



# The Burning Taper

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

November, 2021  
Our 59th Year



## FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

Degree work is progressing nicely. In October, we raised two Master Masons, passed two Fellowcraft, we have two Entered Apprentices studying, and we have two Candidates to ballot on in November. It's been a busy month. In order to meet a tight schedule, and get work done while a narrow window was open, I had to reach out to my Brothers at Victory Daylight and Princess Ann Lodges, to request assistance filling chairs. Bro. Edner Rull, and Bro. Nick Lester both responded, and helped us out immensely. As Master of this Lodge, I experienced great pleasure, and relief when these Brothers stepped up and helped me. Interestingly enough, this same month, Bro. Carl Pennington, Wor. John Brown, Wor. Wes Latchford, and I have all been solicited by other Lodges, and we have all assisted them. This is a nice trend, both to give, and receive, and I hope it continues. While it is always my first instinct to always look in our own house first, I sometimes forget that our resources extend beyond our immediate walls.

Our October Community Yard Sale, although rained out on the first attempt, two weeks later was an unqualified success. It was well attended by buyers and sellers alike. The Lodge made nearly \$600. A good job was done by all, most especially the Kitchen Crew, who cleared \$275 and received rave reviews from the public about their great breakfast. For anyone who has not balanced the books recently, clearing \$275 on a breakfast, and receiving a bushel basket of compliments while doing it, is better than we've done in a while.

Our upcoming Stated Communication, on November 11th, is Senior Warden's night. This will be your opportunity to see how our Brother looks in the East, and decide if you'd like to see more of that in the upcoming year. Please come out for a good meal, comradery, and to support our Brother.

An important item at our November Stated will be balloting on the Resolution I proposed last month, and laid over for thirty days. Please see the insert in this month's *Burning Taper* for the complete text of that Resolution, and my remarks pertaining to this.

In November, our Grand Annual Communica-

tion, and appendant Bodies events are competing for our time and attention. The only scheduled event on our calendar is a Lodge Breakfast on November 13<sup>th</sup>. I realize this is not our traditional third Saturday of the month, but the Lodge is rented for a private event on that third Saturday. If anyone is wondering, yes, it pays better than a Breakfast.

Also in November, I expect to pass at least one Entered Apprentice to Fellowcraft, and initiate two Candidates. I want to help our eligible Brothers and Candidates over their immediate hurdle as quickly as possible; also, I want to clear as much degree work as I can for our incoming Worshipful Master, and give us all a little breathing room in December. Having a busy schedule, and plenty of degree work, is certainly a nice position to be in.

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

Happy Thanksgiving 

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## PRAYER CORNER

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



Bro. Jack Lawlis  
Bro. Wally Maybery  
Bro. Bill Batten, Sr.  
Nita Leonard  
Nancy Linger  
Lola Thompson  
Doris Meise  
Nancy Anderson  
Lori Adams

In memory of Diane Lawlis.

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

## FROM THE WEST



### *“Senior Warden’s Night & Veterans’ Day”*

Our November Stated Communication is Senior Warden’s Night and will also be on Veterans’ Day. In recognition of this unique occurrence on the calendar, the evening’s agenda will include some items with a Veterans’ Day focus.

Beginning with Veterans’ Day 2006, the Secretary of Veteran Affairs urged Veterans to show their pride of service by wearing their medals on Veterans Day. He expressed the hope this display of military decorations, which he called the “Veterans Pride Initiative”, would become a traditional part of Veterans’ Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and other military and patriotic observances.

In this spirit, I’m encouraging all our Brethren who are military veterans to wear their medals and be recognized as part of our introductions. The choice of either full-size or miniature medals is an individual one and really dependent on what you may actually own. Medals worn on civilian clothes should be placed in approximately the same location and in the same manner as on a military uniform.

I’ll also be giving a presentation on “American Freemasonry in the Trenches: The Craft during The Great War.” In this talk, we’ll explore the circumstances that led to the outbreak of war in July 1914, and how American Freemasonry – in particular the Grand Lodge of Virginia – responded both at home and “Over There” before, during, and after The War to End All Wars.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11<sup>th</sup> as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. Congress made Armistice Day a legal holiday in May 1938 to honor veterans of World War I. By June 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress amended the Act of 1938 by replacing the word “Armistice” with “Veterans” making November 11th a day to honor all American military veterans.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Wor. Wes Latchford, 32° KCCH  
Senior Warden

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## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER, 2021

