

## **A Tribute to the District Deputy**

The poem that follows was written by R.W. J. Ned Culler, and was recited by him in Tuckahoe Lodge on January 4, 2001. The inspiring recitation was occasioned by the official visit to his home lodge by R.W. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-C.

R. W. Bro. Culler and R.W. William Y. Roper, Jr., proudly presented R.W. Bro. Bob to the W.M., members, and visitor's assembled. R.W. Bro. Ned is well known for not only his most impressive and dignified presentations of Lodge ritual and the several Masonic lectures, but for his original poetry that covers a wide variety of Masonic as well as general topics.

R.W. Bro Ned added a verse in honor of the newest District Deputy from Tuckahoe Lodge. On the evening of December 2, 2004 he recited this quatrain (\*) in honor of R.W. Robert C. Eades. Herewith,

### **A Tribute to the District Deputy**

By: R.W. J. Ned Culler

We would at this time pay tribute to some brethren  
who have led the way.

There was Brent, and Lovern, and George Wright,  
Who in the early days lit the light.

And then Haid, and Roper, and Roper came,  
Who each in turn fanned the flame.

Culler and Whitley served their day,  
And left their mark along the way.

Now comes another to add his glow,  
To the Masonic light that is Tuckahoe.

R.W. Robert Wales Carpenter, Jr., DDGM 15-C,  
And through him that light shall brighter be.

\* The players change, but the goal is the same,  
To feed the fire and fan the flame.

Which shall be done by the words and deeds,  
Of Right Worshipful Robert C. Eades.