

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 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 1,079th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 2013

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

6:30 P.M. - Dinner in the Lodge Dining Hall prepared by our Chef, Bro. John Kandris. The menu includes:
A Mexican Feast....make your own Taco and Burrito Bar, with desert and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's lodge – Official Visit of Rt. Wor. W. William Gibbs, DDGM for District 15-C
Dress code: **Officers: Black Tuxedo**

Members: Business suit, or coat & tie

COMMUNITY EVENT – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2013

8:00 A.M. - Our first blood drive of the year in memory of Mt. Wor. Albert Hugh Tignor. Breakfast at 8:00A.M.,
8:30 - 12:30 blood donations to Virginia Blood Services.

CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2013

7:00 PM - Work expected in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees - Candidate: Bro. John Kandris, Jr.
Dress code: **Officers and Members – Business suit, or coat & tie**

Counting the Years

(527 Years of Masonic Service)

Atkinson, E.F.	49 th	Longfellow, D.C.	13 th	Pickels, K.B.	3 rd
Bailey, S.A.	35 th	Martin, K.F., Jr.	40 th	Sarate, D.C.	3 rd
Barbour, C.D.	34 th	Mason, J.L.	22 nd	Williams, N.J.	40 th
Blaylock, W.D.	49 th	McClain, W.C.	4 th	Wood, J.C.	59 th
Gallant, P.L.	30 th	McClintock, W.M.	44 th	Wood, R.C.	60 th
Johnston, J.K., Jr.	29 th			Wright, D.L.	13 th

Our Circle of Concern

The cold and flu season has overtaken several of the brethren recently, including Wor. Herb Eades, and our Senior Warden Bro. Ray Crouch. Our Lodge Musician, Bro. Dick Turochy had surgery on his left arm the second week in January and will be several more weeks recovering at home. Keep in your prayers those mentioned over the past several months: RW James Crowder's wife, Peggy, along with Gerri Adkins, wife of our Grand Secretary Alan Adkins, as she is still undergoing treatments for a rare skin cancer. Also remember Bros. Lin Schwartz, Earl Watson, and Wor. Clawson Barbour.

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. 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

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

Brethren

As we return from a week of "R and R", I again look to the Trestleboard for Tuckahoe and see many activities to complete in the coming year – our agenda is full.

The month of February begins our Masonic activities in earnest as we receive the District Deputy Grand Master for our Masonic District, Right Worshipful Bill Gibbs, at our stated meeting on February 7. We look forward to his visit and his remarks.

Last month our new chef, Brother John Kandris, did a terrific job preparing our evening meal. We appreciate his service and the assistance of all those involved in serving our meals.

Please join us as we welcome Right Worshipful Gibbs on the 7th.

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

The "Lost Word"

What does the "lost word" mean? This is a really hard question to answer. In our Degrees we are introduced to certain secrets. When I finished my Master Mason's Degree, I was sure that I had all the secrets of Masonry. Boy was I wrong. I realized after studying these degrees that there is always light at the end of the tunnel. The light can only be obtained by the continual process of study. It will never end because we are continually learning about others and ourselves. Each person we meet has something to offer,

So what is the lost word and what does it mean to us? The lost word is anything that has not been a part of one's experience. It reveals who we are and why we think and act as we do. This can clearly be seen in the Degrees of Masonry. The lost word in our lives defines who we are as individuals, and what we think we can do. What is lost to each Mason is the true image of himself. A true Mason will use truth and knowledge from others and find himself.

The lost word we talk about has many misunderstood interpretations, and needs to be applied to one's life. The word we talk about could be the key to understanding each other. Masonry has certain secrets that are obtainable when directed in the right path. After all, we are not a secret society, but a society with secrets.

We all know that the end result will be the ineffable name of God. The ineffable word is but a stumbling block that is set up during the Master Mason's Degree. In your studies, that stumbling block will be dissolved. This ineffable word or lost word is only an end result of our ability to seek wisdom.

Brethren, become serious about your Masonic knowledge and your Masonic future. Search out those "lost words" that still live in your lives. Come to Lodge and find some of these "lost words" in our Stated Communications. I hope to see everyone soon at Tuckahoe Lodge, soaking up Masonic knowledge. Support your Lodge, support your officers, and support Freemasonry.

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Wor. Marshall H. Messimer, Jr..... Marshal
(H) 741-2365
Bro. Richard C. Turochy..... Musician
(H) 741-0660
Bro. James A. Dabney..... Tiler
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Wor. J. Larry Mason..... (H) 741-5736
Wor. R. Alton Wright..... (H) 360-5598

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MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:

Vacant

BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM: VBS blood donation number: 1779

Bro. David A. Bass..... (H) 598-8680

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Bro. Tom Voltz

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Wor. Barry Faison, printing, mailing, database updates

Bro. Ben Smith, Webmaster

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
G.W. Bradford.....2012 - 2013



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

Bros. W. H. Lawrence, Jr.,
A. J. Drescher

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. C.P. Johnson,
D. J. L. Bloomquist,
A. O. Ballinger
H. L. Atwell

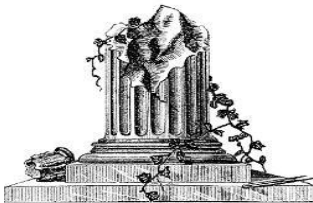
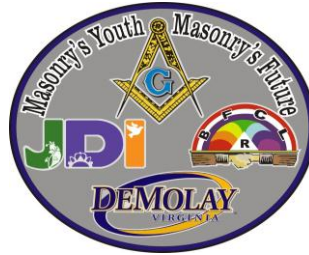
FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. 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, R. W. Weitzel, P. F. Giles,
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,
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



Some thoughts on Masonic Funerals: Last year Tuckahoe Lodge lost eight Brethren to the ever advancing Scythe of Time. Always remember that a Masonic Funeral Service is the final tribute we can pay to our fallen Brother. That is the appropriate time to thank the Brother's family for allowing him to share his time on Earth with our Fraternity. No, you may not have known the Brother personally, but if he was a member of your Lodge, he certainly deserves your presence at his funeral service. If he was a Brother, then he is entitled to all of the "lights, rights and benefits" of being a Freemason -- and that certainly includes a well-attended Masonic Funeral Service. Attending the service is, in many ways, just as important as attending Lodge meetings -- perhaps, even more so, because, as we can do nothing more for our Brother, the Funeral Service is really for the benefit of the deceased Brother's family and friends, and it exhibits our genuine care and concern for one of our own.

Coming Events

- Tuckahoe's first blood drive of 2013...**February 9**
- Scottish Rite Spring Reunion.... **April 20**
- Grand Master's official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge.... **May 2**
- Tuckahoe Lodge Camping Retreat....**May 11**. A day and night outdoor retreat at a nearby state park. Brethren come and bring a friend, son, neighbor, or someone that has not been to lodge in a while, for some outdoor fellowship and good eats. Our Junior Deacon, Chris Geary, is heading this up...details to follow.
- Robert Lewis Gibbs Masonic Ritual School, Richmond..... **July 17-20**
- Reid James Simmons Academy, Fork Union.... **July 28-31**

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 2013 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.

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