

1923 - 2011



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

# *Tuckahoe Lodge*

## *No. 347*

*A.F. & A.M.*

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



*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, DECEMBER 1st, 2011 \* please note time changes \***

**5:30 P.M.** - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business - Committee reports – Election - Call to Refreshment

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

**6:30 P.M.** - Dinner in the Lodge Dining Hall, prepared by Chef Bro. Michael Perrella

The menu includes: Appetizer, Ham, roasted potatoes, green beans, coffee/tea.

Following dinner - All assemble in the Lodge room for the annual memorial service with special music provided by Bros. Dick Turochy and Butch Ammon, presentation of our first J. Ned Culler Award for Masonic Excellence, and the installation of our officers for 2012.

Following the installation - Call to Labor - Open Lodge of Sorrow - Close Master Mason's Lodge

Dress code: **Current Officers, and those to be installed – Black Tuxedo**

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

### *Counting the Years*

115 years of Masonic Service

Lee, W.G. 61<sup>st</sup>

Newell, V.H. 51<sup>st</sup>

Perrella, M.P. 3<sup>rd</sup>

### *Our Circle of Concern*

Joshua Davis (RW Bob Carpenter's step-son) is scheduled to return from service in Iraq before the end of the year. Mentioned at the November stated were: Bro. Kenny Roach who was scheduled for a heart cath in mid November. Kenny has returned to work a couple of hours a week, but still has back problems. Others mentioned as they recover their health are; Bros. Buddy Lanier, Art Gregory, Bill Ferguson, Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold, and Bro. Rudy Rowe's wife (Rebecca). Bro. Ben Smith's Grandfather (Wor. Ronald Hoffman) in the Masonic Home in Pennsylvania has been mentioned in our circle for quite some time. He recently encountered more health problems, and entered eternal rest on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to Bro. Ben and his family. It's extremely important that you tell your spouse, family member, or a friend to inform the Lodge if you are indisposed in any way. As new needs come to light we add them to the web site, and they will be shared at the stated communication. A phone call or card is always appreciated to those on the list....and please; remember them in your conversations with God.



*M.W. William Talbott Ellison, Jr. Grand Master of Masons in Virginia*

## ***Called to the Celestial Lodge***

**Wor. Norman Edward Vine**

**Entered Apprentice: 9/8/1982**

**Fellowcraft: 10/13/1982**

**Master Mason: 11/10/1982**

**All degrees received in Charles River Lodge, Massachusetts.**

**Served as Worshipful Master of Charles River in 1990**

**Entered the Celestial Lodge: 11/13/2011**

### ***From the East...Wor. Douglas M. Messimer (WM 1981) presiding***

It has been a very long time since I have presided in the East for a Stated Communication, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity. I invite you to join us as, under dispensation, we open the Lodge at 5:30 to efficiently conduct the necessary business, hold our annual election of officers led by Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter, Jr., then call to refreshment to join our ladies and friends for a great dinner. Following the meal we'll all assemble in the Lodge room for our annual memorial service, presentation of the first J. Ned Culler Award for Masonic Excellence, and a public installation of your leaders for 2012. Come join us, bring your Lady with you and spend an evening of good fellowship with your brethren.

Tuckahoe has for many years enjoyed a reputation of being a friendly Lodge, a Lodge that performs excellent ritual, remembers and assists our own and others in our community, and we have some fun together along the way. We will strive to continue that direction under the guidance of a new Master in 2012. I invite you to come share in our fellowship, meet the new Master Masons we raised this year, or visit with some brethren you perhaps haven't seen for awhile. It's all part of Masonry.....and it's so good to be part of it!

Congratulations to one of our own are in order, my Brethren. Rt. Wor. Rob Eades has been appointed as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work. The Grand Lecturer has named Rob to the position of Division Lecturer for Districts 17 and 26. Rob's position as D.I.W. for District's 15-A and C will be filled by Rt. Wor. James Duke.

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

The celebration of Christmas comes down to today from pre-historic times. Roman festivals lasted for weeks in December and in 137 AD, the Bishop of Rome ordered that the birthday of The Christ child be celebrated as a solemn feast. Germanic tribes celebrated mid-winter with feasts and religious rituals.