Richard E. Allen.....	11/04/1971
William E. Batten, Jr.....	11/09/1974
William H. Caldwell .....	11/25/1997
Michael R. Eakins.....	11/30/2002
Hugh P. Etheridge, Jr. ....	11/10/1973
Edsel R. Haislip.....	11/23/1993
Ronnie M. Hudson .....	11/28/1967
Richard A. Johnson.....	11/05/2013
William L. Jones .....	11/19/1977
Daniel H. Kappers.....	11/30/1993
William S, Kennedy.....	11/20/2001
Ronald A. Lee .....	11/26/1963
Reino J. Lindroos .....	11/29/1988
Joseph G. Malesky .....	11/19/1981
Donald I. Marsh .....	11/03/1960
Douglas G. McCloud .....	11/30/1961
Thomas F. McDaniel.....	11/03/2005
Edward L. Meise, Jr. ....	11/20/1982
James E. Miller .....	11/02/1972
Walter J. Moore, III.....	11/20/1975
Weldon L. Morrison.....	11/17/1962
Charles W. Nissen, III.....	11/02/1978
Steven G. Owen .....	11/29/1984
Jack Pallett .....	11/20/1982
Joseph B. Stewart.....	11/09/1974
Lawrence L. Sutton.....	11/23/1971
Carl Vance .....	11/19/1977
William L. Ware .....	11/23/1976



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LYNNHAVEN LODGE No. 220, A.F. & A. M.



MASTER'S REMARKS

**RE:** Resolution regarding the establishment of an operating expense and capital improvement endowment trust fund, and formation of a committee to draft documents to establish the nature and governance thereof.

Greetings Brethren,

Printed on the backside of this paper is the full text of the Resolution I proposed at our October Stated and laid over for thirty days, to be voted on at our November Stated. Herein, I will explain what caused me to create this Resolution, and what I hope to accomplish with it.

As long as I have been a Member of this Lodge, I have been struck with a sense of gratitude, and appreciation for what we have here. Not just the institution of Masonry, but rather, I'm talking about this physical presence, the brick and mortar building, and property in which we live, and practice our Craft in comfort and security. Brothers in the 1960's, with foresight, and vision, and money, built and paid for this Lodge where we are today. They bought the land, bought the materials, and bought the labor. Today, we own it free and clear, it has been passed to us, all we have to do is be good stewards, and care for it.

Also, as long as I have been a member of this Lodge, I have seen us in a constant, perpetual, never-ending state of fundraising. Generally, our income is about equal to, and usually a little less than our expenses. As I learned more about our finances, I saw generous, and timely donations being made. These generous donors, usually wish to remain anonymous. They do good for their own reasons, and do not seek recognition. Most Brothers are probably unaware of who they are. These donations of \$1,000, \$2,000, even as much as \$10,000, fill the gap, solve the crisis, and get us down the road. But one thing they all had in common is, they were soon gone, absorbed by our expenses, with no permanent, long term benefit. Soon we are back where we started, just living hand to mouth. Seeing this constant financial shortfall, I contemplated putting into my Will a significant donation to my Lodge. But, knowing that it will simply pay bills until it is depleted, and there is no permanent or long term benefit, I am reluctant to do so with more than a few thousand dollars as a good bye present.

However, if there were a mechanism whereby my donation would help this Lodge forever, I would donate generously to that. I believe there are more than a few of us who would include this Lodge in our Will, if there were a safe place to put the money, left alone to grow for the future, where the initial amount is guaranteed not be frittered away on everyday expenses. Sort of like your 401k, that grows very slowly, but eventually starts producing more every year than you ever earned in your life. You have to plant your seeds and let them grow, before you harvest any fruit.

The exact words defining and governing this fund need to be carefully considered, and vetted by competent tax, financial, and Masonic experts. This will be done in due time. What I am asking this Lodge to commit to right now is simply establishing such a fund, so Brothers have a place to plant their long term donation, should they so choose. If we do not take at least this first step, then, as I am wishing Brothers had started this ten years ago, future Brothers will be wishing the same thing about us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Dale W. Graham

Worshipful Master

Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220, A.F & A.M.

**Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220**

**A.F. & A.M of Virginia**

**Resolution regarding the establishment of an operating expense and capital improvement endowment trust fund, and formation of a committee to draft documents to establish the nature and governance thereof.**

**WHEREAS**, the Brethren of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 are desirous of improving the future financial security of the Lodge, and

**WHEREAS**, a well-managed and well-funded endowment trust fund, after being allowed to accumulate, has proven to be capable of generating substantial income indefinitely, so long as the principal principle is not invaded, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.48. of the *Virginia Methodical Digest*, thirty-eight edition amended and revised in 2021, does state that all funds deposited with a Lodge are available to the current Worshipful Master, to be spent on anything, and in any way he shall choose, except for donations that have been made by a donor for a specific purpose, which, if accepted, can only be used for that specific purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, donations made to an endowment trust fund are such a specific stated purpose and shall be governed by the documents describing the nature and governance of the endowment trust fund, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 establish an operating and capital improvement endowment trust fund for the purpose of improving the future financial security of the Lodge, and, further

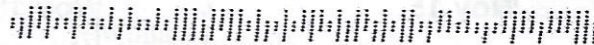
**RESOLVED**, that a committee of three members selected by the current Worshipful Master be authorized for the purpose of drafting documents to establish the nature and governance of the endowment trust fund.

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Richard Batten, Jr. (09/22)	Wor. James Kelly (04/22)	Wor. Marlo Pilar (09/26)
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