

Masonic Temple Corporation of Norfolk

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Ongoing Improvements at the Temple



Robert Collins and his son Robert Collins Jr operated their bucket truck around the Temple on July 7th to trim up and shape some of the trees that are growing close to the Temple. RW Tully Carr, Wor. Joe Daigle, Bro. David Wilson and Bro. Gil Sawyer helped get the job done. A follow-up clean up effort involved RW Manny Elefane, RW Leroy Tarbox Jr., RW Carr, Wor. Mike Johnson, and Bro. Sawyer. In the photos above, Wor. Daigle looks over the extensive debris piled at the curb waiting disposal, and the disposal crew rests from loading the trailers with the yard debris. In addition, the two substantial columns on the front of the Temple were pressure washed and restored to their impressive visual appeal.

A significant and necessary effort related to the systems in the Temple is being coordinated by RW Tully Carr, who has arranged for an HVAC assessment and evaluation by Comfort Systems of Virginia Inc.

Wor. Mike Mastice has stepped up to repair the Temple air handlers. He repaired a bearing and pulley and has installed replacement parts to keep the system working in the summer heat.

Thank you to each of these volunteers for your willing assistance to maintain the Temple!

Managing the Income Stream for your Masonic Temple

The many routine as well as unexpected expenses necessary to sustain and improve the Norfolk Masonic Temple are paid from the various sources of income managed by the Board of Directors. The primary source of income is the member assessments which provide approximately 65% of the total annual income. In addition to this, there are contract agreements such as the use of the parking lot by the Granby High School students, fundraising efforts such as the Haunted Temple event in October, and facility rental agreements (such as weddings, sporting events, and business conferences) which provide a significant source of income for the Temple.

We are fortunate to have the energetic and expert services of Mrs. Amy Carr, working on a volunteer basis, who has certainly taken this potential income stream to the next level. Through her efforts to improve the quality of the spaces available for rental, Amy is quickly making the Norfolk Masonic Temple a sought-after event venue, resulting in rental projections for this year over \$40,000.00, which is a significant increase from last year.

Upcoming events for the summer that have already been secured, including: 7/21 Baby shower, 7/28 VCW Wrestling, 8/4 Dance competition and wedding reception, 8/11 "I am Me" Self-empowerment seminar, 8/18 wedding and Quinceanera, 9/1 wedding and reception, 9/22 Boxing, 9/29 Birthday Party for a brother, 10/6 VCW Wrestling. We have also secured a 5 month rental contract with Monument of Joy Church who meets in the Eastern Star room twice a week.

In addition, we are working with the Tidewater Winds, and the Hoorah Players, in an effort to bring more entertainment options to the building. If you know an organization that could benefit from working with the Temple Corporation, please pass along our contact information.

With the formation of the Norfolk Cornerstone Foundation we are bringing key leaders from two other charitable organizations into the fold. They are: Robert Batcher (Prime Plus) and Anna Walker (Arts Inclusion Company). Both bring a significant amount of experience to the table when it comes to non-profit management and operation. We hope to capitalize upon their experience and knowledge enabling us to do more charitable work with the community.

Finally, in order for us to make these rental events more profitable and sustainable, we need your willingness to help. We need assistance with setup, staffing the event, and clean-up at many of these events. Emails are regularly sent to the secretaries asking for assistance. Please consider responding with a pledge of assistance when you see the calls go out from your secretary.

It is through the voluntary efforts of people like Amy, and the income generated by those efforts that we are able to keep the Temple functioning at a reasonable cost to the members.

Thank you Amy!

If you have a family event or work group that is looking for a venue to host a party or conference, please recommend the Norfolk Masonic Temple. If you know of someone that is planning a wedding ceremony, reception, retirement party, or other event and are looking for a superb space to have the event, please recommend the Norfolk Masonic Temple. Refer to the event calendar at <http://www.norfolkmasontemple.com/calendar-of-events.html>. To inquire about the availability of rooms and dates please contact us at Events@NorfolkMasonicTemple.com

Sustaining your Masonic Temple

We are told that our Fraternity is built on and sustained by the principals of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; "... for it is necessary there should be Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support and Beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings".

This is also true for the Norfolk Masonic Temple. Our forefathers had the wisdom to contrive of a landmark facility that would last for generations of Masons. It has been beautified, adorned and maintained over the years through the efforts of many Masons and non-Masons.

And now it is our responsibility to contribute our strength to support this great and important undertaking.

