



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!

OCTOBER 2024

## KEY EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



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

**STATED COMMUNICATION**  
Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Meeting at 7:00 pm  
Coat & Tie for All!  
"Junior Warden's Night"

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR  
RW GEORGE GANTER,  
PDDGM**  
Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am-10:00 am  
Bayside Presbyterian Church  
1400 Ewell Rd  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
*Reception at the Lodge  
Immediately Following the  
Funeral*

**PAST MASTERS' FISH FRY**  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm-7:00 pm  
Adults \$15.00 ea. | Children  
12 and Under \$5.00 ea.

Greetings, I hope all are doing well as we move into Fall!

As we get later into the year it strikes me how fast time has gone by and yet we still have plenty more activity on the horizon. To recap our September, our Stated Communication was Past Masters' Night which saw a wonderful performance of ritual by several of our Past Masters. I want to extend a deep thank you to all who participated as it is always great to see the love and care our Past Masters put into the Lodge and ritual performance. The program was a presentation of the "Pink Lodge" by the Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star which brought a lighthearted note to the evening and was well received.— Pretty spot on oh by the way. A big thank you to the OES and all they do for us

October's Stated Communication will 7:00 pm, Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The funeral service for Rt. Wor. George William Ganter, PDDGM will be 11:00 am, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at Bayside Presbyterian Church, 1400 Ewell Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 and Masonic Rites have been requested; there will be a reception at the Lodge immediately following the funeral. Also, don't forget about our Past Master's Fish Fry coming up on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. Tickets were included in the September edition of *The Burning Taper* but may still be purchased at the door for \$15 per person, children 12 and under \$5. Additionally, anyone willing to offer their assistance in any way to put on this event are always welcome to volunteer.

As a final note, I would like to offer a recommendation for anyone looking for some Masonic Fall reading as it is a book I recently finished rereading a couple chapters of *The Meaning of Masonry* by W.L. Wilmshurst. I found it to be fascinating particularly for anyone looking to delve into a more esoteric side of Masonry without being overly intimidating or obscure. Wilmhurst is a British Mason and brings some aspects and references which are not found in American Freemasonry, but should still be digestible to anyone interested in learning. Take care Brethren and I look forward to seeing you all in October!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Zach Schaad  
Worshipful Master 2024

## FOUNDERS' DAY MONTH—*Virginia Freemasonry's 'Declaration of Independence'*

On May 13th, 1777, a committee of Brethren from Norfolk Lodge, Kilwinning Port Royal Crosse Lodge, Blandford Lodge, Williamsburg Lodge, and Cabin Point Royal Arch Lodge, drew up their reasons why they thought a Grand Master for the Commonwealth of Virginia should be chosen, and in doing so – for all intense purposes – declared their independence from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Pennsylvania, and America.

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# October Masonic Birthdays

Bro. Charles Mark Abatsis (10/11/2021)	Bro. Levi Travis Courtney (10/04/2012)	Wor. Jack Curtis Laursen (10/03/1997)
Wor. William Robert Adams (10/29/2016)	Bro. Thomas Christopher Darr (10/29/2013)	Bro. James Paul Nulf (10/01/1998)
Bro. Keith Alan Bowers (10/24/1988)	Bro. Cecil Morris Doughtie, Jr. (10/16/1997)	Wor. Anthony Joseph Oubre, Jr. (10/17/1996)
Bro. Bradford Owen Braswell (10/04/2012)	Bro. Bruce Nelson Doyle (10/26/1989)	Bro. Ernesto Perez (10/05/2017)
Bro. James Maupin Briggs (10/03/1974)	Rt. Wor. Peter Joseph Gordon (10/22/1998)	Wor. Ronnie L. Shank (10/06/2001)
Wor. John Allen Brown (10/24/1991)	Wor. Jesse Albert Hughes (10/08/1977)	Bro. Allen Sokolik (10/29/1992)
Bro. Thomas Joseph Bryant (10/26/1995)	Bro. Harvey Stephenson Hunt, Sr. (10/31/1985)	Bro. John Wofford Tatum (10/06/1983)
Bro. William Louis Buchan (10/31/1970)	Bro. Herbert Miller Hurst (10/02/2004)	Bro. Jeffrey Lynn Tuell (10/17/2002)
Bro. Wayne Carl Carruthers (10/03/2020)	Bro. Brian James Keir (10/17/2017)	Bro. Wayne Samuel Umphlett (10/23/1980)
Bro. Collin Scott Conkwright (10/07/2021)	Bro. James Otis Kiphart (10/08/1957)	Bro. James Stuart Witcher (10/04/1984)

