

Masonic Temple Corporation of Norfolk

Newsletter to the Members

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Keeping the Temple ready to use

What does it take to keep the Norfolk Masonic Temple open, clean and available for its members and visitors to comfortably and safely enjoy the use of the facility? A lot of effort, and the work of a few employees and many volunteers !

First, consider what we mean when we talk about our Masonic Temple: a 77,000 SF facility with a 144 space parking lot, encompassing an entire city block of property. The primary spaces in the Temple include 4 2800 SF Lodge rooms, a 3000 SF Royal Arch Chapter room, a 3700 SF Commandery room, a 3800 SF Scottish Rite room, a 2800 SF room for the Eastern Star and a 1300 SF room for the Amaranth, a 438 seat auditorium, a 6600 SF dining room and an commercial grade kitchen. In addition there are dozens of storage and support spaces, including a wedding preparation room and a Board room for meetings, as well as 6 bathrooms and multiple utility rooms.

New Personnel and Positions at the Temple

Building Superintendent – the Board of Directors has voted to hire Mr. Russell R. Reich to fill the position of Superintendent. He will start in the position March 1, 2019. He describes himself as a capable and reliable individual with problem-solving, communication, and leadership skills; 5 years' experience in logistics & facility management and over 15+ years in management & hospitality positions. His recent experience has been as a Logistics Manager for the firm "Medical Guardian". His responsibilities there included facility inspection, plumbing repair, electrical repair and installation, installation of fixtures (shelves, lighting, exterior signage, etc), managing and installing computerized building entry/exit & security systems, HVAC inspection, sanitation, vendor contracts, delivery and distribution of supplies, estimating material & labor costs, designing building plans, and general repairs. Welcome, Mr. Reich!



House Committee – the members of the 2019 Temple House Committee have been designated by the member bodies, and the Chairman of the Committee is Brother Coy Cofield from Corinthian Lodge. The House Committee is going to take a much larger role in the advancement of our efforts to improve the Granby Street Temple and Coy has agreed to lead that charge. Coy will be reaching out to each of you to schedule working parties and coordinate volunteers for events at the Temple. Please do your part by attending his called meetings (House Committee), showing up for the working parties, forwarding the invites to your lodges, and encouraging your members to attend/assist. There is much work to be done, but many hands make light work.



Board of Directors – there are some new members and some returning representatives for the Temple Board of Directors for 2019. They are:

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| Joseph G. Daigle, Jr. | representing Corinthian Lodge No. 266 (Board -President) |
| Tully E. Carr | representing Atlantic Lodge No. 2 (Board Vice President) |
| Felix E. Stephens, Jr. | representing Elizabeth Lodge No. 34 (Board Treasurer) |
| Paul A. Miller | representing Norfolk Lodge No. 1 (Board Secretary) |
| Travis Newberry (WM) | representing Owens Lodge No. 164 |
| Michael Harrell | representing Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies |
| Aristides G. Hazzis | representing Naomi Lodge No. 87 |
| Chip Winston (HP) | representing Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 |
| Nick Ivey | representing Ruth Lodge No. 89 |
| Wilfredo M. Vitug | representing Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778 |
| Granville "GW" White | representing Grice Commandery No. 16 |
| Bobby Vann Ferguson | representing Virginia 22 OES |

Recent Work Done and Improvements made at the Temple

- Fire extinguishers have been installed throughout the building, in all meeting rooms and gathering spaces.
- An AED, or automated external defibrillator, has been installed on the first floor, at the bottom of the stairway near the elevator.
- Domestic Hot Water Heater Operation restored, Flow switch adjusted by Wor. Joe Daigle, Corinthian Lodge
- HVAC equipment inspection and testing by qualified contractor and comprehensive list of needed repairs developed. Coy Cofield is coordinating this effort.
- Door locks and panic hardware restored/replaced.
- Roof cleaned of leaf and debris
- Penthouse windows repaired
- Abandoned penthouse fresh air vent sealed
- Kitchen improvements including new paper towel holders, new shelving and new trash can rolling bases

