



## KEY EVENTS FOR MARCH

### STATED COMMUNICATION

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
"Green Coat Night!"

Dinner 6:00 pm | Meeting 7:00 pm  
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220

### 53<sup>RD</sup> NORFOLK

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Granby St., Norfolk

### FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am-10:00 am  
All You Care to Eat—\$5.00  
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220

### LITTER PICKUP @ GROVELAND PARK

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am-12:00 pm  
Corner of N. Lynnhaven Rd. & King's Grant Rd.

### LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

### LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL

Thursdays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

## LODGE CONTACTS

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

# The Burning Taper

2959 N. Lynnhaven Rd., Virginia Beach VA 23452  
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OUR 60TH YEAR!

MARCH 2022



## From the East—“60th Anniversary”

What an exciting month of Freemasonry for Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 in February. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we raised Bro. Jim Jerome Clark to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our Stated Communication on February 10<sup>th</sup> saw Rt. Wor. Robert Wesley Stanek (District Deputy Grand Master, 56<sup>th</sup> Masonic District) make his official visit and join us in celebrating the Lodge's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Festivities included a cake cutting by the youngest and oldest Master Masons of the Lodge



present—Bro. Clark celebrating his 7<sup>th</sup> day as a Master Mason and Bro. Doug McCloud who was the first Master Mason raised by the Lodge while under dispensation over 60 years ago. Bro. Chris McCloud assisted in presenting 60 Year Mason Veteran pins and certificates to his grandfather, Bro. Doug McCloud, and his uncle, Bro. John McCloud. Bro. John was the first Master Mason raised by the Lodge after receiving its charter February 14, 1962. Bro. Jack Pallett sadly passed to the Celestial Lodge on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> was our Sweetheart Italian Dinner where over 60 people enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun, food, fellowship, along with the Sinatra song stylings of *Frank Sings Frank*. Look for more photos from both events on our website (<https://lynnhaven220.org>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Lynnhaven-Masonic-Lodge-No-220-1158718824145196>).

Our flurry of activities continue in March. The free, drive-thru COVID-19 evaluation and testing site we are hosting is now fully operational. Appointments are available by visiting <https://covidvabeach.com>. Our 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication will be “Green Coat Night” welcoming our Brothers from the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Dedicated Brothers are putting the final touches on our float for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a Fellowship Breakfast from 8:00 am-10:00 am on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, followed by our bi-monthly litter pickup at Groveland Park (corner of N. Lynnhaven Rd. & King's Grant Rd.) from 11:00 am-12:00 pm that same morning. We continue Tuesday and Thursday gatherings ~7:00 pm to conduct degree work along with improving our Masonic Education and Ritual proficiency.

Be sure to regularly check your email, our website, and our Facebook page for updates on the most current happenings at your Lodge. **Not receiving emails from your Lodge?** Send an email to [ecclesxii@gmail.com](mailto:ecclesxii@gmail.com) and we'll make sure you're added to our regular distribution list!

**“Be Who We Say We Are, Act as We Say We Act,  
Live Like We Say We Live!”**

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
Wes Latchford  
Worshipful Master 2022



## From the West

Brethren,

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the Sweetheart Italian Dinner. It was a very successful evening. Hats off the Worshipful for the fine dinner he prepared. The evening's festivities were enjoyed by all; my family in particular really enjoyed the evening. It was a very appropriate way to end Valentine's week and my pleasure to serve the families that attended the event.



What I find fun about being a Mason is the comradery that we share being members of the Lodge. Our entire Fraternity comes from all different aspects of society, but we come together as Friends and Brothers. I look forward to the opportunities to bond in Fellowship; once that can last a lifetime. I appreciate the warmth and hospitable treatment from when I first started coming to the Lodge. This Lodge felt like home to me and I enjoy the work that I have put in. Thank you all for your continued support and counsel—I will continue to do my best as I serve you.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Bob Adams  
Senior Warden 2022



## 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, Family of Bro. Jack Pallett*

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



## From the South

We are well on our way for qualifying participation in this year's Morlock Award and I want to thank the brethren that have donated and encourage those that still want to contribute that there is still time. The Masonic Home of Virginia is known as the Crown Jewel of Masonry. It embodies the Masonic principle of caring for others. The Home was founded in 1890 and continues to care for Masons 65 and older. But did you know that there is a Virginia **Masonic Outreach/In-Home Care Program** for Masons 65 and older who cannot afford such assistance and who want to stay in their own home?

