



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

# The Burning Taper



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

OUR 62<sup>ND</sup> YEAR!

JANUARY 2024

## KEY EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

**OFFICERS MEETING**  
Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**STATED COMMUNICATION**  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
*"Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master"*  
Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Officers in Tuxedos—  
Coat & Tie for the Brethren!

**LITTER PICKUP @**  
Groveland Park  
Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
*"Corner of N. Lynnhaven Rd. & Kings Grant Rd. Across from Kings Grant Exxon"*

**DIVISION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (DLC)**  
Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am-11:30 am  
Norfolk Masonic Temple  
7001 Granby St  
Norfolk, VA 23505

Brethren,

I hope this January Taper finds you all well and everyone has had a happy holiday season and New Year. As we start 2024 off let me express what an incredible honor it is to have been elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220. The brethren of this Lodge are an amazing group and it is truly a privilege to serve as Master this year. The Lodge did some great things in 2023 and it is my hope that we can continue that through Masonic education, ritual, fellowship and charity this year.

In December, we held our Annual Stated Communication, hosted a blood drive for the 56<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, and opened a Lodge of Sorrow for this year. As I write this, there is an impressive and still growing assortment of food and some other cold weather items being collected at the Lodge to be donated to those in need in our local community. While not everyone may see it first hand, in my work as a Paramedic in Virginia Beach I frequently interact with our homeless and otherwise less fortunate population, and I can tell you that these donations no matter how small do add up and make a very positive and appreciated impact.

Moving forward into January, our District Deputy Grand Master for 2024, Right Worshipful Elias Ancio "Jun" Voces, Jr. will be making his official visit to Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 during our Stated Communication on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. So please come out to welcome him if you are able. As added entertainment and an enticement to attend, you'll also get to see me fumble my way through my first official Stated Communication in the East—with the DDGM present no less. So the heat is really on for January.

Again Brethren, thank you for all you have done this past year and here's to starting another great year in 2024 off right!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Zach Schaad

Worshipful Master 2024

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**RT. WOR. ELIAS ANCIÓ "JUN" VOCES, JR.**  
District Deputy Grand Master for the  
56th Masonic District 2023-2024

## OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE DDGM!

**STATED COMMUNICATION**

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Meeting at 7:00 pm

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NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON.

# January Masonic Birthdays

- Rt. Wor. Gerald Alan Anderson, PDDGM (01/20/1978)
- Bro. Luke Alexander Blanchette (01/18/2022)
- Bro. Earl Randolph Coward, Jr. (01/22/1977)
- Bro. Jack Henry Kirtland (01/18/1996)
- Bro. Thomas Mirsky, Jr. (01/30/2020)
- Bro. Charles Ray Smith (01/23/1979)
- Bro. John Jacob Stahl III (01/22/1987)

# “Should Auld Acquaintance”

## Freemasonry’s Connection to New Year’s Eve

As the Old Year turns to the New Year, thousands of people around the world on New Year’s Eve sing along to *Auld Lang Syne* whose words, penned by Scottish poet Bro. Robert Burns, have come to be firmly associated with celebrations of the coming new year. The poem's Scots title may be translated into standard English as "old long since" or, less literally, "times long past." Consequently, "For auld lang syne" might be loosely translated as "for the sake of old times." The first documented use of the melody commonly used today was in 1799, in the second volume of George Thomson's *Select Songs of Scotland*.

Bro. Robert Burns was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 1, 1781, at the age of 23. On July 27, 1784, he was elected "Depute Master" of Lodge St. James in Tarbolton, Scotland, at the ripe young age of 25. Sir John Witefoord was the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, but it was somewhat of an honorary position and the Depute Master in reality was in charge. In 1792, Bro. Burns was elected Senior Warden and served a one-year term before his death in 1796; he was 37 years old.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Sweetheart Italian Dinner  
**“PAINTING THE ROSES RED”**  
 Enjoy an Evening in Wonderland with Your Significant Other!