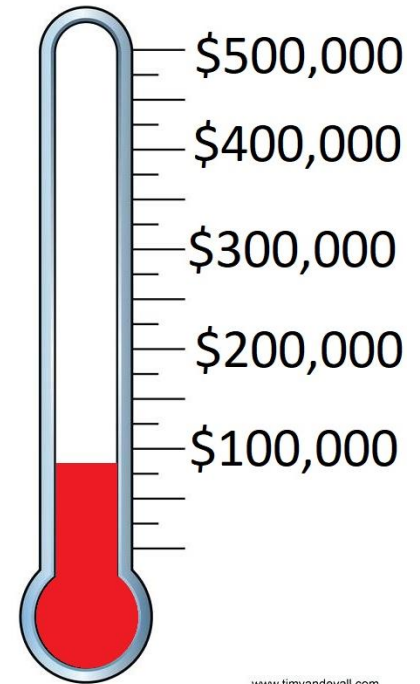


GOAL!

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 – UPDATE

- 1) Increase the Temple Endowment Fund by at least \$500,000 – Current Balance is \$94,000 and total investments of \$117,000
- 2) Develop a Comprehensive Building Systems Maintenance and Replacement Plan, including items such as:
 - *Cooling system assessment is complete and a plan to improve system reliability and efficiency is being formulated. Our boilers have been inspected and adjusted by a local company that specializes in that area and they are operating at peak efficiency. We are fortunate enough to have several individuals within our membership that have a significant amount of experience in the necessary trades and we have established a relationship with a local industry partner that is sensitive to our financial situation and is sympathetic to our fraternity.*

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)

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.

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

Have a chair in one of the rooms of the Temple dedicated with a name of your choice.

The cost is \$100.00 per chair dedication.

The name which you choose will be permanently attached to the chair of your choice* by means of a 1" x 2.25" brass plaque, as shown in the photo.

All proceeds to benefit the Norfolk Masonic Temple.

The Presiding Officer and Board Representative will work with the person paying for chair dedication to agree on what chair is to be selected.

Once the plaque is received, the building superintendent will install it on the assigned chair.

***No Officer Chairs Will Be Included In This Fund Raiser!**

The dedication will be limited to two (2) lines of text.

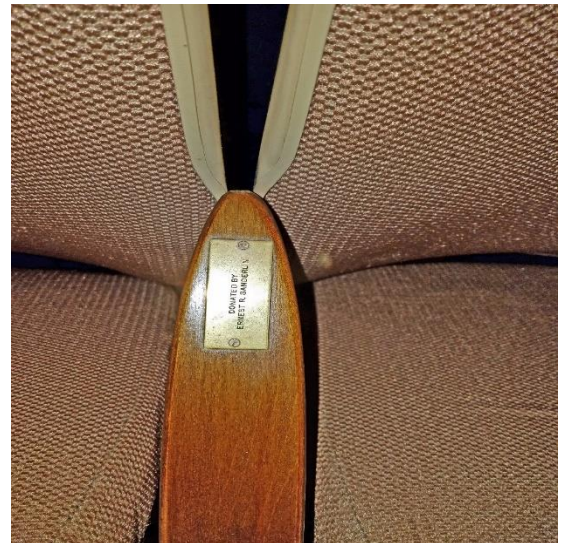
First line of text is typically: "Donated by" (or) "In Memory of"

Second Line: Dedicated Person's Name, with Masonic honorific, such as Bro., Wor., RW., MW., III., will be accepted before person's Name

Make checks payable to: Norfolk Masonic Temple

Credit Cards may be accepted through your Lodge, check with your secretary.

All Money/Checks and order forms will be turned over to the Temple Board of Directors Representative for your Lodge or other Masonic body. He will also have the sign-up sheet to record your dedication. Any other questions should be directed to the Lodge Rep.





Masonic Schedules at the Temple and around the District:

35th MASONIC 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
Quadrivium Lodge of Research No. 543 * ^ -----	3 rd Saturday -----	7:00 pm

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

^ this Lodge meets only in March, June, September and December

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



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House Committee Chairman..... Coy Cofield, Sr., member of Corinthian Lodge No. 266

The next Board of Directors meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00 PM.