The program is open to all who would otherwise qualify for admission to the Home but who live at a distance from the Home's facility, typically 120 miles, and can be best served in their own homes. Masons need to be 65 or older, been a member for 10 years or more, the last five years in a Virginia Masonic Lodge under Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Virginia. Widows also may qualify. Final eligibility is determined at the sole discretion of the Home based on a case-to-case review.

For more information, contact the Masonic Home at 800-2624644, Ext. 77295.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Chet Meachum  
Junior Warden 2022

## March Masonic Birthdays



Marvin L. Overfelt (03/29/1962)

James N. Kelly (03/14/1966)

Ernest E. Marrow (03/23/1967)

Edward T. McCarthy (03/14/1978)

Linwood W. Cherry, Jr. (03/02/1982)

Thomas L. Gillikin, Sr. (03/24/1983)

Alan K. Brown (03/31/1994)

James L. Taylor (03/30/1995)

George D. Norton (03/28/1996)

Jack Cunning (03/24/1998)

Shane W. Higgs (03/16/2000)

Jeffrey C. Quinn (03/03/2004)

Stephen H. Brewer, Jr. (03/19/2009)

Paul A. Olich (03/04/2014)

Carl F. Stroh (03/12/2012)

Levi A. Strauss (03/26/2013)


Nicholas Stanich, III (03/29/2016)

Milton Twisdale (03/27/2019)



# March 2022

DARK BLUE = LODGE | RED = COMMANDERY | LIGHT BLUE = EASTERN STAR | GREEN = AMD | PURPLE = DISTRICT/GRAND

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1 MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details	2 LODGE	3 RITUAL SCHOOL (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details	4 LODGE	5
6	7	8 OFFICERS MEETING (7:00 pm-8:00 pm)	9 LODGE COMMANDERY STATED CONCLAVE (7:30 pm)	10 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION 'Green Coat Night' 6:00 pm-Dinner (7:00 pm-Meeting)	11	12 NORFOLK ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE (10:00 am-12:00 pm)
13	14 EASTERN STAR SETUP (12:00 pm)	15 EASTERN STAR MEETING (7:30 pm) MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details	16 LODGE COMMANDERY WORK NIGHT (7:30 pm) [Burning Taper Articles Due]	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details 	18	19 FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (8:00 am-10:00 am) LITTER PICKUP @ Groveland Park (11:00 am-12:00pm)
20	21 COMMANDERY EVENT (Time TBA)	22 COMMANDERY EVENT (Time TBA) MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details	23 LODGE COMMANDERY EVENT (Time TBA)	24 LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details	25	26 GRAND MASTER Wreath Laying at MacArthur Memorial (12:00 pm) AMD (6:30 pm-9:00 pm)
27	28	29 MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details	30 LODGE	31 LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details	1	2

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NOTE TO LODGE OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, AND APPENDANT BODIES - Input for *The Burning Taper* by Lodge Officers, Committees, and Appendant Bodies must be submitted to Worshipful Master Wes Latchford ([ecclxxii@gmail.com](mailto:ecclxxii@gmail.com)) no later than the third Wednesday of each month. Email submissions preferred.



## LYNNHAVEN MASTER BUILDERS

Master Builders donate \$5 for one year to help defray the cost of our newsletter. If your name is printed in *italic with an asterisk (\*)*, your name will come off the list next month.

Wor. Brian Adams (04/22)  
Wor. Richard E. Allen (05/24)  
Bro. Bill Batten, Jr. (09/22)  
Bro. Keith Bowers (10/27)  
*\* Wor. John Brown (03/22) \**  
Bro. Jim Clark (02/24)  
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 (05/32)  
Rt. Wor. Pete Gordon (04/25)  
Wor. Joseph Hagerman, Jr. (09/32)

Wor. Jesse Hughes (08/27)  
Wor. James Kelly (04/26)  
Bro. William Kennedy (04/27)  
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)  
RW Raymond Mountford (03/23)  
Wor. Jay Oubre (12/27)  
Bro. Steve Owen (09/27)  
In Memorial—Bro. Jack Pallett (06/24)

Wor. Marlo Pilar (09/26)  
Wor. Bob Rathbun (09/27)  
Bro. Zachary Schaad (07/22)  
Bro. Bob Schratweiser (06/24)  
Bro. Allen Sokolik (03/31)  
Bro. Jeffrey L. Tuell (02/26)  
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 (02/23)  
Bro. Chandler Wells (02/31)  
Bro. Jim Witcher (02/26)  
**YOUR NAME HERE!?!?**