



KEY EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Stated Communication
Thursday, February 10th
"Official Visit of the DDGM!"
Dinner 6:00 pm | Meeting 7:00 pm

Sweetheart Italian Dinner
Saturday, February 19th
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Tickets are \$20.00 ea.

56th District Blood Drive
@ PA25
Monday, February 21st
2:00 pm-7:00 pm

Division Leadership Conference
Friday, February 25th
6:30 am-9:30 pm
Norfolk Masonic Temple

Lodge Masonic Education
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Lodge Ritual School
Thursdays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

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OUR 60TH YEAR!

FEBRUARY 2022



From the East— "A Lodge Without Walls"

Brothers All,

After an extremely successful blood drive at the Lodge on December 20th with 32 units being donated, we earned of Bro. Larry Sutton's passing to Celestial Lodge on December 26th. My sincerest thanks to Bro. Steve Owen and our Brothers who, during the week between Christmas and New Years, organized our Masonic funeral team that then braved the cold and rain on January 3rd to pay the last tribute of respect to our departed Brother.

Our January 13th Stated Communication saw us welcome our Royal Arch Brothers and Rt. Ex. David R. Conner, District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Second Capitulat District, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, for "Red Coat Night" [see photo top of p. 2]. That same evening, Bro. Nate Hartman was examined and found proficient in the Master Mason's catechism; our first of the year! We had our first Fellowship Breakfast of 2022 on Saturday the 15th, followed by our first outing picking up litter at Groveland Park (corner of N. Lynnhaven Rd. and Kings Grant Rd.) as part of the City of Virginia Beach's Adopt-A-Park Program [see photos bottom of this page]. We raised Bro. Luke Blanchett to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 18th— again, our first of the year— with many more Candidates who are "Up, On Deck, or In the Hole" for those who understand baseball jargon.

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebration, the Lodge Officers and Trustees are working have sidewalk memorial bricks purchased for all of the Lodge's Past Masters, focusing first on our deceased Worshipful Brethren who do not have bricks—18 at last count. If you're interested in sponsoring a memorial brick for one of our dearly departed Past Masters, please contact the Secretary, Wor. Bob Rathbun, at bobrathbun2@cox.net | 757-639-3407 or visit our website at <https://lynnhaven220.org>.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bob Stanek, will be making his official visit at our February 10th Stated Communication. We'll be hosting an Italian Sweetheart Dinner from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm on Saturday, February 19th, featuring entrees by Executive Chef Salvatore Robilotto of Pasta E Pani and musical entertainment by "Frank Sings Frank!" [tickets are \$20.00 ea.—six are enclosed with this newsletter]. The next 56th District Blood Drive will be at Princess Anne Lodge No. 25 from 2:00 pm-7:00 pm, Monday, February 21st, and the Division Leadership Conference is the evening of Friday, February 25th, at the Norfolk Masonic Temple.

Finally, expect to be seeing more activity around the Lodge during the daytime in the coming weeks as our neighbors across the street, Stewart & Company CPAs, are renting parking space Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm through the end of tax season April 30th. The Lodge is also on the top of preferred sites list to partner with Personic Health Care, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and City of Virginia Beach to provide a location for free, drive-through rapid COVID testing. Be watching our website and Facebook page for more information as this great and important community outreach opportunity.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Wes Latchford
Worshipful Master 2022

"Be Who We Say We Are, Act as We Say We Act, Live Like We Say We Live!"

Litter Pickup @ Groveland Park—January 15th

Next Litter Pickup Day is 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, March 19th



Prayer Corner

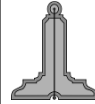
Please keep the following Brethren and families in your thoughts and prayers:

Bro. Jack Lawlis, Bro. Wally Maybery, Nita Leonard, Nancy Linger, Lola Thompson, Judy Schratweiser

Have a Prayer Request? Please contact our Lodge Chaplain at Wor. John Brown at 757-573-5027 or johnbrown15@verizon.net.



