

1923 - 2012



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

### OUR 1,066<sup>th</sup> STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- 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: Grilled Chicken, broccoli, black-eyed peas & stewed tomatoes, dessert, and coffee/tea.
- 7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business - Committee Reports - Comments from the Master - 2012 Budget – Dress code: **Officers and Members - Business suit, or coat & tie**

### CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- 6:15 P.M. - Light dinner served in the Dining Hall
- 7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Fellowcraft degree-Candidates: Paul Lee Speight and Darrell Ray Holcombe  
Dress code: **Officers and Members - Business suit, or coat & tie**

## Counting the Years

(578 years of service)

Conner, R.H.	46 <sup>th</sup>	Franklin, H.E.	56 <sup>th</sup>	Smith, S.C.	48 <sup>th</sup>
Crowder, J.H.	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Gilmore, J.S., III	29 <sup>th</sup>	Strong, N.T.	39 <sup>th</sup>
Davis, S.P.	1 <sup>st</sup>	House, M.A.	57 <sup>th</sup>	Talbott, J.H.	4 <sup>th</sup>
Evans, J.T.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jones, H.C.	54 <sup>th</sup>	Todd, J.B.	17 <sup>th</sup>
Fagg, R.L., III	54 <sup>th</sup>	Lovelace, D.M.	58 <sup>th</sup>	Wood, F.S., Jr.	47 <sup>th</sup>
		Matich, N.T.	30 <sup>th</sup>		

## Our Circle of Concern

The circle of concern list has grown....those mentioned at the December Stated Communication were: Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold, Bros. Buddy Lanier, Butch Hubbard, Dick McClure, Art Gregory, John Gaywood's wife (Dorothy), Paul Meade's niece (in England), Bill Ferguson, David Smith, Rudy Rowe's wife (Rebecca), Lin Schwartz, Floyd Bowen, Kenny Roach, Earl Watson, Dorman Watts, and Bernie Wright's widow, Shelby.

Report any case of illness or distress promptly to the Junior Warden or any officer. 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.

**Just in case you need one....**an updated Member/LMIP/Masonic Veteran list is available on the web page, and printed copies are also on the desk in the Lodge Library.

### *From the East..... Gray W. Bradford, Worshipful Master*

As the sun sets on 2011, we reflect upon some of our major accomplishments of the past few months. Past Master's Night, in October was a rousing success with approximately 50 men attending including 13 Past Masters.

Another noteworthy event was the December stated meeting when a Past Master sat in the East and oversaw the activities of our Open Installation and inaugural presentation of the Ned Culler Award to Right Worshipful Robert Wales Carpenter, Jr. At this event, we had 80-plus members and guests present.

Over the past few weeks, I have attended several officer installations of Lodges and none were conducted at the level of quality that Tuckahoe #347 was done.

I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to serve for 2012, both elected and appointed. A very positive outcome we carry into 2012 is that our Lodge had become cohesive within its membership and officers. On every occasion when a Brother been asked to perform a duty or task it has been carried out to the best of his ability.

2012 promises to be a positively directed year for Tuckahoe. It is my honor that you have elected me to serve as your Worshipful Master and we will proceed in true Masonic direction in the upcoming year.

An important date is Wednesday, January 4. All officers are asked to attend an organizational meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Each member is also cordially encouraged to attend as we plan for 2012. Bring forth ideas and suggestions, as we determine the direction of Tuckahoe for 2012.

Happy New Year and Blessings to all. Fraternally yours, Gray W. Bradford.

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

Knowledge and wisdom is a part of your life and the lives of those you touch every day. Consider for a moment how those two words, knowledge and wisdom, can affect your life and make you a better man, a better husband, a better father, a better friend, a better Mason.

We are faced with many difficult tasks in our lives. Sometimes we are successful and sometimes we are not, but we continue to work hard so one day we will be successful. Sometimes we are rewarded for our success and other times we may fail in our endeavors. We should set our goals and obtain success. But not everything in our lives follows this plan, and no matter how hard we plan for success, we may still find the many roads in life blocking our advancement.

Many people work but fail to enjoy what they do. Work becomes a labor instead of a career of enjoyment. You have to be passionate in what you do, but this doesn't always have to relate to a career. This should also relate as that of giving to others. Many times this could be anything from money to advice. Sometimes a person might need someone to listen to. This could also be considered labor in your career.

