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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](mailto: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

December, 2021  
Our 59th Year



## FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

The biggest news that I have for you is that the Resolution to establish an Operating Expense and Capital Trust Fund was approved unanimously at our November Stated Communication. This warms my heart, and is without a doubt the biggest and most important thing I wanted to accomplish as Worshipful Master. While not complete, it is now officially approved and in progress. For the next step in this effort, I will appoint a committee at our December Stated to flesh out the details and rules governing this fund, to be presented at a future Stated Communication, for the approval of the Lodge. I am very excited, and I do believe this will be a great and long lasting benefit to our Lodge. Twenty years from now, I hope the Brothers of this Lodge appreciate us, "the Brothers in the past," who made this Lodge financially secure for them.

Well, here it is almost December, and my tour as Worshipful Master is almost over. It seems as if I am just getting started, but as it does to all of us, time has crept up on me, and my days as Master are numbered. Recently, our Senior Warden kindly asked me if there was anything in particular that was important to me, that I had not accomplished, that he should know about and help me with. My answer was quick, as I had already given this some thought. There is nothing big I wanted to accomplish, that is not done, or at least well started, in good hands, and destined for success. As I reflect on the past year, I am pleased. I believe that our Lodge is better than it was when I, rather, we, started, by any metric we might look at. We are better off financially, our camaraderie and fellowship is strong, our building and grounds in better repair, our Degree work is excellent and we have many Brothers participating, we have initiated, passed, and raised many young Masons who are active and enthusiastic, we have added some not so young Masons, who are active, and enthusiastic. Overall, I am very pleased with the strength and condition of our body of Brethren and our physical Lodge, and I thank all my worthy Brothers for giving me the opportunity to serve you as best I could.

Most especially, I want to thank my wife Mary Ann, for patiently allowing me to devote my time and attention to our Lodge, for putting our own plans on hold, or at least in second place, for a year, in-

deed, the last five years, so I could serve this Lodge. My time, attention, and money devoted to every Lodge event, Lodge maintenance, Lodge fundraiser, every Lodge school, every District and Grand Lodge obligation was not mine alone to give. This was all a little bit of our life together that she gave up willingly and cheerfully for me, and the benefit of this lodge. This includes accompanying me on the 2 A.M. drive-bys and checkups that nobody knows about, just to be sure nothing nefarious was happening to our Lodge in the dark of night. As much as I have enjoyed serving this Lodge and will continue to do so in the future, as I turn my responsibilities over to a new Worshipful Master, I am very much looking forward to the extra time I will now have to spend with my wonderful wife, Mary Ann.

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



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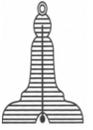
Please keep the following Brethren and families in your thoughts and prayers:



- Bro. Jack Lawlis
- Bro. Wally Maybery
- Bro. Milt Twisdale on the loss of his father
- Lori Adams
- Nita Leonard
- Nancy Linger
- Doris Meise
- Lola Thompson
- Judy Schratweiser

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

**FROM THE WEST**



**“To Everything There is a Season...”**

"Turn! Turn! Turn!" is a song written by Pete Seeger in the late 1950s which, according to interviews, he says he wrote in fifteen minutes because he was mad at his publisher. The song was adapted by the American folk-rock group The Byrds and became an international hit in late 1965.

The lyrics—except for the title, which is repeated throughout the song, and the final two lines—consist of the first eight verses of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes:

**3** To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: <sup>2</sup> A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; <sup>3</sup> A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup> A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup> A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup> A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup> A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

In Matthew Henry’s *Commentary on the Whole Bible* first published in 1706, the scope of these verses is “to show that we live in a world of changes” and we are continually passing and repassing between the events of time and our human life in the revolutions of every day and every year. In our lives there is a constant ebbing and flowing, waxing and waning, from one extreme to the other. Yet every change concerning us—as husbands, fathers, sons, and Brothers—is guided by a Supreme Power.

As we close out 2021 and look with renewed hope and excitement toward 2022, it is well we remember tomorrow will be as this day, where the lowest valleys will also join to the highest mountains. Yet in humble dependence upon Divine Providence and application of the moral lessons of Freemasonry, we may content ourselves with, and make use of, the gifts the Supreme Architect of the Universe has given us.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Wor. Wes Latchford, 32° KCCH  
Senior Warden  
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**MASONIC BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER, 2021**

David R. Conner .....	12/16/1986
William A. Emry .....	12/05/1964
Jason P. Enge .....	12/06/2007
Mark P. Johnson .....	12/07/2009
George R. Snead, Jr. ....	12/06/2007



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS**

***Catherine L. Latchford***

(daughter of Wor. Wes Latchford)  
Attending Liberty University

and

***Abigail S. Linsky***

(granddaughter of Bro. Wayne Carruthers)  
Attending Randolph-Macon College

**POINSETTIA DELIVERY**

**12:00 pm, Sunday, December 12, 2021**

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**COME HELP US DELIVER POINSETTIAS TO THE LOCAL WIDOW'S OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED BRETHREN**