**FOUNDERS' DAY MONTH** *(Continued from p.1)* Their "Declaration of Independence is recorded as follows: "We are unanimously of the opinion that a Grand Master is requisite in this state, for the following reasons, founded on the principles of necessity, convenience, and right: viz a viz: First. we find that the lodges in this state hold their charters under five distinct and separate authorities: viz a viz, the grand masters of England, Scotland, Ireland, Pennsylvania, and America (the last at second hand); of course all have an equal right to appoint their deputies, who can claim no authority over those not holding this principle. therefore, any difference arising between lodges holding differently cannot be settled for want of a common tribunal. For the same reason, the Craft can never meet in annual communication, manifesting that Brotherly love and affection, the distinguishing characteristic of Masonry from the beginning. Such divided and subdivided authority can never be productive to the real good of the Craft. Secondly. We cannot discover, upon strict enquiry, that Masonry has ever derived any benefit from the foreign appointment of a Grand Master in this country, they being little known and as little acknowledged. Thirdly. Being at this time without a supreme, and so circumstanced as to render it impossible to have recourse to the Grand Lodge beyond the sea should any abuses creep into the Lodges or should any body of the Brotherhood be desirous of forming a new lodge, there is no settled authority to apply to. In this case, we are of opinion that a Grand Lodge is a matter of necessity. Fourthly and lastly. We find upon record that the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland founded their original right of election upon their sole authority, by mutual consent, distinct and separate from all foreign power whatever. We, therefore, conclude that we have, and ought to hold, the same rights and privileges that Masons in all times theretofore have confessedly enjoyed. We, the deputies aforesaid, for ourselves and our respective Lodges, humbly beseech and desire that you will be pleased to take the foregoing reasons into consideration, and that you will favor us with your attendance, by deputation, in this Lodge, for the purpose of electing a Grand Master for this state..."



## Prayer Corner



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

Rt. Wor. Jun Voces, DDGM 56th Masonic District and the Family of Rt. Wor. George Ganter, PDDGM

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

## HELP WANTED!

The Lodge is looking for some additional help with putting together the Lodge newsletter, managing its website or Facebook page—Training Provided!

If you have an interest or particular talent in any of these areas, please contact Bro. Wes Latchford, PM at [ecclesxii@gmail.com](mailto:ecclesxii@gmail.com).

## PAST MASTERS' FISH FRY



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Tickets \$15.00 - Children 12 & Under \$5.00

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BLUE = LODGE | PURPLE = DISTRICT GRAND LODGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	2 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	3 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	4 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	5 MAHOVA FAMILY DAY (8:00 am-2:00 pm) <i>Masonic Home of Virginia</i> 500 Masonic Ln Henrico, VA 23223
6	7 LODGE OFFICERS MEETING (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	8 LODGE OFFICERS MEETING (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	9 LODGE OFFICERS MEETING (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	10 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION "Junior Warden's Night" (Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm)	11 LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION "Junior Warden's Night" (Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm)	12 FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RW GEORGE GANTER, PDDGM (11:00 am) Bayside Presbyterian 1400 Ewell Rd Virginia Beach, VA 23452
13	14 COLUMBUS DAY (US) / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY (VA) 	15 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	16 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm) <i>[Burning Taper Articles Due]</i>	17 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	18 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	19
20	21 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	22 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	23 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	24 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	25 LODGE MASONIC RITUAL SCHOOL (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	26
27	28 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	29 LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)	30 200 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LAFAYETTE'S VISIT TO MASONS' HALL (6:00-8:00 pm) 1807 East Franklin St Richmond, VA 23223	31 HALLOWEEN 