

# 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 Communication of your Lodge to be held in the Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, Bethlehem & Dickens Road, 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 1,074th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

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

6:15 P.M. - Dinner in the Lodge Dining Hall. Please invite your Lady to join us.

The menu includes: Chinese Pork, Chicken, and Shrimp, with fried rice, spring rolls, and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge --Business - Committee Reports -- Program: The Founding of Tuckahoe Lodge - by Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter and Wor. Al Wright.

Dress code: **Officers and Members – Casual slacks and collared shirt – no shorts**

## *Counting the Years*

286 Years of Masonic Service

Clevinger, H.C.	40 <sup>th</sup>	Gates, C.H., III	13 <sup>th</sup>	McGavic, R.L.	20 <sup>th</sup>
Collins, R.L.	40 <sup>th</sup>	Harlin, E.F., Jr.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mendenhall, S.R.	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Eades, H.H., Jr.	49 <sup>th</sup>	Lanier, R.S.	19 <sup>th</sup>	Whitley, C.E.	47 <sup>th</sup>
Elicerio, J.M.	27 <sup>th</sup>	McClure, R.D.	23 <sup>rd</sup>		

## *Our Circle of Concern*

Continue to remember Bros. Nelson Pruden, Kenny Roach and family in the recent death of his son-in-law; also, John Gaywood and his wife Dorothy, Dick McClure (undergoing additional chemo), Earl Watson, Hugh Jones, Bernard Paul Dickenson who was back in the hospital again. Remember Wor. Clawson Barbour, and Wor. Jerry Harmon (PM of Richmond #10) as he continues to recover from recent kidney surgery.

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.

## *Called to the Celestial Lodge*

**Worshipful Charles Herman "Chuck" Hilgenhold**

EA: 01/12/1984 FC: 02/17/1984 MM: 03/30/1984

Served as Worshipful Master in 1993 and 1997 Entered Eternal Rest 08/08/2012

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

As we begin to feel a bit of change in the weather – it must be Fall coming! Thanks to all those who participated in the Rusty Nail Degree on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The degree was well done and provided a wonderful refresher in Masonic knowledge.

At our September Stated we will celebrate Founder’s Night for Tuckahoe Lodge. An excellent program is planned for that evening, Thursday, September 6th. Knowledgeable Lodge Brethren will present our program. Additionally, a special dinner is in the offing.

Finally, it will be our last meeting this calendar year with *business casual* attire – no shorts, please. We suppose that means summer will be over! October will be Past Mater’s Night with Worshipful Todd Quinley sitting in the East. Come out, join in, support your Lodge, and be involved with our wonderful fraternity.

***From The South... Ray I. Crouch JR, Junior Warden***

Dear Brothers, I want to thank everyone for making our 8th annual Fish Fry a success. Thanks to your support we made \$1245.00 for our lodge. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and the food and fellowship was great. Thanks to Brother Nelson Pruden for printing our tickets, Wor. Doug Messimer who printed all our letters and Wor. Marshall Messimer Jr. for handling the Blood drive at the fish fry. A special thanks to Wor. Herb Eades who sent out all of the tickets and handled the money for the lodge. Thanks to Brother Dick McClure who bought all the food and is the best fish-fryer anyone could hope for, and to Dick’s son, Rick, who cooked our Hush puppies and fries.

Thanks to Charlie Longest who let us borrow his fish fryer. Finally a special thanks to all my volunteers who worked that day. It was a long day but fun. I wish I could put this team on the football field this year because I know I would not lose a game. Everyone's great effort reminded me of something I already knew. My masonic Brothers were there when I needed them, and I cannot thank you all enough. A great team Masonic effort. One last thing I would like to do on the fish fry. Brother Jim Dabney suggested we meet one more time and discuss how we could improve things for next year. I think this is a great idea and I will schedule a meeting for September before one of our practices on Thursday.

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

***The Pursuit of Human Perfection***

Humanity is unique among living creatures in its capacity to understand good and evil and to choose between them. Whether we call it morality or ethics, whether we think in terms of our souls or our character, all who have pondered the purpose and potential of human life conclude that a virtuous life is the best life. The overriding theme is the pursuit of human perfection and the obligation of each person to continually assess and improve his or her character, or as M. Kaplan put it, “to seek reconstruction of our personalities in accordance with the highest ethical possibilities of human nature.”

The idea is to pause from our daily lives and sit in objective judgment of ourselves, to examine the state of our souls, to hold ourselves accountable, and to acknowledge any gaps between our conscience and our conduct, between the standards we profess and the actions we perform. Just as Masons remembering our Obligations that we took at the altar, we may not always have the moral strength to bridge the gap between our ideals and our actions, but we have the moral duty to try. Our sins and shortcomings are compounded when we ignore or accept them.

We, therefore, are given four specific tasks during our lifetime: 1) reflect, 2) repent, 3) seek forgiveness, and 4) forgive those who ask forgiveness. Although, in many instances, this process is clothed in religious ritual, these concepts are equally powerful in the context of our everyday lives.

As Masons, we need to strive for the morality and ethics which are taught in our Masonic Degrees. September is the right time to start on this journey which will identify you for the future. Come to Lodge and renew your moral and ethical tasks to carry you through the rest of your life.

As a closing comment, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention our finances. Brethren, we have several thousand dollars in dues outstanding. Please make sure your dues card reads 2012. Your Lodge cannot continue to function without your support.

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 Bro. Don Bloomquist

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**WORSHIPFUL MASTERS**

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\* 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  
H. L. Atwell

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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.,  
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, K.E. Martin, F.G. Martin III



### 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,  
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C. P. Johnson, D. M. Lovelace, W. H. Lovren, Jr.,  
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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

## Coming Events

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**....Masonic Family Day at MAHOVA....always a great event!

**Sunday-Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**...C.O.W. exemplification of the degrees will be held at the Richmond Hilton Hotel & Spa on West Broad Street near downtown Short Pump.

**Tuesday-Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**...Grand Lodge at the Richmond Hilton Hotel & Spa.

## An Important Reminder

***Nominations for the 2012 James Ned Culler Award for Masonic Excellence are due soon. Please take some time to reflect on a deserving brother and then place his name in nomination for this prestigious award. The award is scheduled to be presented at the December Stated Communication. Award guidelines and nomination forms are available in the recently installed publication rack in the corner of the Lodge Library, as well as on the web site. Do it now, so you won't forget!***



## 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 Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.  
10604 Joseph Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6490.
- \* Lodge dues for 2012 are \$93.00 (\$82 if you are age 70 or older). Is your dues card current?
- \* 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 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).

On the Internet at: [www.tuckahoelodge347.org](http://www.tuckahoelodge347.org)

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