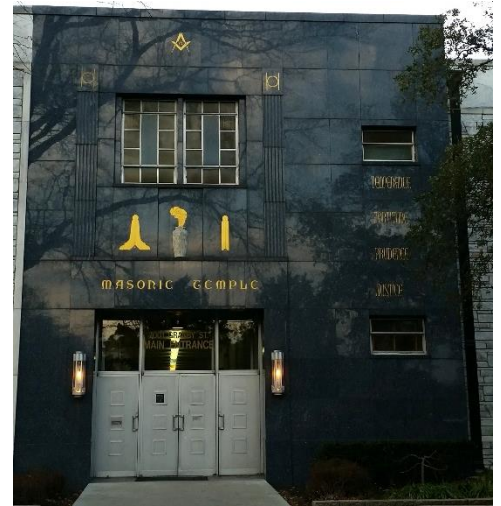


Masonic Temple Corporation of Norfolk Newsletter to the Members

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The Vision for your Masonic Temple

In the 1950's, a group of prominent Norfolk Masons had a shared vision for the future of Freemasonry in this city. They decided to combine their efforts to build a grand structure that would stand out as one of the most impressive Masonic temples in the Commonwealth of Virginia. And that is what we have inherited from our Masonic forefathers ... a Masonic Temple that is unique and inspiring for not only Masons but for the general public as well.

This is the legacy that your Board of Directors for the Masonic Temple Corporation of Norfolk is working diligently to continue ... a legacy of working together for the mutual benefit of the members that make the Temple their fraternal home. It requires a significant investment of time, energy and financial support to perpetuate a grand facility such as ours.

Your generous help is needed to continue the recent progress that has been made on our beautiful Masonic Temple. Significant improvements have been made, and more are planned in the near future, as you will read about later in this newsletter.

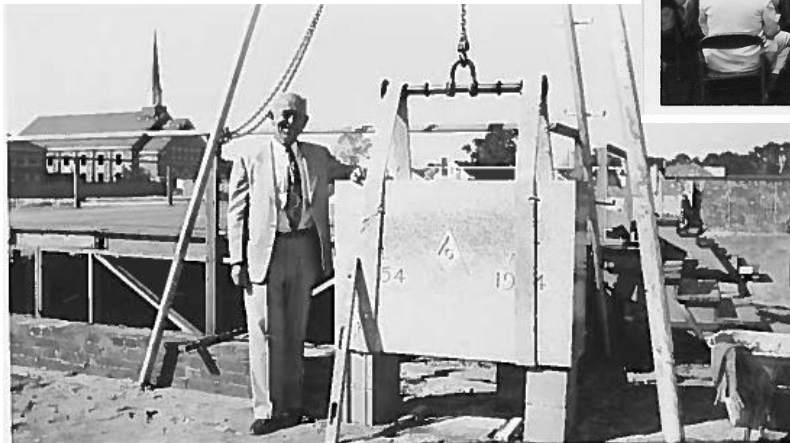
That is what our ritual teaches, that we must work diligently and earnestly in our labors on both our temporal as well as our spiritual temple. We are applying the working tools of Masonry so that we can continue to improve and sustain our temple of steel and stone. Meanwhile we must all continue to apply the lessons of the working tools to improve and sustain the temple of our spirit and our intellect, as we work to become the best man possible by employing the gifts and abilities graciously bestowed on us by the Great Architect of the Universe.

Our Masonic Heritage

As we look to the future of our Masonic Temple, it is also a good idea to keep in perspective the efforts and investment made by our Masonic forefathers. As noted by author John Ruskin concerning important architecture: "They are not ours. They belong partly to those who built them, and partly to all the generations of mankind who are to follow us. The dead have still their right in them: that which they laboured for, the praise of achievement or the expression of religious feeling, or whatsoever else it might be which in those buildings they intended to be permanent, we have no right to obliterate.

"What we have ourselves built, we are at liberty to throw down; but what other men gave their strength and wealth and life to accomplish, their right over does not pass away with their death : still less is the right to the use of what they have left vested in us only. It belongs to all their successors. It may hereafter be a subject of sorrow, or a cause of injury, to millions, that we have consulted our present convenience by casting down such buildings as we choose to dispense with. That sorrow, that loss we have no right to inflict."

This motivation drives our efforts to sustain the Norfolk Masonic Temple: to honor the memory of its builders and to benefit our future Masonic brethren.



Shown on this page are the ground-breaking ceremony, the cornerstone ready for placement, and a crane placing some of the roof structure.

These photos were found in the archives of the late Wor. Porter H. Mason, a driving force in the original construction of our Temple.