If things don't go right in your life or career you must be prepared to make a change. Everyone has been faced with this decision in his or her lives. In today's society we see people willing to make a change for their own survivability. Many times this change involves education and the willingness to learn a new profession or skill. As Masons, we have been given a gift to help others.

Every man should seek wisdom so he can make a difference in his life and that of others. Every Mason should transmit this wisdom, because this wisdom and knowledge bring honor, understanding, and self worth in every man that can convey it to others. Knowledge is power, and Wisdom is truly a gift that every man should seek in his own life.

A fitting end to this first message for the New Year is to remind you of your obligation to the Lodge. If your dues have been paid, I applaud you. If they have not, please consider sending them in as soon as possible. Remember that Tuckahoe Lodge has obligations, also.

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

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Wor. Marshall H. Messimer, Jr. . . . . Marshal  
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Bro. Richard C. Turochy . . . . . Musician  
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Bro. John T. Gaywood . . . . . Tiler  
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Wor. J. Larry Mason . . . . . (H) 741-5736  
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Bro. Don Bloomquist

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Bro. Nelson Pruden, Print production & mailing

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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  
C. H. Hilgenhold . . . . . 1993  
W. M. McClintock . . . . . 1994  
J. L. 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  
S. M. Przybyla . . . . . 2011



**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

### SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

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

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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.,  
R. L. Fagg, III, H. C. Jones, R. E. Strauss,  
R. A. Wright, V.H. Newell, F. E. Proffitt,  
B. S. Martin, L.W. Young



### LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY

H. L. Atwell, C. D. Bailey, C. D. Barbour,  
G. W. Boswell, \*R. L. Boswell, Jr., \*R. L. Boswell, Sr.,  
\*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

- \* Masonic Recognition Day: The first day of every month. Wear your Masonic pins and clothing proudly.
- \* If you need transportation to a Lodge meeting or event, please let the Worshipful Master or any Officer know.
- \* Report any change of residence or e-mail address to our Secretary, Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.
- \* Your Lodge dues for 2012 are \$93.00 (\$82 for age 70 or older) and were due January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- \* The Lodge Telephone Number is 804-288-5166, voice mail is available.
- \* Our Virginia Blood Services donation number is 1779.
- \* Tuckahoe Masonic Class meets Thursday's at 7:00 P.M. (or Wednesday, if degree work is scheduled Thursday).
- \* Robert Lewis Gibbs Class of Instruction meets every Saturday, 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.

### Coming Events

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** ...our first blood drive of the year in memory of Mt. Wor. Albert Hugh Tignor. Plan to be there and give the gift of life. Breakfast at 8am...donors needed from 8:30 to noon.

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** ...Official visit of Rt. Wor. Ronald L. Carter, DDGM Masonic District 15-C

**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** ...DEO/DIW School, 6pm at the SRT

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** ...Division Leadership Conference 8:30am at the SRT.

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** ...DEO/DIW School, 6pm at the SRT

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** ...Official Visit of Mt. Wor. Terry Ellison to Tuckahoe Lodge.

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** ...Our second Blood Drive, at the Lodge from 8:30am till noon...breakfast at 8am

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** ...Official visit of the Grand Master to Districts 15-A, B, and C

**Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** ...DEO/DIW school, 6pm at the SRT

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** ...District Memorial Service, 3pm at Forest Lawn Cemetery

**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** ...DEO/DIW school, 6pm at the SRT

**Wednesday-Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** ...Robert Lewis Gibbs School of Masonic Instruction at the SRT

**Sunday-Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>** ...Reid J. Simmons Academy at Fork Union



...Another nugget from the quarry: We've all read about or have been told of The Holy Saints John... two of them, right? But there was a third St. John, the example of whose life also merits emulation by members of our gentle Craft. Read about 'The Third Saint John', the January nugget under the Masonic Education link. Also, there is a new link for the 'J. Ned Culler Award' that was presented at the December Stated. It is a most appropriate way to acknowledge the legacy of a beloved brother and friend.

**Blood Drive statistics:** Last year Tuckahoe had donations in excess of 46 units. Next drive is in February... be there to support your Lodge and give the gift of life.

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

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