

1923 - 2011

Tuckahoe Lodge

No. 347

A. F. & A. M.



Chartered: February 14, 1923 by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

*May the Glow of Masonic Wisdom
Light Our Pathways
Through Life.*



*May Logic and Reason Forever
Prevail Within The Grip of All
Freemasons.*

THE TRESTLEBOARD

Dear Brother,

The Worshipful Master hereby requests your attendance at the **1,056th Stated Communication** of your Lodge, and a Called Communication for Work and Instruction, as noted below. All Communications are held in the Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, Bethlehem & Dickens Roads, Richmond, VA. Take due notice thereof.

The Craft at Labor

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd, 2011

5:45 P.M. - Stewards assemble in the Dining Hall

6:15 P.M. - Dinner in the Lodge Dining Hall, prepared by Chef Bro. Michael Perrella – Please invite your Lady to join us. The menu includes: home-made beef pot roast, veggies and potato, desert and beverage....and... great fellowship! **Please note: the dinner time has been moved 15 minutes earlier to 6:15pm.**

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge – Business – Ballot - Committee Reports – MM Catechism by Bro. David Bass - MAHOVA (Bro. Byron Hubbard, District 15-C Ambassador) - Proposal before the Lodge: J. Ned Culler Award
Dress code: **Officers and Members – Business suit or coat & tie.**

CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, MARCH 17th, 2011

6:15 P.M. – Light dinner served in the Dining Hall...note the 6:15Pm dinner time!

7:00 P.M. – Work expected in the Entered Apprentice Degree

Dress code: **Officers and Members – Business suit or coat & tie.**

Our Years of Service

(654 years)

Ammon, C.S., Jr.	1 st	Hilgenhold, C.H.	27 th	Stone, J.S.	47 th
Bassett, W.R.	4 th	Irby, E.B., Jr.	55 th	Strauss, R.E.	52 nd
Clifton, R.L.	24 th	Lanier, M.S., II	38 th	Terry, W.S., Jr.	32 nd
Cooke, J.G.	24 th	McPherson, C.P.	3 rd	Vidrick, R.L.	28 th
Elicerio, J.P.J.M.	6 th	Mustian, W.T.	9 th	Watts, D.F.	5 th
Fadool, J.E.	35 th	Powell, B.B., Jr.	37 th	Webb, W.T.	1 st
Farmer, G.J., III	29 th	Richardson, E.T.	40 th	Wegman, J.B.	27 th
Figg, C.D.	43 rd	Schrimsher, E.F.	32 nd	Wetzel, E.C.	3 rd
Harlin, M.E.	4 th			Wood, A.E.	48 th

Our Circle of Concern

The following brethren were mentioned at the Stated Communication. **Bros. Bernard Wright, Dick McClure, and Wor. Clawson Barbour.** Those who have been on this list for quite some time still need our thoughts and prayers: **Bros. Kenny Roach, Jack Reid, and Wor. Ronald Hoffman (Ben Smith's grandfather)** at the Masonic Home in Pennsylvania. The officers and members express their sympathies to the families of Bro. Terry Lyman, and Mt. Wor. James Wilkinson, who entered eternal rest. A phone call or card is always appreciated, and please remember them in your conversations with God.



Our 'we care package' has been forwarded to Bro. John Talbott serving in Afghanistan. If you missed the opportunity, a personal note of thanks for his service to our country would be appropriate.

SPC JOHN TALBOTT
101ST SB
JCOP HAIRATAN
APO AE 09368

Called to the Celestial Lodge

Most Worshipful James Bernard Wilkinson

Entered Apprentice Degree: 5/8/1947
Fellowcraft Degree: 5/20/1947
Master Mason Degree: 6/13/1947
All degrees received in Lodge of Strict Observance 207
Served as Worshipful Master of 207 in 1959
Served as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1996
His theme: "God, Country, and Brotherhood"
Affiliated with Tuckahoe Lodge: 6/5/2008
Entered the Celestial Lodge: 1/26/2011
A 63-Year Masonic Veteran

Brother Theodore Elgin Lyman, Jr.

Entered Apprentice Degree: 11/8/1974
Fellowcraft Degree: 1/17/1975
Master Mason Degree: 2/28/1975
LMIP - 1998
Entered the Celestial Lodge: 2/13/2011

From the East....

Spring brings forth wonderful, new moments for us to share with nature, it is a time when all of the ideas that we planted during the winter months sprout and come to fruition. It is also a time when we are drawn to contemplate the fresh, new world around us, observing what is different, wondering what will unfold in our lives during the ensuing year. It is the perfect time to release a few thoughts and ideals from "yesterday" and open up room in our hearts and minds for fresh observations and notions.