You can read further about the need to maintain historic Masonic buildings here:

<https://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/2018/04/more-masonic-temples-slip-from-our.html>



Strategic Planning Goals

An important tool for sustaining our Masonic Temple is the development of a prioritized list of necessary projects which will improve and update our facility. The following list provides the anticipated timelines and budgetary requirements for the urgent and routine issues that have been identified for the improvement of your Masonic Temple.

Donors wishing to support 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.

CRITICAL PROJECTS – In the next 3-6 months (\$100K ± 25%)

- **Mortar Joint repointing/repair around building** (\$45-\$60K) * scope variable
 - Problem: The mortar joints on are now a source for water infiltration. This causes the tiebacks used to secure the marble veneer to rust and fail over time, leading to catastrophic failure as well as water leaks. This was undoubtedly, what led to the wall adjacent to parking lot failing in on or about 2006
 - This will be a multiple phase project due to the cost and the time consuming nature of the repairs. Estimated 90 -180 days depending on the contractors staffing abilities.
 - Will begin with the most critical section, which is around the Auditorium penthouse.
- **HVAC Upgrades** (\$24K)
 - Problem: The existing systems are extremely inefficient and difficult to manage. We are unable able to only heat and air-conditioning the areas in which functions are being held; i.e. when the heat is on the whole building is heated when the AC is on the whole building cooled. By accomplishing this we should be able to save 20% to 30% on our heating and cooling bills
 - Evaluate existing equipment to determine feasibility and longevity
 - Develop maintenance plan for bearings, belts, and filters
 - Determine type of controls on the system now (Alertron)
 - Can we start and stop the motors based on thermostats and controller
 - Solution for heating issues in auditorium.
 - Blowers and dampers in exhaust ports for auditorium (How many are there)
- **Plaster repairs throughout the building** to included texture and paint (\$14K)
 - Problem: Water damage from the failing roof has caused damage to the interior ceilings.
 - Will have to remove damaged material, replace with drywall, re-apply texture and then paint.
- **Lighting upgrades** (\$3K)
 - Problem: Existing lighting is inefficient, inadequate, and not aesthetically appealing.
 - Exterior lighting removed as a part of the roofing project.
 - Halogen bulbs replaced with energy efficient LEDs
 - Standardize all internal fixtures with the same color LED light eliminating the ballasts, saving electricity, and improving appearance
- **Fascia repairs on the front of the building** (\$8.9K)
- **Door repairs both ends of hallway, auditorium, and South West exit door** (\$2.8K)

REQUIRED PROJECTS – In the next 12 months (\$97K ± 25%)

- **Parking Lot (\$25K)**
 - Problem: Parking lot has potholes and needs to be re-graded to eliminate standing water
 - Parking lot re-grade and pave. (\$25K)
 - Next year our income from this goes up to (\$12.4K.)
 - It needs to be done prior to 9/2018 to avoid school year
 - Timing also need to avoid Greek Fest so we can sell parking spots.
- **Window Upgrades (\$14K)**
 - Problem: Windows are inoperable and inefficient
 - Use Commercial Window companies – Pro Windows (\$?)
 - Must be efficient, able to open and close easily
 - Task: Need to count and measure all the windows
- **Flooring (\$3K)**
 - Problem: Flooring repairs tiles coming up in several spaces
 - Tile Cove Base in auditorium and hallway
 - SR dressing area
 - Landing at the top of the stairs
- **Awning to the sidewalk (\$28K)**
 - Problem: Need to provide a means of egress out of the elements
 - Estimate Portsmouth tent and awning

IMPORTANT PROJECTS – Would like to get it done in the next 12-24 months.

- **Elevator upgrade/addition (\$45K)**
 - Problem: Existing elevator is aging and prone to failure
- **Interior cosmetic improvements (\$10K)**
 - Plaster coat walls in Lodge rooms to improve repainting options / murals?
 - Dining Hall column wraps
- **Handicap ramp to street (\$0)**
 - Problem: Lack of handicap access from street (\$0)
 - City of Norfolk has indicated that it can be done at City expense.
- **Remove/Thin Pine Trees at rear of parking lot (Free)**
- **Improve Security camera system around building (\$5K)**
- **Dishwasher install/upgrade (\$10K)**
- **Medical/AV storage room renovation/organization**
- **Upgrade Marquee Sign in front of Temple to electronic display (\$5K)**
- **Haunted Temple equipment storage solution**
 - Connex Box out back
 - Storage unit
 - Medical equipment room

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ITEMS – 30-60 days

- **Door stop replacements**
- **Use or Dispose of stone storage in parking lot**
- **Front Pillar scrub**
- **Plumbing Maintenance / Clean lines to main line**
- **Garden beautification (\$.5K)**
- **Tree Maintenance (hardwoods near building)**