That strength can be provided in many ways. It might be through direct financial contributions. It might be in volunteer hours that you contribute to projects around the Temple. It might be in the support for fund-raising efforts of the Temple. Support can also be offered through planned giving options that will help sustain and endow the Temple for years to come.

Significant progress has been made recently to improve the conditions in and around our beautiful Masonic Temple. This momentum can only be sustained by the active assistance from the Masons and community friends who recognize the value of this Masonic edifice.

Further information is provided below concerning the many options available to both Masons and non-Masons for leaving a lasting legacy to the Norfolk Masonic Temple and contributing to the future of Freemasonry in Norfolk.

Giving Options to help Sustain the Norfolk Masonic Temple

Gifts made to the Norfolk Masonic Temple will benefit both the Masons that use the Temple as well as the community organizations that use the facility to support their programs.

Cash Gifts

Direct cash gifts to the Norfolk Masonic Temple provide an immediate ability to support the prioritized projects list that continue to sustain and improve the Temple.

Bequests in a Will or a Trust

Preparing a will is considered a good first step toward establishing a sound financial plan for you and your family as well as designating the organizations you want to continue to support. Please include the Norfolk Masonic Temple in your planning.

Designation of Life Insurance Beneficiaries

You can make a gift of life insurance to the Norfolk Masonic Temple with either an existing policy, a paid-up policy, or a new policy. By naming the Norfolk Masonic Temple as owner and beneficiary, you may receive an immediate income tax deduction for an existing policy and/or deductions for continuing annual premiums on an existing or a new policy. You also can designate the Norfolk Masonic Temple as beneficiary (or successor beneficiary) of a single, term, or group life insurance policy, although there are no current income tax benefits.

Giving Options (continued)

Leaving a Lasting Legacy to a Loved One

For Masons and the family members of Masons who are considering leaving a significant donation to the Temple as a memorial to a loved one, we would be happy to discuss the option of having one of the Rooms in the Temple named in their memory. This option can also include the naming rights of the Temple itself in memory of your loved one for singularly significant donations. Please contact Paul Miller at (757) 636-7312 to discuss these and other options to leave a lasting legacy to yourself or to a loved one.

Donating Real Estate or significant Personal Property

As with gifts of appreciated stock, a gift of real estate to the Norfolk Masonic Temple can benefit both you and the Temple. There are a number of ways to make a gift of your personal residence, vacation home, farm, timberland, or other property:

- You may make an outright gift of real estate. By converting it into immediate support for Norfolk Masonic Temple, you may be eligible to receive the maximum income tax deduction and freedom from further concern about the management or sale of your property.
- You may convert your real estate into a new stream of income for yourself or others by using it to establish a life income gift. Your tax professional can discuss this option with you.
- You may give a personal residence or farm to the Norfolk Masonic Temple while continuing to enjoy it. Called a life estate gift, you make an irrevocable gift now and realize an immediate income tax deduction, yet retain the right to use the property for as long as you wish. Real estate taxes, maintenance, and insurance remain your responsibility.

Rollover of an IRA

A retirement plan can be a tax-efficient and simple way to include the Norfolk Masonic Temple in your estate plan. A bequest of part or all of your IRA allows you to make full use of your funds during your lifetime, after which the charity or charities of your choosing will benefit in the future from what remains.

Further Information about these and other Giving Options

If you have any questions about these options for supporting the Norfolk Masonic Temple, please contact Paul Miller at (757) 636-7312 or masonictemplcorporation@gmail.com . We would be happy to assist you and answer any questions that you may have.



Owning a Piece of the Temple

A fundraising effort is underway to make it possible to own a part of the Norfolk Masonic Temple.

Pieces of the original facia stone from the Norfolk Masonic Temple will be prepared and available for sale.

The stones were originally imported from Italy and installed by hand in 1957 by German stone mason Walter Unger. The stones were removed from the west wall of the Temple auditorium in 2006 when the wall became unstable during a storm and had to be dismantled and rebuilt with new block.

200 of the stones will be prepared and will be available for a donation of \$100 or more to the Norfolk Masonic Temple. Each stone will be accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity including the number of the stone.

The generous donations for the stones will be used toward essential repairs to the building that will enable us to ensure the continuity of this Virginia Masonic landmark for future generations to enjoy.

Contact RW Tully Carr at (757) 620-9672 for more information about this opportunity. There is also a sign-up sheet to order the stones located on the table inside the main Temple entrance.

Dedicating a Chair at the Temple

Another fundraising effort is under development to make it possible to dedicate the arms of the seats in the various rooms of the Temple.

Further details will be available in the next edition of this newsletter.

