

The following verse was written and recited by Right Worshipful J. Ned Culler at the February 2010 stated communication of our Lodge to celebrate his ninety-eighth birthday, and his 40th year as a Master Mason. R.W. Brother Ned served as Master of Tuckahoe Lodge in 1976, District Deputy Grand Master for District 15-C in 1978, and as Lodge Secretary for 10 years. He served the Craft through his inspiring and meaningful presentation of Masonic ritual and degree lectures. Our beloved Brother, J. Ned Culler entered the Celestial Lodge on May 2, 2010. Herewith,

Musings at Ninety-Eight

By: R.W. J. Ned Culler

**The years now add up to ninety-eight
And that is reason enough to celebrate.**

**While considering all the ways
God's amazing grace fills my days.**

**For love of family both young and old
My heart swells with pride as the days unfold.**

**For ties of fraternal brotherhood
And it constant challenge to do good.**

**For a host of friends both far and near
For memories sweet and oh! so dear.
For answered prayer and sins forgiven
For comforts here and hope of heaven.**

**Praise be to God! For these are mine
As I hope and strive for ninety-nine.**

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The poem that follows was written by R.W. Brother 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 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, Sr.

**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.**