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 \$25.00 per Person

Tickets Go On Sale Mid-January 2024

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LODGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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# SCHOLARSHIP 2024

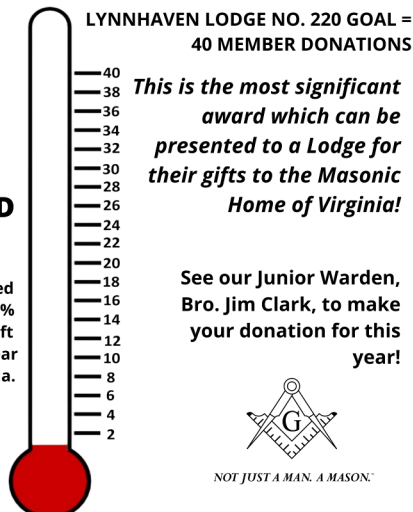
Lynnhaven Lodge No. 220 is offering one \$500.00 scholarship for post-secondary education at an accredited college, university, or technical school for the fall of 2024.

See the Announcement Under 'Lodge Activities' on the Lodge Website at <https://lynnhaven220.org> and Submit Your Application Today!



## MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA MORLOCK AWARD 2024

The Morlock Award is presented to Lodges that have at least 15% of its members each make a gift of \$10.00 or more in any one year to the Masonic Home of Virginia.



## Prayer Corner





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

Rt. Wor. George Ganter, PDDGM and wife Jackie;  
 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](mailto:johnbrown15@verizon.net).

# January 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 	2 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Facebook for Updates	3	4 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Facebook for Updates	5	6
7	8	9 LODGE OFFICERS MEETING (7:00 pm-8:00 pm)	10	11 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION "Official Visit of the DDGM" (Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm)	12	13
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY 	16 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Facebook for Updates	17 [Burning Paper Articles Due]	18	19	20 LITTER PICKUP @ Groveland Park (11:00 am-12:00 pm)
21	22	23 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (7:00 pm-8:00 pm) Check Facebook for Updates	24	25	26	27 DIVISION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (DLC) (9:30 am-11:30 am) Norfolk Masonic Temple 7001 Granby St Norfolk, VA 23505
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*Bro. Charles Abatsis (01/24) \**

Wor. Brian Adams, PM (04/26)

Wor. Richard E. Allen, PM (05/24)

Bro. Bill Batten, Jr. (11/42)

Bro. Keith Bowers (10/27)

Wor. John Brown , PM (03/30)

Bro. Tommy Bryant (12/32)

Bro. Wayne Carruthers (04/26)

Bro. Jim Clark (02/24)

Bro. Dave Cunningham (01/26)

Bro. Chuck Delaney (10/27)

Wor. Rodolfo Q. Dela Rosa, PM (11/27)

Bro. Cecil Doughtie, Jr. (02/30)

Rt. Wor. Dennis & Nadine Edwards, PDDGM (04/37)

Bro. Bruce W. Exum (03/24)

Rt. Wor. George & Jackie Ganter, PDDGM (05/32)

Rt. Wor. Pete Gordon, PDDGM (04/25)

Wor. Joseph Hagerman, Jr. , PM (09/32)

Bro. Nate Hartman (01/25)

Wor. Jesse Hughes , PM (08/27)

Wor. James Kelly, PM (04/26)

Bro. William Kennedy (04/27)

Bro. James Kiphart (04/26)

Bro. John Knox (05/28)

Wor. Brent Lane (05/24)

Wor. Jules E. Lingoni, PM (03/32)

Wor. Wes Latchford, PM (04/26)

Wor. Jack Laursen, PM (12/27)

IN MEMORIUM Bro. Wallace E. Maybery (12/24)

Bro. Bob Meeker (03/27)

Rt. Wor. Edward Meise, Jr. , PDDGM (02/24)

Wor. Jay Oubre, PM (12/27)

Bro. Steve Owen (09/27)

Wor. Marlo Pilar, PM (09/26)

Wor. Bob Rathbun, PM (09/27)

Wor. Zach Schaad (12/24)

Bro. Bob Schratweiser (06/24)

Wor. Ron Shank , PM(12/24)

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, PM (02/33)

Bro. Arthur H. Wahl (11/35)

Bro. L. Wirt Walker (02/24)

Bro. Chandler Wells (02/31)

Bro. Jim Witcher (02/26)

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