

Tuckahoe Lodge 347

A.F. & A.M.



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

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*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 1,069th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, APRIL 5th, 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: Chipotle chicken, black beans & rice, salad, dessert, and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business - Committee Reports - Nominations for DDGM and alternate for 2014 - Program: A Nugget from the Quarry... 'The Art of Tubal-Cain'.

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

CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, APRIL 19th, 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

(398 Years of Masonic Service)

Bates, G.G.	17 th	Josey, G.L.	36 th	Nuckols, C.W., III	12 th
Datig, J.B.	56 th	Keeton, R.R.	21 st	Proffitt, F.E.	51 st
Davis, R.G.	7 th	Major, H.E., Jr.	8 th	Walker, E.L.	46 th
Hott, R.C.	11 th	Myers, R.L.	29 th	Winchester, P.C.	25 th
Hughes, E.R.	43 rd			Woolard, J.L.	36 th

Our Circle of Concern

Bro. Kenny Roach was back in Lodge at the March stated communication and is improving daily. Continue to keep these in your thoughts: Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold, Bro. Nelson Pruden, Bro. Earl Watson, and our Tiler John Gaywood's wife (Dorothy). Bro. Bernard Paul Dickinson began receiving chemo at Massey Cancer Center in early March. Bro. Charlie Nuckols' wife, Nancy, passed away March 13th. Nancy was also Bro. Wes Nuckols mother. Our sympathies to the family.

Be sure to 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.

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

Though the official date of spring only arrived March 20th, we may think summer is here! The time has changed to Daylight Savings Time making our afternoons longer and brighter; the daffodils and shadbushes are blooming; and the temperatures are warm! Welcome to Spring!

On Thursday, April 5th we will have our Stated Meeting. At this meeting, there are several business items for our attention and one of our own, Worshipful Douglas Messimer, will present our program dealing with nuggets from the quarries of Free Masonry. Remember Brethren that your Ladies are always welcome to join us for dinner at 6:15 p.m. prior to our meetings.

I would like to thank the Lodge Officers and Brethren for the excellent reception of Right Worshipful Ronald L. Carter, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 15C. The evening was terrific and we did ourselves proud. Remember Brethren that in our meeting scheduled for May 3rd, we will have the honor of receiving Most Worshipful William Talbot Ellison, Jr.

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

'INITIATION' – A LIFE ALTERING EVENT

Ritual has existed elsewhere in our society to similar good ends. A special form of ritual is initiation. Though in a broad sense initiation can denote any ceremony which receives someone into a group, let us define it as a ritual intended to admit a candidate into a society possessing secret knowledge, and calculated to produce a life altering transformation. Wow! What a mouthful!

Ritual and ceremony are not the same thing, although closely related. For those participating, ceremonies provide an external expression to an internal process. Without that internal act, the ceremony cannot achieve the desired effect. Ritual is intended to be more than mere ceremony. But unless the candidate desires change, internalizes the experience, and then acts upon it in a positive way, nothing will change in his nature or in his life.

Consider a wedding as both ceremony and ritual. For those attending and observing it is a ceremony filled with tradition and nearly always a joyous occasion. It is a set of acts performed on a special occasion much like a play. But for the couple it is ritual that unites two adults into one, that redefines the relationship between their families and forms a bond intended to survive and flourish through all adversities. For the couple the wedding ritual is a life-altering event.

Masonic ritual is much the same. The ritual of initiation redefines the relationship of the candidate between himself and his Lodge, his brethren, and his friends and family. The ceremony of the Entered Apprentice Degree is also filled with tradition and nearly always a joyous occasion. For the candidate, the ceremony of initiation and the ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree forms a bond intended to survive and flourish throughout the candidate's life and throughout all adversities. It is a life-altering event.

Support your Lodge and its officers as they use both ceremony and ritual, filled with tradition, to make our candidate's experience of initiation a life-altering event. Help build the strong ties that will bind the candidate to Masonry throughout his life. Come to Lodge and participate.

My thanks to Ron Watkins and the Philalethes Magazine for a portion of these thoughts.

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* 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

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B. S. Martin, L.W. Young

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W.C. McClain, D. Mck. Messimer,
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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

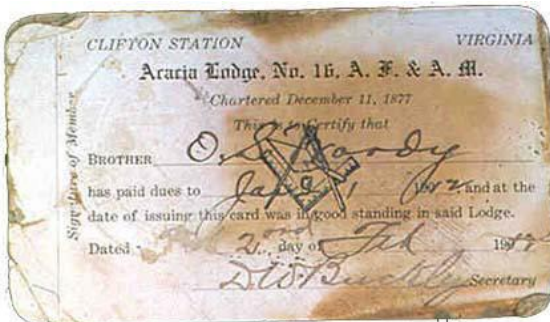


Matters of Interest

- * 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

Saturday, April 7th....Our 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, 6:00 pm at the SRT
 Thursday, May 3rd....Official Visit of Mt. Wor. Terry Ellison to Tuckahoe Lodge.
 Wednesday, May 16th...DEO/DIW school, 6:00 pm at the SRT
 Sunday, June 3rd...District Memorial Service, 3:00 pm at Forest Lawn Cemetery
 Friday, June 8th...Tuckahoe's annual Fish-Fry dinner 4:00-7:30Pm....and our second blood drive 3:00-7:00PM...come give the gift of life and enjoy a great meal. Bring the family and neighbors.
 Friday, June 15th... Official visit of the Grand Master to Districts 15-A, B, and C at the SRT.
 Wednesday, June 20th...DEO/DIW school, 6:00 pm at the SRT.
 Thursday, July 5th...Brief stated communication - followed by a 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.



Brother Oscar Woody was one of five Postal workers on the Titanic. He was born April 15, 1868 and died on his 44th birthday in the sinking of that great ship. When his body was found floating on the ocean his personal effects included a Masonic pocket knife and his dues card from Acacia Lodge No. 16 in Clifton Station (now known as Clifton, in Fairfax county). The beautiful commemorative medal depicted at the top of page 1 was issued by the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2008.



...Another nugget from the quarry...

Our Stated Communication: First Thursday of every month.

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