



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

The Burning Taper

2959 N. Lynnhaven Rd., Virginia Beach VA 23452
<https://lynnhaven220.org>



OUR 61ST YEAR!

AUGUST 2023

KEY EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

OFFICERS MEETING
Tuesday, August 8th
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

STATED COMMUNICATION
"Almost World-Famous"
HAWAIIAN SHIRT NIGHT
Thursday, August 10th
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
*Hawaiian Shirts & Dress Slacks
for Everyone!*

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Saturday, August 19th
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
All You Care to Eat Just \$7.00!

SPAGHETTI DINNER
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 23rd
All You Care to Eat Just \$7.00!

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER...

STATED COMMUNICATION
"Past Masters' Night"
Thursday, September 14th
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

PAST MASTER'S FISH FRY
Saturday, September 16th
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
*Tickets \$15.00 per Person—
Children 5 and Under FREE!*

Brethren,

Even though the Lodge was DARK from Friday, July 14th to Monday, August 7th, we still managed as a Lodge to pack a lot into the first two weeks of July! We again participated in the Kings Grant 4th of July Parade on Tuesday, July 4th, walking the 1.5-mile parade route and handing out patriotic "bling" to the neighborhood kids; the word is now out in the neighborhood to look for the Masons giving away stuff! Our Thursday, July 13th Stated Communication was Patriotic Attire Night, where our Masonic Education program was "Hiram at Bat" discussing possible ties between Freemasonry and baseball. Bro. Cal "Cash" Jackson-Green received his membership card having successfully completed all the Post One-Day Conferral proficiency requirements. Rt. Wor. Jerry Anderson, District Deputy Grand Master for the 56th Masonic District, noted the final tally from the statewide One-Day Conferral on April 29, 2023, was 650 new Master Masons joining the Fraternity as a result of this event.

Our August 10th Stated Communication will be the ever popular "Almost World-Famous" Hawaiian Shirt Night, so Hawaiian shirts and dress slacks are the attire for everyone that evening. We'll have a Fellowship Breakfast from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 19th—All You Care to Eat Just \$7.00 and host a Spaghetti Dinner from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 pm, Wednesday, August 23rd, also just \$7.00 per person. As always, family and friends are most welcome to join us for either or both meals.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Bob Adams

Worshipful Master 2023

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Brothers getting ready to hand out patriotic "bling" at the Kings Grant Neighborhood 4th of July Parade.

"Almost World-Famous" HAWAIIAN SHIRT NIGHT!

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NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON.

August Masonic Birthdays

Bro. Allen Lee Bowman (08/16/2008)

Bro. Justin Ray Conner (08/29/2015)

Bro. Leslie Franklin Dale (08/31/2006)

Bro. David Bruce Filz (08/31/1995)

Bro. Nicholas Eric Gauker (08/18/2022)

Bro. Stanley Grushkin (08/14/1955)

Bro. Merl Charles Hoover (08/30/1965)

Wor. Brent Ray Lane, PM (08/16/2008)

Bro. Gene Carl Pennington (08/11/1981)

Bro. Darrell Royce Perry (08/29/2015)

Wor. Marlo Belmont Pilar, PM (08/29/2015)

Bro. Corey Allen Rodgers (08/29/2015)

Bro. Aronjol David Rosenthal (08/29/2002)

Bro. David Allen Schroy (08/29/2015)

Bro. Lawrence Michael Stanton, Jr. (08/25/2022)

Bro. Ronald Lee Swan (08/28/2003)



**American
Red Cross**

56th Masonic District **BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, August 21st

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Bayside Lodge No. 218

1465 Independence Blvd

Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Schedule Your Appointment by Visiting
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>
(Power Red Machine will be Available)



Prayer Corner



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

Family of Bro. Wally Maybery, Family of Wor. Jesse Hughes, Bro. Bob Weeks, Bro. Bill Batten, Wor. Bob Rathbun, PM, Rt. Wor. Ed Meise, PDDGM, and Bro. Reino Lindroos.

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

"The Dog Days of Summer"

For many, the "dog days," evoke those summer days that are so devastatingly hot that even dogs would lie around on the asphalt, panting. But originally, the phrase had nothing to do with dogs, or even with the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. Instead, the dog days refer to Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, which means "big dog" in Latin and is said to represent one of Orion's hunting dogs. In ancient Greece, Egypt, and Rome, it was believed that the dawn rising of Sirius in mid-to-late summer contributed to the extreme weather of the season. In other words, the "combined heat" of super-bright Sirius and our Sun was thought to be the cause of summer's sweltering temperatures. The name "Sirius" even stems from the Ancient Greek word *seirios*, meaning "scorching."

When we are passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft, we are admonished to pursue the study of the seven liberal arts and sciences: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. The astronomical references in our degrees begin with the points of the compass, East, West, South, and North. The Sun is the Past Master's own symbol; our Masters are supposed to rule their lodges with the same regularity that the Sun rules the day and the Moon governs the night. Our explanation of our Lesser Lights is obviously an adaption of a concept that dates back to the earliest of religions; specifically, to the Egyptian Isis, Osiris and Horus; represented by the Sun, Moon, and Venus. Measures of time are wholly a matter of astronomy. Days and nights, hours and minutes, high twelve and low twelve, all depend upon the astronomical observation of the Sun at Meridian to determine noon, and consequently all other periods of time. Indeed, we are taught this in the Middle Chamber work, in which we give Geometry the premier place as a means by which the astronomer may "fix the duration of time and seasons, years and cycles." As Worshipful King Solomon, the reputed author of Ecclesiastes has noted, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." (KJV)

(Thanks to National Geographic, The Farmer's Almanac, Go-Astronomy.com, EarthSky.org, the March 1930 Short Talk Bulletin entitled "Sun, Moon, and Stars" [Author Unknown], and Bible Gateway for the fun facts and insights on this constellation, its relationship to summer, and to our lives as Freemasons).

August 2023

BLUE = LODGE | PURPLE = DISTRICT | GRAND LODGE

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 | 31 | 1 LODGE DARK 'Enjoy the Summer with Family & Friends' | 2 LODGE DARK 'Enjoy the Summer with Family & Friends' | 3 LODGE DARK 'Enjoy the Summer with Family & Friends' | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 OFFICERS MEETING (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) | 9 LODGE | 10 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION 'Almost World-Famous Hawaiian Shirt Night' (6:00 pm Dinner, 7:00 pm Meeting) | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details | 16 LODGE | 17 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) LODGE LITTER PICKUP @ Groveland Park (11:00 am-12:00 pm) |
| 20 | 21 56 th DISTRICT BLOOD DRIVE @BAY218 (2:00 pm-7:00 pm) | 22 MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details | 23 LODGE | 24 LODGE RITUAL SCHOOL (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Website and Facebook for Details | 30 LODGE | 31 | 1 | 2 |

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WOR. BRIAN ADAMS (04/26)
WOR. RICHARD E. ALLEN (05/24)
BRO. BILL BATTEN, JR. (11/42)
BRO. KEITH BOWERS (10/27)
WOR. JOHN BROWN (03/30)
BRO. TOMMY BRYANT (12/32)
BRO. WAYNE CARRUTHERS (04/26)
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BRO. L. WIRT WALKER (02/24)
BRO. CHANDLER WELLS (02/31)
BRO. JIM WITCHER (02/26)

YOUR NAME HERE?

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