

Tuckahoe Lodge 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

OUR 1,068th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, MARCH 1st, 2012 - 89 years of Masonic service!

- 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: Pork Loin, mashed potatoes, veggie, dessert, and coffee/tea.
- 7:15 P.M. - Special program in the dining hall for our Ladies while the brethren attend to the business of the Lodge.
- 7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge – Official Visit of Ronald L. Carter, DDGM Masonic District 15-C - Business - Committee Reports -
Dress code: **Officers - Tuxedo with black accessories**
Members - Business suit, or coat & tie

CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, MARCH 15th , 2012

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

Counting the Years

(671 years of Masonic Service)

Ammon, C.S., Jr.	2 nd	Hilgenhold, C.H.	28 th	Strauss, R.E.	53 rd
Clifton, R.L.	25 th	Irby, E.B., Jr.	56 th	Terry, W.S., Jr.	33 rd
Cooke, J.G.	25 th	Lanier, M.S., II	39 th	Vidrick, R.L.	29 th
Elicerio, J.P.J.M.	7 th	Mustian, W.T.	10 th	Watts, D.F.	6 th
Fadool, J.E.	36 th	Powell, B.B., Jr.	38 th	Webb, W.T.	2 nd
Farmer, G.J., III	30 th	Richardson, E.T.	41 st	Wegman, J.B.	28 th
Figg, C.D.	44 th	Schrimsher, E.F.	33 rd	Wetzel, E.C.	4 th
Harlin, M.E.	5 th	Stone, J.S.	48 th	Wood, A.E.	49 th

Our Circle of Concern

An update on those we have mentioned here the last couple of months: Bro. Nelson Pruden was back in Lodge after recent surgery and is doing well. Kenny Roach is still at home recovering and hopes to join us next month. Earl Watson joined us for dinner, and says he is getting better each day. Butch Hubbard is doing better as well. Continue to keep these brethren in your thoughts: Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold, Bros. Buddy Lanier, Art Gregory, John Gaywood's wife (Dorothy), Paul Meade's niece (in England), Bill Ferguson, David Smith, and Dorman Watts. We received a nice letter from Wor. Clawson Barbour in North Carolina. He has visited a local Lodge there and is enjoying the fellowship, but misses the brethren at Tuckahoe. It was good to see Bro. John Talbot back in Lodge after his safe return from military service to our country. Charlotte Simmons, wife of Bro. Graham Simmons, Jr., was laid to rest on January 27th. Please remember brother Graham in your prayers..

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

On Friday, February 17th Tuckahoe Lodge #347 was honored to receive The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mt. Wor. Francisco Gomes de Silva, and The Grand Secretary of Foreign Relations, Rt. Wor. Vojislav Aleksandar Jovanovic. Mt. Wor. De Silva spent several days touring Masonic venues in Richmond, Washington, Alexandria, and Williamsburg including the Masonic Home of Virginia, the Grand Lodge Library and Museum and the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. At Tuckahoe, we were proud to show them the beautiful murals and paintings located on the walls of our Lodge Room.

On Thursday, March 1 at our stated meeting, we will receive the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 15C, Right Worshipful Ronald L. Carter. Your Lodge officers have rehearsed diligently to present our District Deputy Grand Master in proper decorum. Please plan to attend our stated meeting, dinner at 6:15, Lodge opens at 7:15 and share in the evenings' activities. Your ladies are cordially invited to attend and hear a special horticultural program presented by Melinda Crouch. Dress for officers is tuxedos.

There are several important dates to add to your calendars. On March 15th we have a Called Communication to pass two Entered Apprentices to the degree of Fellowcraft. Bro. Carter S. Ammon, Jr. and Bro. James A. Dabney will preside in the East respectively. Activities for the summer include a fish fry in June and retirement of flags ceremony in July. Brethren, please come out and support your officers and brothers

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

People sometimes refer to Freemasonry as being a "Secret Society." In one sense the statement is true. Any social group or private business is "secret" in the sense that its business meetings may be open only to its members. In Freemasonry, the process of joining is also a private matter, and its members are pledged not to discuss with non-members certain parts of the ceremonies associated with the organization.

Freemasonry does have certain handshakes and passwords, customs incorporated into later fraternities, which are kept private. They are means of recognizing each other — necessary in an organization which spans the entire world and which encompasses many languages.

The tradition of using handshakes and passwords was very common in the Middle Ages, when the ability to identify oneself as belonging to a building or trade guild often made the difference in getting a job or in obtaining help for yourself and family. Today, Freemasons make the same pledge to every member that he will be offered assistance if he, or his family, ever requests it.

Freemasonry can't be called a "secret society" in a literal sense. A truly 'secret' society forbids its members to disclose that they belong to the organization, or that it even exists. Much of the Masonic ritual in other Grand Jurisdictions is in books called "Monitors", or other names, that are widely available, even in public libraries and on the Internet. Most Freemasons wear rings and lapel pins which clearly identify them as members of the fraternity. Masonic Lodges are listed in public phone books, Masonic buildings are clearly marked, and in many areas of the country Masonic Lodges place signs on the roads leading into town, along with civic organizations, showing the time and place of meetings.

In terms of what it does, what it teaches, who belongs, and where it meets, there are no secrets in Freemasonry! It is a private fraternal association of men who contribute much toward the public good, while enjoying the benefits of the brotherhood of a fraternity.

Adapted from the Long Beach Scottish Rite Reporter, Bro. Harold Kennedy.

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FUNERAL:

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

GREETERS:

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 Bro. Don Bloomquist

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Wor. Douglas Messimer, Trestleboard & web updates (H) 270-3454
 Bro. Ben Smith, Webmaster
 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,
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.,
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.,
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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 1st.
- * 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

Wednesday, March 21st ...DEO/DIW School, 6pm at the SRT

Saturday, March 24th ...Division Leadership Conference 8:30am at the SRT.

Saturday, April 7thOur rescheduled Blood drive in memory of Mt. Wor. Albert Tignor, 8:30 -12:30

Saturday, April 14th ...Orient-wide Scottish Rite Spring Reunion at the SRT, 8:00am - 5:45pm

Wednesday, April 18th ...DEO/DIW School, 6pm at the SRT

Thursday, May 3rdOfficial Visit of Mt. Wor. Terry Ellison to Tuckahoe Lodge.

Saturday, May 12th...Official visit of the Grand Master to Districts 15-A, B, and C at the ACCA Shrine temple

Wednesday, May 16th...DEO/DIW school, 6pm at the SRT

Sunday, June 3rd...District Memorial Service, 3pm at Forest Lawn Cemetery

Friday, June 8th ...Tuckahoe's annual Fish-Fry dinner 4:00-7:30Pm....and our second blood drive 3-7PM...come give the gift of life and enjoy a great meal. Bring the family and neighbors.

Wednesday, June 20th...DEO/DIW school, 6pm at the SRT.

Thursday, July 5th...Brief stated communication - followed by a family picnic and special program by the National Sojourners, and a U.S. flag retirement ceremony. <http://www.nationalsojourners.org/>

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

Sunday-Wednesday, July 29th-August 1st...Reid J. Simmons Academy at Fork Union

Thursday, August 9th....conferring of the Rusty Nail degree - details to be announced.



The Tuckahoe Masonic coin that many of us carry today is certainly nothing new in the fraternity. This 8 Reales Mexican coin was counterpunched by a brother with his initials and the square & compasses in 1787. The coin was actually minted in 1786 but was never put in circulation. The mint took leftover coins from the previous year and ran them through the mint presses again in 1787 causing an over-date error of 1787/6, which is quite rare.

Our Stated Communication: First Thursday of every month.

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