



KEY EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

ANNUAL STATED COMMUNICATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Thursday, December 8th
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023
Saturday, December 10th
2:00 pm-4:00 pm

POINSETTIA DELIVERY
Sunday, December 11th
11:00 am-1:30 pm
Meet at the Lodge for Your Delivery Assignment

56th MASONIC DISTRICT MWD'S MEETING
Thursday, December 15th
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Online via Zoom

FELLOWSHIP MEETING
with Lodge Lindisfarne 46TC,
Lindisfarne, Tasmania, AUS
Friday, December 16th
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Online via Zoom

56th DISTRICT BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, December 19th
2:00 pm-7:00 pm
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220
2959 N Lynnhaven Pkwy
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Register Online at
<https://redcrossblood.org>
Search "VBMASONS"

DDGM'S OFFICIAL VISITS FOR 2023
Wednesday, January 4—PA25
Thursday, January 5—BAY218
Saturday, January 7—VDL 1778
Tuesday, February 7—WVF 296
Thursday, February 9—LYN220
Tuesday, February 14—KVL196

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

The Burning Taper

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OUR 60TH YEAR!

DECEMBER 2022

"TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS 2022!"

Congratulations to the all Brethren of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 in achieving the "Triple Crown of Virginia Freemasonry" for 2022! Your dedication to the Lodge, your Brothers, the Community, and to Virginia Freemasonry over the past year has resulted in the Grand Lodge of Virginia recognizing our Lodge by awarding us the James Noah Hillman Award for overall Masonic ritual and education excellence and the Seymour Jonas Levy Award for outstanding achievement in our Lodge Blood Program, while the Masonic Home of Virginia's Werner Hermon Morlock Award for exemplary participation in giving to MAHOVA. Neither of these awards comes easily—nor through the efforts of just one person—and it is with the greatest amount of Brotherly love and affection that I offer to each and every one of you my sincerest, most heartfelt thanks for a most excellent year in the East in 2022 — But wait, there's more cause we're not quite done with 2022 yet!

Our Annual Stated Communication will kickoff at 6:00 pm, Thursday, December 8th, with a holiday feast with all the trimmings, followed by our meeting at 7:00 pm, the agenda of which includes investiture of our very own Right Worshipful Jerry Anderson as 2022-2023 District Deputy Grand Master for the 56th Masonic District, the election of officers for 2023, announcement of my final Lightkeeper Award and Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220's Mason of the Year, and close with a memorial service for those Brethren who have laid down their working tools since our last Annual Stated Communication. Our annual Holiday Food Drive in partnership with the Sisters and Brothers of Lynnhaven Chapter #184, Order of the Eastern Star continues, as well—non-perishable food items may be donated at the Lodge through December 9th.

An OPEN Installation of Officers will be conducted in our Lodge Room at 2:00 pm, Saturday, December 10th, with a reception to follow in the dining hall. Family, Fellowcrafts, Entered Apprentices, and non-Masons are not only invited but highly encouraged to attend! Delivery of holiday poinsettia's to our local Masonic widows is slated from 11:00 am-1:30 pm, Sunday, December 11th—Meet at the Lodge to get your delivery route and plants. We will also be hosting another online Fellowship Meeting via Zoom with the Brothers of Lodge Lindisfarne 46TC, Lindisfarne, Tasmania, Australia, from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm U.S. Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, December 16th. Our last event before the Christmas and New Year's holidays will be hosting the 56th Masonic District Blood Drive from 2:00 pm-7:00 pm, Monday, December 19th. Register online at <https://redcrossblood.org>—Search "VBMASONS."

"It is Truly an Honor and a Privilege to Call All of You Friends & Brothers!"

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Wes Latchford, LYN220 PM2B
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ANNUAL STATED COMMUNICATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023

Thursday, December 8, 2022

6:00 pm - Holiday Dinner

7:00 pm - Annual Stated Communication

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FREEMASONRY'S CONNECTION TO A NEW YEAR'S EVE TRADITION

"Auld Lang Syne" is the song the English-speaking world uses to welcome in the New Year. It combines a note of merriment with a poignant sense of loss—just the right mood for New Year's Eve, when our minds hover between regret and anticipation.

"Auld lang syne" translates literally as "old long since" or "and days of long ago." The version we sing today was popularized by Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians. It is a version of an ancient song that was reworked by the 18th-century Scottish poet, Robert Burns.

Robert Burns (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796), also known familiarly as Rabbie Burns, was a Scottish poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language, although much of his writing is in a "light Scots dialect" of English, accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. He also wrote in standard English, and in these writings his political or civil commentary is often at its bluntest.



Wor. Robert Burns

The text is a Scots-language poem written by Burns in 1788, but based on an older Scottish folk song. In 1799, it was set to a traditional tune, which has since become standard. The poem's Scots title may be translated into standard English as "old long since" or, less literally, "long, long ago," "days gone by," "times long past," or "old times." Consequently, "For auld lang syne," as it appears in the first line of the chorus, might be loosely translated as "for the sake of old times."