Strategic Planning Goals

An important tool for sustaining our Masonic Temple is the development of a prioritized list of necessary projects which will provide both short term and long term goals for improving and maintaining the integrity of our facility.

Donors wishing to sponsor any of these projects are encouraged to contact RW Tully Carr at (757) 620-9672 to make arrangements and to be recognized for actively supporting the Temple.

ESSENTIAL STRATEGIC GOALS –

- 1) Increase the Temple Endowment Fund by at least \$500,000
- 2) Develop a Comprehensive Building Systems Maintenance and Replacement Plan

CRITICAL PROJECTS – current requirement

- 1) Mortar Joint repointing/repair around building (\$45-\$60K) * scope variable
- 2) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System Upgrades (\$24K)
- 3) Plaster repairs throughout the building to include texture and paint (\$14K)
- 4) Lighting upgrades throughout building (\$3K)
- 5) Door repairs both ends of hallway, auditorium, and South West exit door (\$3K)

REQUIRED PROJECTS – near-term requirement

- 1) Parking Lot drainage improvements (\$25K)
- 2) Window Upgrades to improve weatherproofing (\$14K)
- 3) Flooring Repairs (\$3K)
- 4) Awning at the Main Entrance (\$28K)

IMPORTANT PROJECTS – longer-term requirement

- 1) Elevator upgrade/addition (\$45K)
- 2) Interior cosmetic improvements (\$10K)
- 3) Improve Security camera system around building (\$5K)
- 4) Dishwasher install/upgrade (\$10K)
- 5) Medical/AV storage room renovation/organization
- 6) Upgrade Sign in front of Temple to electronic display (\$5K)
- 7) Haunted Temple equipment storage solution



Masonic Schedules at the Temple and around the Districts:

DISTRICT LODGE STATED COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

Norfolk Lodge No. 1	-----	1 st Thursday	-----	7:30 pm
Atlantic Lodge No. 2	-----	2 nd Monday	-----	7:30 pm
Elizabeth Lodge No. 34	-----	1 st Tuesday	-----	7:30 pm
Naomi Lodge No. 87	-----	1 st Friday	-----	7:30 pm
Ruth Lodge No. 89	-----	2 nd Tuesday	-----	7:30 pm
Norview Lodge No. 113 *	-----	4 th Friday	-----	7:30 pm
Owens Lodge No. 164	-----	2 nd Thursday	-----	7:30 pm
Corinthian Lodge No. 266	-----	3 rd Tuesday	-----	7:00 pm
Ocean View Lodge No. 335 *	-----	2 nd Friday	-----	7:00 pm
Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778	-----	1 st Saturday	-----	9:00 am

** this Lodge meets at a location other than the Norfolk Masonic Temple*

MASONIC APPENDANT BODY MEETING SCHEDULE at Norfolk Masonic Temple

Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter No. 1	-----	1 st Monday
Grice Commandery No. 16	-----	4 th Monday
Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies	-----	3 rd Thursday
Virginia Chapter No. 22 OES	-----	1 st & 3 rd Friday
Mace Court #9, Order of the Amaranth	-----	2 nd Thursday
Norfolk DeMolay Chapter	-----	2 nd & 4 th Sunday



The Norfolk Masonic Temple is hosting the Norfolk location for the One Day Conferral of degrees, as ordered by the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful Gary Wallace Taylor. The conferral will take place on Saturday, August 4th at 7:30 AM. We will host Masons from 4 area Districts and will potentially Raise 65 new Master Masons that day.

Your Board of Directors for the Norfolk Masonic Temple:

- Tully E. Carr, DDGM 35-A..... representing Atlantic Lodge No. 2 (Board President)
- Rolando A. Cedo..... representing Owens Lodge No. 164
- Joseph G. Daigle, Jr. representing Corinthian Lodge No. 266 (Board Vice-President)
- Edward R. Gearheart representing Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies
- Aristides G. Hazzis..... representing Naomi Lodge No. 87
- Paul A. Miller..... representing Norfolk Lodge No. 1 (Board Secretary)
- James H. Pate representing Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter No. 1
- Felix E. Stephens, Jr..... representing Elizabeth Lodge No. 34 (Board Treasurer)
- Kenneth L. Taylor..... representing Ruth Lodge No. 89 (House Committee Chairman)
- Wilfredo M. Vitug..... representing Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778
- Granville "GW" White representing Grice Commandery No. 16
- Bobby Vann Ferguson representing Virginia 22 OES (tenant member)

The next Board of Directors meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 25th at 7:00 PM.