In the spirit of Spring we've worked hard at the Lodge to continue creating an environment that is warm and inviting to members and visitors alike, to listen to the new ideas expressed by our younger, energetic members and to develop programs that are "unconventional" and interesting to everyone. We set our visions for Tuckahoe 347 into motion and we now have a better understanding of how we can harness our energy, creativity and sense of charity to develop programs for ourselves and the community.

This is now one of the best times of the year to attend Lodge, especially if you've taken some time off due to the winter weather or any other reason that has kept you away. Provide yourself an opportunity to experience the newness of the Lodge, enjoy a dinner prepared by Chef Mike, participate in the activities of the Lodge or simply sit back and enjoy the show. To those of you who haven't been around for a while...we miss your company and we encourage you to come to Lodge March 3rd, give us an opportunity to shake your hand, talk about what's new and catch up on old times.

Don't forget about April's program for the ladies! Denise Dolan of Zoya Blue will present her program on natural wellness and wisdom for health, touching upon several concepts that are in tune with today's world. Check her out at zoyablue.com. *This program is for the ladies only but is open to anyone that she cares to invite such as neighbors, coworkers, relatives, etc.*

Highlights of February's Stated: Chef Mike and his crew served a fine dinner of Chicken Parmesan to 90+ visitors to our dining room with the efficiency of a top notch restaurant. Everyone enjoyed another fine, relaxing meal and we had plenty of time for fellowship before opening Lodge at 7:15. We received the Grand Master in our usual ceremony and after an abbreviated Business Meeting we had the pleasure of hearing Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss' message for 2011 and we also had an opportunity to participate in an exchange of questions and answers with him. I don't have the exact count but we had well over 100 Brothers in our Lodge Room that evening. It was a great and unique event if you were there and truly a missed opportunity if you weren't.

Stephen M. Przybyla, Worshipful Master

From the Secretary's Desk....

As I sit down to write these notes, it occurs to me that spring is almost here. We all should be looking forward to hearing the birds sing, watching the flowers bloom, seeing the grass turn green once more. And yes, watching the snow melt. Enough is enough of this cold and desolate winter season of 2010 – 2011.

Tuckahoe has already had a very busy year. We have received our District Deputy Grand Master and our Most Worshipful Grand Master. In case you missed it, your officers performed admirably at each reception. If you did miss it, shame on you. Your officers deserve your support for all their hard work to make Tuckahoe's meeting remembered as a "moment in time" for all the Grand Lodge officers, members, and visitors.

Please note your dues card. Tuckahoe has a large number of delinquent members and we need your support. If your dues card does not say 2010 or 2011, you are delinquent and are now subject to suspension. Make sure now that you are not one of them. Each and every member of the Lodge is important to the success of Tuckahoe Lodge. You need to participate.

Speaking of participating – when the Great Creator breathed life into man, he included many strengths and weaknesses. One of the strengths he gave man was the ability to comprehend that in union there is strength.

From the dawn of time man has had the ability to overcome his weaknesses by banding together in organizations. First there was the family which ultimately expanded into tribes and tribes into nations. As a result, man has been able to provide a more efficient defense against enemies and has been able to provide for his family in the form of food and shelter.

No matter how unfair it may seem, we are not judged solely as individuals. We are also judged by the organizations, or in our case, the Masonic organization to which we belong and by how well we live up to our Masonic Principles.

An additional function of an organization is to maintain a bridge with the past so that the valuable experiences of the past can be used in the present and to extend the bridge from the present to the future enabling us to move forward in security and confidence. The past is so great, the present is colossal, and the future so unlimited that organizations are needed to tend the bridge. And that is why we have this great fraternal organization called Freemasonry. The principles of Freemasonry translate to civic clubs, labor unions, professional societies, commercial associations, art and music societies, and other fraternal organizations.

In the next few months we will examine Masonic Principles and then some of those which make up our organization known as Freemasonry. However, for the time being, forget not your duties so frequently taught in your Lodge, and check your dues card.

Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.

Coming Events

District Deputy Official Visits: Jack G. Cooke, 15C

Westhampton #302	March 7, 2011
Glen Allen #131	March 8, 2011
Fraternal #53	March 14, 2011

Grand Master's Tiled Lodge Visits

15A Manchester #14	March 21, 2011
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Division IX Leadership Conference

Scottish Rite Temple	March 19, 2011 8:30AM
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15th District Masonic Memorial Service

Forest Lawn Cemetery	June 5, 2011 3:00PM
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Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership

Fork Union, VA	July 31 – August 3, 2011
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Blood Drives for 2011:

At Tuckahoe (with Glen Allen)	May 14, 2011 8:00AM
At Glen Allen	September 10, 2011 8:00AM



Another nugget from the Quarry...

