02/33)
Bro. Arthur H. Wahl (11/35)
Bro. L. Wirt Walker (02/22)

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.