

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 requests your attendance at the following Communications of your Lodge to be held in the Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, Bethlehem & Dickens Roads, Richmond, Virginia. 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. Take due notice thereof.

## *The Craft at Labor*

### **STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 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: Chicken cordon bleu, wild rice, veggie, dessert, and coffee/tea.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Past Master's Night, Wor. Al Wright presiding - Business - Committee Reports - dual Master Mason's catechism recited by Bros. Voltz and Ammon

Dress code: **Officers: Black Tuxedos**

**Members: Business suit, or coat & tie**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

6:15 P.M. - Light dinner served in the Dining Hall

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

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

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

6:15 P.M. - Light dinner served in the Dining Hall

7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Fellowcraft Degree - Candidate: Christopher Wayne Geary

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

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

6:15 P.M. - Light dinner served in the Dining Hall

7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Master Mason's Degree - Candidate: James Andrew Wegman

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

## *Counting the Years*

581 Years of Masonic Service

Anderson, M.R.	39 <sup>th</sup>
Ballinger, A.O.	60 <sup>th</sup>
Carpenter, R.W., III	25 <sup>th</sup>
Crouch, R.L., Jr.	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dabney, J.A.	10 <sup>th</sup>
Dickinson, B.P.	42 <sup>nd</sup>
Grove, J.R.	43 <sup>rd</sup>

Hanbury, E.C.	27 <sup>th</sup>
Hutchens, W.F.	47 <sup>th</sup>
Johnson, C.P.	59 <sup>th</sup>
Lawrence, W.H., Jr.	69 <sup>th</sup>
McClure, R.A.	11 <sup>th</sup>
Meade, P.M.	11 <sup>th</sup>
Messimer, M.H., Jr.	8 <sup>th</sup>
Moses, C.R., Jr.	27 <sup>th</sup>

Quinley, J.R.	38 <sup>th</sup>
Scelia, K.R.	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sims, D.F.	12 <sup>th</sup>
Tucker, J.P., III	15 <sup>th</sup>
Vassar, B.D.	10 <sup>th</sup>
Watson, E.	11 <sup>th</sup>
Wright, D.E.	10 <sup>th</sup>

### *Our Circle of Concern*

**Bro. Earl Watson** is recovering from a stroke suffered in mid August. He is taking speech therapy and is making good progress. **Bro. Kenny Roach** suffered a fall at home resulting in some bad bruises that will complicate recovery from his recent back surgeries. **Bro. Dick McClure** was hospitalized with blood clot issues as a result of a fall at home just before Labor Day. **Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold, Bros. Hugh Major, and Bernie Wright** still need your thoughts and prayers as they continue recovering their health; as does **Bro. Ben Smith's** Grandfather (**Wor. Ronald Hoffman**) in the Masonic Home in Pennsylvania. He is recovering from a recent bout of pneumonia, and is doing better.

Continue to remember **Bro. John Talbott** in service to our country (in Afghanistan) and **Joshua Davis (RW Bob Carpenter's step-son)** now in Iraq with his National Guard unit. Our Worshipful Master is currently working out of town (in Mongolia) and has placed the Wardens and Lodge officers in charge in his absence. Please remember **Wor. Steve** as he literally 'travels in foreign countries', and we wish him a safe and speedy return to Richmond.

### *From the East...Wor. R. Alton Wright, presiding*

The October Stated Communication on October 6<sup>th</sup> will be Past Masters Night. I deem it an honor and a privilege to be in the East, and all of the chairs will be occupied by Past Masters. This will be unique in that four chairs will be occupied by two sets of brothers, brothers Rt. Wor. Rob Eades and Wor. Herb Eades in the West and South, respectively, and brothers Wor. Marshall Messimer and Wor. Doug Messimer Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon, respectively. We hope to have a large number of Past Masters present, and I urge each one of you to make a special effort to be present to honor our Past Masters.

A special program has been planned. Brother Butch Ammon and Brother Tom Voltz, two of our own, will recite a dual Master Mason's catechism under the guidance of Rt. Wor. Jack Cooke. This will be the first time that this has been done in our Lodge in many years. I know that you will not want to miss this.

Your Past Masters would love to see you at Lodge on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring a Brother with you.

### *From the Secretary's Desk... Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.*

#### THE COWBOY CODE

Many of us grew up in much simpler times. Television was in its infancy, and the idea of a hero was exemplified in the white-hatted cowboy. There was a clarity and simplicity to such a hero's moral code that left no doubt there is a right and a wrong.

As we became more sophisticated, especially during our college years, it was easy to ridicule these simplistic approaches to ethics and living. Yet, the more we have learned, especially from Masonry, the more we have come to think that there is as much danger in complicating our choices into endless shades of gray, as there is in over analyzing them.

As Masons we strive to fulfill these promises in our everyday lives, by taking the high road of ethics and morals. Sure, there are extenuating circumstances and exceptions that challenge the validity of every ethical principal, but on the whole we need clear prescriptive guidelines of virtue. Such guidelines are provided in the quaintly old-fashioned 'Cowboy Code' promoted by our late Brother Gene Autry.

1. Don't shoot first, hit a smaller man, or take unfair advantage of someone.
2. Don't go back on your word or a trust confided in you.
3. Tell the truth.
4. Be gentle with children, the elderly, and animals.
5. Don't advocate or possess racially or religiously intolerant ideas.
6. Help people in distress.
7. Be a good worker.
8. Keep yourself clean in thought, speech, action, and personal habits.
9. Respect women, parents, and the law.
10. Be patriotic.

Consider this code and think about how it can, or should, be updated. Although probably older than most all of us, it is still functional for every Mason in our everyday lives and needs hardly any changes. This Code still works.

(Adapted and revised from an article by Roy Steinfeld, The Scottish Rite Reporter, Long Beach, CA.)

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 \* P.L. Ruehrmund . . . . . 1927  
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### *Matters of Interest*

- \* 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 January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- \* 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.

### *Coming Events*

**MAHOVA Family Day:** At the Home....October 8...get there early, it's always a great event!

**Stated Communication:** November 3...Junior Warden's Night

**233<sup>rd</sup> Grand Annual Communication:** Ramada Plaza Hotel... November 9-12

**Past Master's Degree:** November 18...7:00PM - Tuckahoe will again confer this degree on those Brethren requiring it for election to the office of Jr. Warden in their Lodge.

### **Did you know...??**

During the 'recent unpleasantness'....In Charleston, Lt. George Dixon was commander of the Confederate submarine CSS Hunley. When he boarded that little vessel on Feb. 17, 1864, he carried with him a Masonic membership badge from Mobile Lodge No. 40.

The Hunley sank the USS Housatonic that night, becoming the first submarine to sink an enemy vessel. But the Hunley was also sunk, and the lodge badge went to the bottom of Charleston Harbor along with its owner. They would stay there for 136 years. The Hunley was finally lifted off the bottom, in August of 2000. Three years later the bones of Lt. Dixon and his crew were buried in a Charleston cemetery. Bro. Dixon was buried with Masonic rites, performed by the modern-day members of Mobile Lodge No. 40.

To be remembered by acquaintances after a month is good. To be remembered by friends after twenty years is heart-warming. To be remembered by brothers after 136 years is to be a Mason.



.....another nugget from the quarry.

Our Stated Communication: First Thursday of every month. On the Internet at: [www.tuckahoelodge347.org](http://www.tuckahoelodge347.org)

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