January 2022 Stated Communication— "Red Coat Night"



From the West

Brethren,

In a continuation of *Symbols of Freemasonry*, I am going to discuss King Solomon's Temple. In *Cooke's Manuscript* of 1410 AD, which is one of the oldest texts regarding Freemasonry, we read that at the time of construction of the Temple of Solomon begun by King David, that Solomon employed 24,000 Masons. Solomon had confirmed the rights which his father King David had bestowed upon the Masons. Solomon himself taught them their methods (traditions and practices) which are not very different from those today. Operative Masons that read this text saw it as historical truth. They believed that they were playing a craft which dated back to the time of King Solomon.

The date of construction of the temple has not always been the key date in Freemason cosmology. The central role was given to the Tower of Babel. In the *Regius* manuscript which predates Cooke's by 20 years, cites King Nemrod who was the builder of the tower, as the first most excellent master. King Nemrod gave the masons their first charge, the rules of conduct and professional code.

Until 1756 AD, both King Nemrod and King Solomon played part in the tradition. In the *Thistle Manuscript* (1756 AD), it says that Nemrod created the Masons and gave them their signs and terms so they could distinguish themselves from other people. This is the first time that Masons were organized as a craft.

In the early years of the 18th century Freemasonry stopped seeing its origins in the Tower of Babel and that Solomon alone was considered the first Grand Master.

In the eighteenth-century, Masonic texts shed light on the ideas and attitudes at the time of the shift from Operative Masonry to Speculative Masonry. These texts are referred as the "early catechisms" and were inspired by Samuel Lee's *Orbis Miraculum* and John Bunyan's *Solomons Temple Spiritualiz'd*; both appeared at the same time.

Speculative Masons who are concerned with social respectability and had no desire to threaten the establishment finally rejected the "Legend of the Craft" which honored the Tower of Babel, a pagan edifice constructed in open defiance of heaven. Instead, the Promethean or Faustian Nemrod, they preferred "our wise King Solomon", or as A Mason's Examination of 1723 puts it: "Grand Master in his time of Masonry and Architecture." I will continue with more on King Solomon's temple next month.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Bob Adams
Senior Warden 2022



MORLOCK AWARD 2022

The Morlock Award is presented to Lodges that have at least 15% of its members each make a gift of \$5.00 or more in any one year to the Masonic Home of Virginia.

LYNNHAVEN LODGE NO. 220
GOAL = 40 MEMBER DONATIONS

This is the most significant award which can be presented to a Lodge for their gifts to the Masonic Home of Virginia!

See our Junior Warden, Bro. Chet Meachum, to make your donation for this year!

From the South

Brethren,

We're making great progress towards our goal of 40 members making a gift of \$5.00 (or more) to the Masonic Home of Virginia to qualify for the Morlock Award. If you have not yet made your donation for 2022, please be sure to see me in Lodge or you may forward a check or money order made out to LYNNHAVEN LODGE NO. 220 with "MAHOVA" annotated in the Memo section to 2959 N. Lynnhaven Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Chet Meachum
Junior Warden 2022



Our Newest Master Mason—Bro. Luke Blanchett (3rd from Left)

February Masonic Birthdays

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| Bro. John T. Lawson (02/21/58) | Bro. Richard H. Hall (02/04/93) |
| Bro. John R. McCloud (02/15/62) | Wor. Joseph H. Hagerman, Jr. (02/17/94) |
| Bro. Myron F. Mires (02/07/63) | Bro. James V. Furrule (02/02/95) |
| Bro. Claude A. Norton III (02/07/63) | Bro. Paul H. Doughtie (02/20/97) |
| Bro. Gerald A. Bell (02/19/74) | Wor. Rodolfo Q. DeLarosa (02/21/98) |
| Bro. Frederick W. Smith (02/28/74) | Wor. Brian M. Adams (02/04/03) |
| Bro. Gary B. Johnson (02/05/76) | Bro. Joseph R. Schneider (02/07/06) |
| Bro. Dennis O. Baker (02/25/78) | Bro. John H. Knox III (02/17/11) |
| Bro. Michael D. Plemmons (02/17/79) | |

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LYNNHAVEN MASTER BUILDERS

Master Builders donate \$5 for one year to help defray the cost of our newsletter. If your name is printed *with an asterisk (*) in BOLD (italic)*, 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)
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)
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Rt. Wor. Pete Gordon (04/25)

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Wor. Bob Rathbun (09/27)
Bro. Zachary Sch aard (07/22)
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)**