Jesus of Nazareth is thought, in some circles, to have been born in the spring. Pope Saint Julius I, however, decreed in 350 AD that December 25<sup>th</sup> would be the celebration of his birth, as he wanted to inject some religious ritual into the mid-winter celebrations. Christmas (the Mass of Christ) was born.

Although never celebrated in biblical times, Christmas is celebrated across America in praise of the fact that God loved us so much, he sent his only son to earth. Christmas was declared a Federal Holiday in America on June 26, 1870, during the period of reconstruction, by President Ulysses S. Grant, and has been celebrated as such since that time. It is also interesting to note that when Charles Dickens published his story 'A Christmas Carol' in 1843 written during a six-week period in October and November, the U.S. Government was a Scrooge and remained so for another 27 years.

Where, you ask, does Santa Claus fit into this equation? St. Nicholas, a bishop in Turkey in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, was known for good deeds involving children. His feast day was celebrated on December 6<sup>th</sup> until about the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It eventually became a part of the December 25<sup>th</sup> celebrations by association. Dutch children left shoes by the fireplace for St. Nicholas or "Sinter Klaas" and also left food for his horse. "Sinter Klaas" would drop candy down the chimneys into the children's shoes, and his assistant popped down chimneys to leave presents. Dutch settlers brought the legend of "Sinter Klaas" to America, where we came to know him as Santa Claus.

Christmas, therefore, is both a seasonal celebration of winter and a religious celebration honoring the birth of Christ, and observed every year by Masons around the world. Today, however, unlike the world in 1870, it is a mixture of both with, as any economist will confirm, quite a bit of materialism thrown in.

May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with warmth and love. May the grace of Our Mighty Father be with you all during this season of the year. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## ELECTED OFFICERS

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### MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:

Bro. Byron B. Hubbard, Jr. (D.M.H.A. 15-C) . . . . . (H) 270-1119

### BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM:

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Bro. Ben Smith, Webmaster  
Bro. Nelson Pruden, Print production & mailing

## 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  
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\* 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  
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\* 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  
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, P.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  
J. R. Quinley, P.G.M. . . . . (211) 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

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D. J. L. Bloomquist,  
W.G. Lee,  
A. O. Ballinger

### FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. H. L. Atwell, C. P. Johnson, R. C. Wood,  
D. M. Lovelace, J. C. Wood, C. D. Bailey,  
M. A. House, J. R. Williams, C. C. McCoy,  
R. F. Westbury, Sr., H. E. Franklin, E. B. Irby, Jr.,  
J. B. Datig, E. F. McCune, Jr., R. W. Weitzel,  
P. F. Giles, C. R. Hodge, F. J. Trexler, Jr.,  
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R. A. Wright, V.H. Newell, F. E. Proffitt,  
B. S. Martin, L.W. Young



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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.,  
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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 change of residence or e-mail address to our Secretary, Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.
- \* Lodge dues for 2012 are \$93.00 (age 70 or older, the dues are \$82) and are 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.

### *News & Announcements*

Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm you and your family are invited to take part in the annual Christmas Party, in our dining hall, jointly sponsored by the brethren of Richmond Lodge No. 10, St. John's 36, and Tuckahoe. Plenty of good food and fellowship, and a nice way to begin the holiday season.

Best wishes for the holiday season to all. We encourage you to visit other Lodges during December, share in the Masonic fellowship and enjoy a good meal with your brethren. We have degree work on the Trestleboard for January, possibly an EA degree, and there are 2 brothers scheduled to pass to the Fellowcraft degree on January 19th. Plan to be there and support the candidates and your officers.

*Now just relax if you will as I share this short verse,  
And perhaps some wisdom, to you I'll disperse.  
Think back to the day when as a Mason you were brand new,  
And of all the experiences and things you went through.*

*We can all have good, warm thoughts if we just reminisce,  
And now, for that wisdom, I leave you with this.  
A Freemason is much more than the sum of his parts,  
You need only look for the goodness that's deep in our hearts.*

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.....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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*The officers and brethren of Tuckahoe Lodge cordially invite you to attend an evening of fellowship, celebration, and ceremony.*

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