After nearly four months of in-depth research a brand new Masonic Education 'Nugget' is available on our web page, and a printed copy is available in the Lodge Library. It's entitled "Where does the Masonic Lodge Meet?" and delves into when and where early Masons gathered before the founding of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, as well as in Virginia.

Check it out!

Wor. Doug Messimer, PM

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Wor. R. Alton Wright (H) 360-5598

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BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM:

Bro. David A. Bass. (H) 598-8680

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Rt. Wor. Jack Cooke (H) 752-2117

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

* J.O. Harris 1923-1924
* A. N. Revere. 1925
* C. M. Selph 1926
* P.L. Ruehrmund. 1927
* N. C. Phillips 1928
* H. J. Perrin 1929
* M. H. Dicks. 1930
* R. C. Parks. 1931
+ R. D. Powers 1932
* W. Pierce. 1933
* J. W. Snedden. 1934
* E. L. Copley. 1935
* A. E. Call. 1936
* J. M. Jennings. 1937
* B. H. Bradley. 1938
+ W. A. Rudasill. 1939
* T. B. Towill. 1940
* R. K. Allen. 1941
* W. S. Brent, P.D.D.G.M. 1942
* F. W. Biesecker. 1943
* J. W. Mullins. 1944
* G. G. Finney. 1945
* J. H. Russell. 1946
* W. R. Perkins. 1947
* J. E. Kirk. 1948
* J. G. Johnson 1949
* B.O. Baird. 1950
* W. G. MacDonald. 1951
* T. J. Rumley. 1952
* R. D. Stahl. 1953
* G. T. Taylor. 1954
* F. G. Wood. 1955
* R. S. Love. 1956
* J. V. Elliott. 1957

* H. O. Butler 1958
* G. E. Wright, P.D.D.G.M. 1959
* W. H. Lovern, P.D.D.G.M. 1960
* W. Y. Roper, Jr, P.D.D.G.M. 1961
* J. H. Shinault 1962
* G. A. Tuckwiller. 1963
E. F. McCune, Jr 1964
* R. D. Woolard. 1965
* J. S. Gary, Jr. 1966
* W. J. Haid, Jr, P.D.D.G.M. 1967
* J. G. Clark. 1968
X 1969
E. L. Walker 1970
* D. Williams. 1971
* E. W. Oakley. 1972
* P. D. Lawrence. 1973
* G. F. Paul. 1974
W. Y. Roper, III, P.D.D.G.M 1975
* J. N. Culler, P.D.D.G.M 1976
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M 1977
* J. C. Lewit, II. 1978
C. E. Whitley, P.D.D.G.M 1979
* O. J. Oaks. 1980
D. McK. Messimer 1981
D. A. Powers, III. 1982
* J. McD. Wolf. 1983
R. W. Carpenter, Jr. P.D.D.G.M. 1984
* R. W. Carpenter. 1985
* L. E. Stott. 1986
T. B. Jarrell 1987
J. L. Woolard 1988
* W. P. Gilliam, Jr 1989
G. W. Boswell. 1990
W. A. Edmonds. 1991
B. V. Petrone, Jr 1992

APPOINTED OFFICERS

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Bro. David A. Bass. Marshal
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Bro. Richard C. Turochy Musician
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(H) 556-2436
Bro. John Gaywood Assistant Tiler
(H) 360-0244

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Bro. Butch Ammon (JD). (H) 754.2930

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INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS:

Wor. Douglas Messimer, Bro. Ben Smith, Bro. Nelson Pruden

C. H. Hilgenhold 1993
W. M. McClintock. 1994
J. Larry Mason. 1995
* L. A. Jackoway. 1996
C. H. Hilgenhold 1997
R. S. Lanier. 1998
* D. G. Thomson. 1999
C. D. Barbour 2000
R. A. Wright. 2001
J. G. Cooke, D.D.G.M. 2002 - 2003
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M 2004
J. T. Quinley. 2005
H. H. Eades, Jr. 2006 - 2007
M. H. Messimer, Jr 2008
B. C. Faison. 2009 – 2010



ASSOCIATE PAST MASTERS

F. G. Martin, III, P.G.M. (344) 1989
G. H. Brooks. (352 & 10) 6 times
J. R. Quinley, P.G.M. (211) 1990
N. E. Vine (Charles River, MA) 1990
S. E. Tuck, Jr (207) 2002 & 2005
J. H. Crowder, P.D.D.G.M. (177) 2004-05
W. R. Heltzel. (10) 2008