Brethren, your financial contributions toward these projects will help assure the ongoing strength of our Temple, both physically and spiritually. Gifts to support these projects are always needed and always welcome. Checks payable to the Norfolk Masonic Temple can be mailed to 7001 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23505. Currently, such gifts are not tax deductible, but as mentioned earlier, we will soon have a foundation in place to accept such gifts in a tax-deductible manner. Please keep in mind that with recent tax law changes, many gifts that are technically tax deductible may not save the taxpayer any taxes due to the fact that the standard tax deduction increased so dramatically. Please be sure to consult your tax preparer.

Your ongoing support for the Masonic Temple is very much appreciated, and the satisfaction of supporting one of the finest Masonic Temples in the Commonwealth of Virginia will certainly have its own reward. Thank you, Brethren.

Rental Coordinator

Our new rental coordinator, Mrs. Amy Carr, is aggressively seeking rental opportunities to improve the financial outlook for the Temple. These special events are being scheduled as often as possible to make the best use of the facility, for both Masonic and public events.

Member bodies are encouraged to refer to the events calendar available on our website www.norfolkmasonictemple.com which is being maintained by several dedicated members. If you have a special event planned for your Masonic body, please send an email to events@norfolkmasonictemple.com to schedule your events to avoid a conflict.

If you know of an outside group looking for a facility to rent for a function, such as a wedding, etc., please refer them to the website and email address to coordinate their event.

Thank you, Amy, for all of your hard work supporting the Masonic Temple.

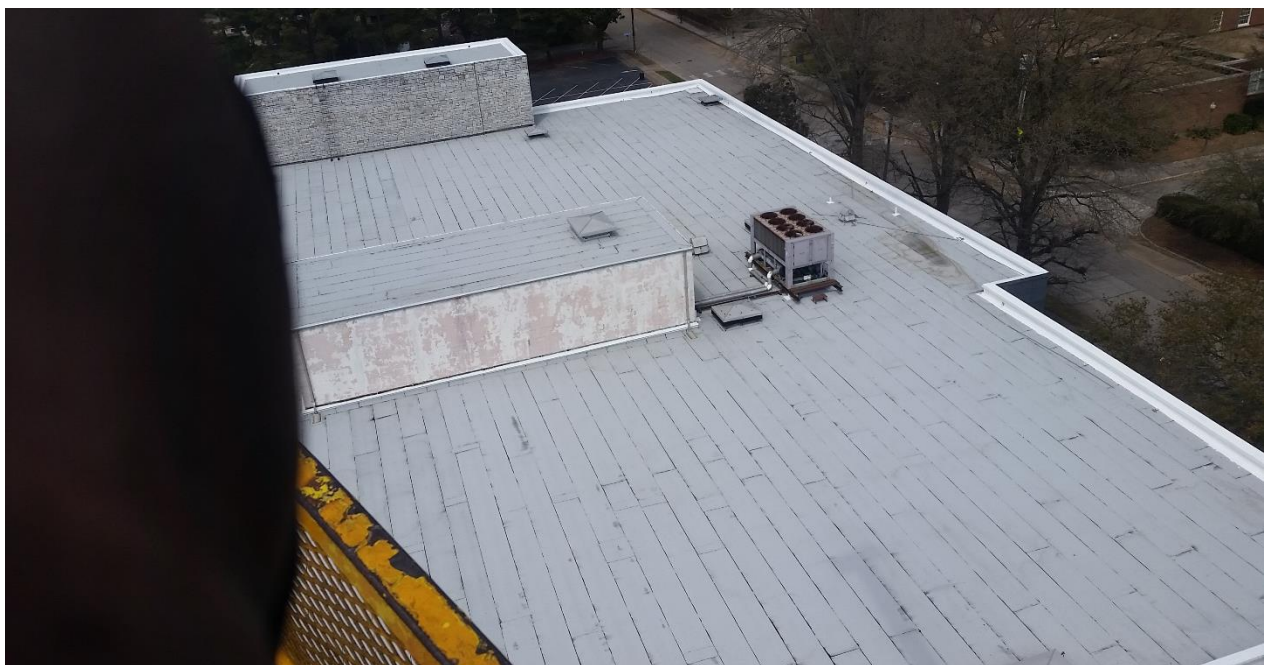
Project Complete: Roof Replacement / Repairs

The work is finally complete on the removal of our old roof, the placement of the new roofing material and installation of a waterproofing wrap on the parapet walls to prevent water intrusion into the building. This project replaced the total roof area, which is approximately 45,000 square feet, or slightly more than one acre.

