



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

The Burning Taper



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

KEY EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

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

STATED COMMUNICATION
Thursday, April 10th
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Meeting at 7:00 pm
Officers-Tuxedos
Brethren-Coat & Tie

36th MASONIC DISTRICT
FRANK C. HICKS
AREA RITUAL SCHOOL
9:00 am, Saturday, April 12th
Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178
509 George Washington Hwy N
Chesapeake, VA 23323

56th MASONIC DISTRICT
JAMES HENRY PARKERSON, JR.
AREA RITUAL SCHOOL
6:00 pm, Monday, April 14th
Bayside Lodge No. 218
1465 Independence Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

56th MASONIC DISTRICT
BLOOD DRIVE
1:00 pm-6:00 pm
Monday, April 21st
Kempville Lodge No. 196
4869 Princess Anne Rd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

**MASTERS, WARDENS, &
DEACONS MEETING**
6:00 pm-6:30 pm
Monday, April 21st

SAVE THE DATE
Official Visit of the Grand Master
of Masons in Virginia to the
36th & 56th Masonic Districts
Friday, May 23rd
6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Khedive Shrine Center
645 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

OUR 63RD YEAR!

APRIL 2025

OUR MASONIC JOURNEY

Our journey in this ancient fraternity began when we were prepared in our hearts to take that first step in Masonry. It started at the West gate with three distinct knocks answered by a like number from without and we were subsequently brought from darkness to light by being introduced to the concepts and principles of Freemasonry. This was true on every occasion as we sought more knowledge about our gentle craft as we progressed through each and every degree.

In an article written by Right Worshipful Paul Miller in the Fall 2016 edition of the *Virginia Masonic Herald* entitled "Discomfort as Motivation", Right Worshipful Miller pointed out that our Masonic journey did not end once we became Master Masons, it had in fact only just begun. The overarching concept of his article makes a valid point; we as Master Masons should not be satisfied with the status quo. The level of comfort mentioned, alludes to becoming satisfied with what has been provided to us in the way of ritual on our way to becoming Master Masons or having completed our Master Mason catechism. Hence our journey in Masonry is considered by many completed, that we have attained all the knowledge relative to our fraternity.

Nothing could be further from the truth! Becoming Master Masons should not signal the end of our Masonic journey. Instead, we should strive for something more, always seeking further knowledge in Freemasonry in order to enlighten and improve ourselves, essentially making ourselves better men in all aspects of our lives. Accepting anything less implies that we have become content and are satisfied with what we know about Freemasonry and desire nothing more.

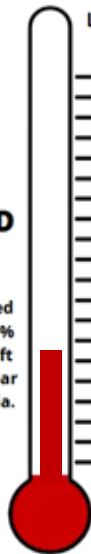
Our Masonic Journey is one where we – as Master Masons – constantly challenge ourselves in the attainment of knowledge in effort to improve ourselves. Those who seek to embrace the basic precepts of our Gentle Craft are Builders and Craftsmen whose industrious nature contributes to the betterment of themselves and others in Freemasonry. They also serve to better inform those unfamiliar with our Fraternity, that they might themselves desire to become a part of our Noble Craft.

All of which leads to one question. What happens after becoming a Master Mason, what comes next? If you want to scratch that itch, you need to embrace that level of uncertainty and use it as motivation to expand your knowledge about Freemasonry. Start by looking within your own Lodge as to what you need to do in order to continue on your Masonic journey. Lodges are always in short supply of Brethren who are not proficient enough to occupy a chair on a degree team or are not well versed enough to give a degree lecture. Participate in the degree work, learn a chair, lecture, prayer, memorize anyone of the degree charges, become a part of a degree team. Most Lodges are in short supply of having a sufficient number of coaches to teach candidates their respective catechisms. Seek to become not just a coach but a Mentor.

Ultimately any direction you take on your journey in Freemasonry will serve you well in the attainment of more light in Masonry. Not only will you benefit from it, but the brethren and your Lodge will reap the rewards of your efforts as well

MASONIC HOME
OF VIRGINIA
**MORLOCK AWARD
2025**

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.



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.
Ken Riffle, to make your
donation for this year!



NOT JUST A MAN, A MASON



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SCHOLARSHIP 2025

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 2025.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS 4:00 PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH
See the Announcement Under 'Lodge Activities' on the Lodge Website at
<https://lynnhaven220.org> and Submit Your Application Today!

April Masonic Birthdays

Bro. Bradley Kyle Allison (4/29/2023)
Bro. Garry William Barnett-Baker (4/23/2013)
Bro. Joseph Linnell Desormeaux (4/29/2023)
Bro. William John Hammett (4/26/1994)
Bro. George Lee Hill (4/26/1984)
Bro. Nicholas Aaron Hill (4/29/2023)
Bro. Calvern Franklin Jackson-Green, Jr. (4/29/2023)
Bro. Austin Tyler Johnson (4/30/2019)
Bro. Fredrick Mitchell Martin III (4/4/1991)
Wor. Douglas Ralph Norris (4/6/2006)
Bro. Galen David Owen (4/29/2023)
Wor. Zachary Alan Schaad (4/1/2021)
Bro. John David Spruill (4/26/1979)
Bro. Corey Ray Tinner (4/23/2019)
Bro. Charles Robert Totten (4/14/1982)



Prayer Corner



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

Bro. Jun Voces, PDDGM; Bro. Bob Adams, PM and Family;
Bro. Dave and Betty Cunningham

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



**American
Red Cross**

56th Masonic District BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, April 21st
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Kempsville Lodge No. 196
4869 Princess Anne Rd
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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



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Register in GRAND VIEW by Visiting
<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/memberportal/>

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP REGISTERING?
Contact Your Worshipful Master or Secretary

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BLUE = LODGE | PURPLE = DISTRICT/GRAND LODGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (8:00 pm-8:30 pm)	2 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (8:00 pm-8:30 pm)	3 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (8:00 pm-8:00 pm)	4 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (8:00 pm-8:00 pm)	5 HICKS AREA RITUAL SCHOOL 36 th District (8:00 am) LKD178
6	7 PARKERSON AREA RITUAL SCHOOL 56 th District (8:00 pm) BAY218	8 LODGE OFFICERS MEETING (8:00 pm-8:30 pm)	9 LODGE OFFICERS MEETING (8:00 pm-8:30 pm)	10 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION (Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm)	11 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION (Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm)	12
13	14	15 LODGE OFFICERS MEETING (8:00 pm-8:30 pm)	16 LODGE OFFICERS MEETING (8:00 pm-8:30 pm)	17 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION (Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm)	18 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION (Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm)	19
20	21 56 th DISTRICT BLODD DRIVE (1:00 pm-8:00 pm) KVL 198 56 th DISTRICT MWD (6:00 pm-8:30 pm) KVL 198	22 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (8:00 pm-8:30 pm)	23 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (8:00 pm-8:30 pm) <i>[Burning Taper Articles Due]</i>	24 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (8:00 pm-8:00 pm)	25 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (8:00 pm-8:00 pm)	26
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