



The Burning Taper

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

October, 2021
Our 59th Year



FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

Lynnhaven Lodge had a great month in September. Past Master's Night was flawless, but, how could it not be, with that much talent and experience all under one roof. An excellent dinner was prepared and served by Lynnhaven Chapter No. 184 and a very nice check was presented to us by the Worthy Matron, Marcia Perry. Our Lodge very much appreciated both of these gifts. Our heartfelt thank you goes out to our own Chapter of the Eastern Star. The first Lodge Breakfast of 2021 was well attended by the volunteer kitchen crew and by early morning diners. It was both a pleasant fellowship experience and a financial success. The Past Masters' Fish Fry was a resounding hit out of the park. Shortly after we opened, every single table was full and we stayed busy until the end of the event. Plenty of food, plenty of Brothers, their families and guests, just an all-round good time. Kudos to our Past Masters for their efforts, and another financial success.

Degree work is progressing nicely. We are on the verge of raising two more Master Masons, and will soon be scheduling some, or all of our recent Entered Apprentices for examination. In addition to the Degree Team, a good attendance by Brothers adds tremendously to the experience. Come be a part of this, if you can. Watch the Trestle Board on our website for dates and more information.

Our upcoming Stated Communication, on October 14th, is Junior Warden's Night. This will be your first opportunity to see our Brother in the East for a Stated Communication. Please come out for a good meal, comradery, and to wish our Brother well.

Fundraiser for October will be the Yard Sale at the Lodge on Saturday, October 9th, 0800 until noon. A spot in the parking lot is \$10, and includes one free table. Additional tables are available, depending on turnout. This is not limited to Masons only! If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor, they are welcome to set up shop also. Anyone with a Masonic connection and a pile of stuff is welcome to show up with their items and try to turn them into cash. Please contact me to reserve a space and your first table.

The Kitchen will also be open, and serving Breakfast from 0800 until 1000. I hope to see you there, even if you're not selling anything.

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

FROM THE WEST



Every October, Freemasons in Virginia celebrate "*Founders Day*" honoring the founding fathers of our Grand Lodge and to the Brethren who established the Masonic Home of Virginia. Here's a quick history of these two events:

Founding a Grand Lodge—On May 13th, 1777, a committee of brethren from Norfolk Lodge, Kilwinning Port Royal Crosse Lodge, Blandford Lodge, Williamsburg Lodge, and Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge drew up their reasons why they thought a Grand Master for the Commonwealth of Virginia should be chosen rather than one of foreign appointment, "...they being little known and as little acknowledged." A convention for the election of grand master was scheduled for October 13, 1778, where Right Worshipful John Blair, Jr., Past Master of Williamsburg Lodge, was unanimously elected the first Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Establishing a Masonic Home—In 1871, Masons in the Richmond area began discussing the need for a Masonic Orphanage. In December, 1889, Dr. Bro. George Potts made a particularly eloquent plea to Masons assembled in Grand Lodge. Moved by Dr. Potts' speech, Capt. A. G. Babcock offered a gift of \$5,000 in cash and a conditional pledge of further assistance if the home were established. A charter was adopted by the Virginia General Assembly on January 7, 1890, and on February 18th, 1890, Capt. Babcock donated real estate consisting of "44 ½ acres of excellent farming land on Nine Mile Road, with a dwelling of ten rooms in good order, a large barn and stable recent built, and all of the other necessary outhouses." This property is the bulk of what is today the grounds of the Masonic Home, which from this humble beginning, raised 839 children of Virginia Master Masons from 1890 to 1975 and has cared for 1,200 adults since the adult division began in 1955.

SO, now you know! 😊

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
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PRAYER CORNER

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



Bro. Tommy Bryant on the passing of his father

Bro. Jack and Dianne Lawlis

Bro. Wally Maybery

Nancy Anderson, wife of Wor. Jerry Anderson, on her hip replacement surgery

Nita Leonard

Nancy Linger

Lola Thompson

Congratulations to Bro. Tom (and wife Corrine) Mirsky on the birth of their daughter.

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

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

I always have such a hard time writing. As I progress through my masonic journey, I find more and more opportunities to get further light in masonry. The outreach and brotherly love shown in all that we do and is remarkable that we have the support from the brethren. I have said it again and I can not be more serious about the quality of the men we have amongst us. I am happy to serve you all.

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

FROM THE LODGE OFFICE

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER, 2021

William R. Adams	10/29/2016
Gary F. Boehm	10/31/1970
Keith A. Bowers	10/24/1988
James M. Briggs	10/03/1974
John A. Brown	10/24/1991
Thomas J. Bryant	10/26/1995
William L. Buchan	10/31/1970
Thomas C. Darr	10/29/2013
Cecil M Doughtie, Jr.	10/16/1997
Bruce N. Doyle	10/26/1989
James K. Fletcher	10/18/1957
George W. Ganter	10/31/1972
Kenneth A. Gregory	10/25/1975
Jesse A. Hughes	10/08/1977
Harvey S. Hunt, Sr.	10/31/1985
Herbert M. Hurst	10/02/2004
Brian J. Kier	10/17/2017
James O. Kiphart	10/08/1957
John H. Knox, Sr.	10/30/1975
Jack C. Laursen	10/03/1997
John A. Martishius	10/19/1962
James P. Nulf	10/01/1998
Anthony J. Oubre, Jr.	10/17/1996
Ernesto Perez	10/05/2017
Joseph S. Searles	10/31/1991
Ronnie L. Shank	10/01/2001
Allen Sokolik	10/29/1992
Clinton W. Speer	10/04/2012
John W. Tatum	10/06/1983
Jeffrey L. Tuell	10/17/2002
Wayne S. Umphlett	10/23/1980
James S. Witcher	10/04/1984
Martin W. Womack	10/22/1996



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

Rt. Wor. Pete Gordon (04/25)
Wor. Joseph Hagerman, Jr. (09/28)
Wor. Jesse Hughes (08/27)
Wor. James Kelly (04/22)
Bro. William Kennedy (04/22)
Bro. John Knox (05/26)
Wor. Brent Lane (05/24)
Wor. Jules E. Lingoni (03/32)
Wor.. Wes Latchford (04/22)
Bro. Wallace E. Maybery (12/24)
Bro. Bob Meeker (03/27)
Rt. Wor. Edward Meise, Jr. (02/24)
Rt. Wor. Raymond Mountford
(03/23)

Wor. Jay Oubre (12/23)
Bro. Steve Owen (09/27)
Bro. Jack Pallett (06/24)
Wor. Marlo Pilar (09/26)
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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.