This \$300,000 project, executed by the Block Roofing Company, will resolve a number of water related problems that the Temple was experiencing, and will improve the integrity of the spaces inside the building during storm events. Areas of the roof that were ponding water have been corrected so that the rain can get off of the roof as soon as possible and take unnecessary loads off of the roof. Efforts are already in progress to put new LED perimeter lighting around the building to improve the security of the building and to make a positive public image.

The Board of Directors is extremely grateful for all those who contributed to the success of this project, both financially and physically. Generous financial contributions were received from each of the member Masonic bodies, as well as a number of individuals. These efforts, in conjunction with the use of contingency funds from the Corporation accounts, made this project possible at a time that it was urgently needed.

The photographs below show 1) a panoramic view of the completed work, and 2) a view of the completed roof from the crane during the flagpole project mentioned later in this newsletter.



Old Glory Flies High Again:

Thanks to the concerted efforts of Wor. Joe Daigle, his son Michael, Brother Eddie Foley, and in particular Chesapeake Marine Refrigeration Inc. and the E. T. Gresham Company, the flagpole in front of the Temple will once again be proudly displaying the flag of the United States of America. The rope broke in 2017, making it impossible to raise the flag. Multiple attempts to reach the top of the pole to replace the rope were unsuccessful due to the 100 foot height of the pole. After discussing this with the E. T. Gresham Company, Wor. Joe Daigle was able to reach an agreement to have a suitable height crane available with a personnel basket to reach the necessary height. This took place at the end of March, as shown in the photos below.

This reinforces the efforts being taken by your Board of Directors to maintain the appearance and function of your Temple using every means at its disposal. It also shows the positive impact that can result from the cooperative effort of our Masonic brethren and the commercial forces in our community. The E. T. Gresham Company was able to economically schedule time for their crane by coordinating the work with other projects in the area. Chesapeake Marine Refrigeration Inc. graciously donated the cost of the crane rental to accomplish this project.

There is also another connection related to this project: the late Wor. Earl T. Gresham Jr., former chairman of the board for the E. T. Gresham Company, was a Past Master of Ruth Lodge No. 89, and a member of the Norfolk Scottish Rite Bodies. Wor. Gresham laid down his working tools on September 19, 2001.



Our Public Image – Ocean View St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 35th Masonic District was enthusiastically represented by a number of brethren on Saturday, March 17th at the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Ocean View. The public saw Masonry in action due to the efforts of representatives from a number of our Masonic Lodges, and an impressive number of Khedive Shriners.

Also, the Grand Marshall of the parade was Brother Hubert Davenport, a member of Norview Lodge No. 113.

Freemasonry shined brightly and the public could not miss the positive impression left by each of these brethren.



Brother Zack Twyford's vintage military vehicle carried a banner promoting Freemasonry, as did Right Worshipful Tully Carr's personal vehicle.



Brother Hubert Davenport, a well-known barber in Ocean View, and member of Norview Lodge No. 113, was the Grand Marshal of the parade this year.



Promoting Freemasonry at this year's parade were: Bro. Wes Latchford (Atlantic Lodge No. 2), Wor. RJ Patricio (Master, Owens Lodge No. 164), Bro. Chris Blevins (Corinthian Lodge No. 266), Bro. Bill Croneberger (Atlantic Lodge No. 2), and RW Tully Carr (DDGM-35A, Atlantic Lodge No. 2). Not shown: Bro. Zack Twyford (Atlantic Lodge No. 2), Wor. Paul Miller (Master, Norfolk Lodge No. 1). Also, Wor. Joe Daigle and Bro. Eddie Foley (Corinthian Lodge No. 266) worked behind the scenes preparing breakfast for the Shrine units marching in the parade.



Districts 35A and 35B were also represented in many of the Shrine units taking part in the parade. You will see some familiar faces here, including some ritual instructors, as RW Miguel Poblete Jr. (DIW-35B, Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778) and RW Ernesto Soriano (Committee on Work, Victory Daylight Lodge No. 1778) help set the beat for the Drum & Bugle Corps.

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 OES	-----	1 st & 3 rd Friday
Norfolk DeMolay Chapter	-----	2 nd & 4 th Sunday

The Calcott School of Ritual Instruction meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 PM. The District Instructors of Work provide ritual instruction for the benefit of all Lodges in Districts 35A and 35B.

The Masters, Wardens, and Deacons meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. This provides an opportunity for the Lodge officers from Masonic Districts 35A and 35B to collectively meet with the District Deputy Grand Masters to plan and discuss activities and events in the districts.

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

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