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mt. Wor. F. G. Martin, III,
Mt. Wor. J. R. Quinley,
Rt. Wor. C. E. Whitley,
Bro. J. S. Gilmore, III

SEVENTY-YEAR MEMBER

Bro. A. J. Drescher

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. D. J. L. Bloomquist,
W. H. Lawrence, Jr.,
W.G. Lee

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. H. L. Atwell, C. D. Bailey, A. O. Ballinger,
J. B. Datig, R. L. Fagg, III, H. E. Franklin, P. F. Giles,
C. R. Hodge, M. A. House, E. B. Irby, Jr.,
C. P. Johnson, H. C. Jones, D. M. Lovelace,
C. C. McCoy, E. F. McCune, Jr., V.H. Newell,
R. E. Strauss, F. J. Trexler, Jr., R. W. Weitzel,
R. F. Westbury, Sr., J. R. Williams, J. C. Wood,
R. C. Wood, R. A. Wright



LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY

H. L. Atwell, C. D. Bailey, C. D. Barbour,
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*G. F. Burnley, *A. H. Campbell, R. W. Carpenter, Jr.,
*W. R. Cosby, *J. N. Culler, H. H. Eades, Jr.,
R. C. Eades, Sr., *C. L. Farmer, *William P. Gilliam, Jr.,
W. R. Heltzel, B. B. Hubbard, Jr., T. B. Jarrell,
C. P. Johnson, D. M. Lovelace, W. H. Lovern, Jr.,
*T. E. Lyman, Jr., *F. G. Martin, Jr., J. L. Mason,
W.C. McClain, D. Mck. Messimer,
M. H. Messimer Jr., J. D. Mize, *G. N. Pruden,
J. T. Quinley, *W. Y. Roper, Jr., W. Y. Roper, III,
D. W. Samuels, *J. G. Smith, *A. H. Tignor, Jr.,
S. E. Tuck, Jr., *D. E. Wettstone, J. C. Wood,
R. C. Wood, D. E. Wright, D. L. Wright,
R. A. Wright,

* Deceased

Matters of Interest

- * Report any case of illness or distress promptly to the Junior Warden or any officer. *It is extremely important that you tell your spouse, family member, or a friend to inform the Lodge if you are indisposed in any way.*
- * Report any change of residence or e-mail address to our Secretary, Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.
- * Lodge dues are \$83.00 per year (70 years of age or older, the dues are \$72) and were due and payable January 1st.
- * If you need transportation to a Lodge meeting or event, please let the Worshipful Master or any Officer know.
- * Our Virginia Blood Services donation number is 1779.
- * The Lodge Telephone Number is 804-288-5166, voice mail is available.
- * Tuckahoe Masonic Class meets Thursday's at 7:00 P.M. (or Wednesday, if degree work is scheduled Thursday).
- * Robert Lewis Gibbs Class meets every Saturday at 7:00 P.M. at the SRT except, in December.
- * Masters and Wardens - 4th Saturday, 9:00am at Westhampton Lodge, except June, July, August, and December.
- * Masonic Recognition Day: The first day of every month. Wear your Masonic pins and clothing proudly.

What is a Master Mason?

By: Bro. Michael Perrella

A Mason is one man's Journey in finding the truth in Self.

A Mason is a man who sees all people as Equal; I am no better than you than you are of me.

A Mason is someone who sees Character, instead of race, religion, or sexual preference.

*A Mason understands the struggles of his fellow man through this life ship Journey,
and that we trudge the path to Happiness together.*

A Mason is someone who envisions the world we live in, that we all stand as ONE.

*A Mason divests his mind of the superfluities of life, creating a better world for family, community,
state, nation, and his fellow brethren, as GOD oversees the earth.*

*A Mason is someone who protects and reaches out their hand to someone who has fallen,
and fallen again.*

*A Mason is some who gives back to his community by doing charitable work unconditionally
and seeks no reward.*

The Signs & Symbols of Masonry are picked up along the way to write this passage.

A Mason finds joy in life, while searching for internal Light, peace, love and internal Happiness.

But really what is a Mason? A Mason is true Gentleman.

A Mason is someone in his final days, who can look his Maker in the eye and say;

I lived and died as a Master Mason, I did the best I could, great and small.

*Last but not least, I don't need to tell you this because you are a Mason,
but sometimes it's nice to be reminded.*

Stated Communication: First Thursday of every month. Any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia A.F. & A.M. is welcome at our meetings.

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