Brother Robert Burns was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Lodge St. David, Tarbolton, Scotland on July 4, 1781, at the age of 23. Records in the archives of the Lodge show he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Worshipful Henry Cowan [*ironic name!*] on October 1, 1781. On July 27, 1784, he was elected "Depute Master" of the Lodge at the ripe young age of 25; a position he held for four years. Sir John Witefoord was the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, but at the time it was somewhat of an honorary position, and the Depute Master in all reality was actually the one in charge. Burns was faithful in his setting the Craft to work, attending regularly; three minutes were in his own handwriting; 29 minutes were signed by him and also show when he changed his name; originally, his father spelled the last name "Burness"; before 1786, Robert spelled it the same way. On March 1, 1786, Robert's brother Gilbert received his 2nd and 3rd Degrees; both Gilbert and Robert signed their last names as "Burns".

Worshipful Robert Burns is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic movement, and after his death he became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism, and a cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish diaspora around the world. Celebration of his life and work became almost a national charismatic cult during the 19th and 20th centuries, and his influence has long been strong on Scottish literature. In 2009 he was chosen as the greatest Scot by the Scottish public in a vote run by Scottish television channel STV. Lombardo and his band, who sold more than 450 million records, became an institution in the United States and internationally. Their performance of "Auld Lang Syne" was broadcast nationally from New York City every New Year's Eve from 1929 to 1976. Lombardo's 1947 Decca Records version is still played in Times Square every New Year's immediately following the dropping of the ball. *Variety* magazine called Lombardo "the only Canadian ever to create an American tradition."

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

LYNNHAVEN LODGE NO. 220, AF & AM AND
LYNNHAVEN CHAPTER #184, OES

THROUGH WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 8th

Bring Your Non-Perishable
Food Donations to the Lodge!

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John Masey Wright and John Rogers' illustration of the poem, *Auld Lang Syne*, circa. 1841

December Masonic Birthdays

Bro. John Leonard Redshaw (12/14/2021)

Wor. David Ray Conner (12/16/1986)

Bro. Nathan Dean Hartman (12/16/2021)

Bro. Jason Patrick Enge (12/06/2007)

Bro. Mark Phillip Johnson (12/07/2009)

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https://va.grandview.systems/membership_registration

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Contact Your Worshipful Master or Secretary



Prayer Corner



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

Bro. Wally Maybery, Bro. Roy Smith, the Family of Bro. John Henry Knox, Sr.

"Heavenly Father, we ask that you heal our sick and distressed Brothers and Sisters, and if it be Thy will restore their bodies with new health. Amen."

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

POINSETTIA DELIVERY

11:00 am, Sunday, December 11, 2021

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





AULD LANG SYNE by Wor. Robert Burns

BURNS' ORIGINAL SCOTS VERSION

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my jo,
for auld lang syne,
we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup!
and surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

Chorus

We twa hae run about the braes,
and pou'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit,
sin' auld lang syne.

Chorus

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
sin' auld lang syne.

Chorus

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
and gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak' a right gude-willie waught,
for auld lang syne.

Chorus

STANDARD ENGLISH VERSION

Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne?

Chorus

For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

And surely you'll buy your pint cup!
and surely I'll buy mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

Chorus

We two have run about the hills,
and picked the daisies fine;
But we've wandered many a weary foot,
since auld lang syne.

Chorus

We two have paddled in the stream,
from morning sun till dine;
But seas between us broad have roared
since auld lang syne.

Chorus

And there's a hand my trusty friend!
And give me a hand o' thine!
And we'll take a right good-will draught,
for auld lang syne.

Chorus



NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

2:00 pm, Saturday, December 10, 2022

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FAMILY, FELLOWCRAFT, ENTERED APPRENTICES AND NON-MASONS ARE INVITED
AND HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

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| Wor. Brian Adams (04/26) | Wor. Joseph Hagerman, Jr. (09/32) | In Memorial—Bro. Jack Pallett (06/24) |
| Wor. Richard E. Allen (05/24) | Wor. Jesse Hughes (08/27) | Wor. Marlo Pilar (09/26) |
| Bro. Bill Batten, Jr. (11/42) | Wor. James Kelly (04/26) | Wor. Bob Rathbun (09/27) |
| Bro. Keith Bowers (10/27) | Bro. William Kennedy (04/27) | Bro. Bob Schratweiser (06/24) |
| Wor. John Brown (03/30) | Bro. James Kiphart (04/26) | Bro. Allen Sokolik (03/31) |
| Bro. Wayne Carruthers (04/26) | Bro. John Knox (05/28) | Bro. Jeffrey L. Tuell (02/26) |
| Bro. Jim Clark (02/24) | Wor. Brent Lane (05/24) | Bro. Carl Vance (10/24) |
| Bro. Dave Cunningham (01/26) | Wor. Jules E. Lingoni (03/32) | Bro. Stephen Vogel (04/31) |
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| Wor. Rodolfo Q. Dela Rosa (11/27) | Bro. Wallace E. Maybery (12/24) | Bro. Arthur H. Wahl (11/35) |
| Bro. Cecil Doughtie, Jr. (02/30) | Bro. Bob Meeker (03/27) | Bro. L. Wirt Walker (02/23) |
| Rt. Wor. Dennis & Nadine Edwards (08/25) | Rt. Wor. Edward Meise, Jr. (02/24) | Bro. Chandler Wells (02/31) |
| Bro. Bruce W. Exum (03/24) | RW Raymond Mountford (03/23) | Bro. Jim Witcher (02/26) |
| Rt. Wor. George & Jackie Ganter (05/32) | Wor. Jay Oubre (12/27) | <i>YOUR NAME HERE!?!?</i> |
| Rt. Wor. Pete Gordon (04/25) | Bro. Steve Owen (09/27) | |