

1923 - 2013



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 1,080th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, MARCH 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 delicious Spaghetti Dinner, with garlic bread and salad, desert, and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's lodge - Business - Committee Reports - Program: Rt. Wor. Michael E. Williams, Executive Officer Emeritus for DeMolay International in Virginia - Close Lodge

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

Tuckahoe's 90th Anniversary!

Tuckahoe Lodge had its beginning when twenty-nine brethren petitioned the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and were granted a dispensation on January 3, 1923. The charter for a new lodge, in the Tuckahoe District of Richmond, was issued February 14, 1923. At our first Stated Communication, on March 2nd of that year, we were constituted by a Provisional Lodge and given the name Tuckahoe Lodge No.347. Dues were set at \$12 a year!

CALLED COMMUNICATION -THURSDAY MARCH 14TH, 2013

7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Entered Apprentice degree on two candidates

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

CALLED COMMUNICATION -THURSDAY MARCH 28TH, 2013

7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Fellowcraft & Master Mason degrees - Candidate: John Norman Kandris, Jr.

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

Counting the Years

(624 years of Masonic Service)

Ammon, C.S., Jr.	3 rd	Harlin, M.E.	6 th	Terry, W.S., Jr.	34 th
Clifton, R.L.	26 th	Irby, E.B., Jr.	57 th	Vidrick, R.L.	30 th
Cooke, J.G.	26 th	Lanier, M.S., II	40 th	Watts, D.F.	7 th
Elicerio, J.P.J.M.	8 th	Mustian, W.T.	11 th	Webb, W.T.	3 rd
Fadool, J.E.	37 th	Powell, B.B., Jr.	39 th	Wegman, J.B.	29 th
Farmer, G.J., III	31 st	Schrimsher, E.F.	34 th	Wetzel, E.C.	5 th
Figg, C.D.	45 th	Stone, J.S.	49 th	Wood, A.E.	50 th
		Strauss, R.E.	54 th		

Our Circle of Concern

Remember Bros. Art Gregory, Lin Schwartz, Pat Young, and Wor. Clawson Barbour...they covet your continued prayers. Good to see Bros. Earl Watson and John Gaywood back in Lodge. We received word that Bro. Jim Gilmore's mother-in-law, Jane Gatling, died February 8th in Suffolk, VA. Jane was 93 years old. 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.

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

Thanks to all the Brethren for a job well done in receiving the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful William Gibbs, with special thanks to those Brothers involved in the various committees. In all, our February meeting was a great success and the meal prepared by our newest Entered Apprentice, Chef John Kandris, was quite good.

Your Officers have been busy for we have initiated two new Entered Apprentices and raised one to the Second Degree of Masonry. Bringing in new members and raising them in a timely manner is essential for the survival of every Lodge and Tuckahoe is no exception. We anticipate work in the EA and Master Mason degrees in March, also.

News Flash! A brand new tradition begins for Tuckahoe this spring. On Saturday, May 11th we will have our first ever Camping Retreat at Holliday Lake State Park in Appomattox. This men-only event includes a great campfire dinner, breakfast, and campsite provided by the Lodge but no Masonic Ritual so we can include friends, neighbors, brothers, and sons or someone that has not been to the Lodge in a while. What a great opportunity enjoy each other's company in an informal and unique way! Plan now to join us. See Junior Deacon, Chris Geary's flyer for detailed information. Contact Brother Geary to sign up or for more information at 757-650-6341, or e-mail him at geary521@verizon.net.

At our March meeting, on Thursday the 7th, our program will be presented by Rt. Wor. Michael E. Williams, Executive Officer Emeritus of DeMolay in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We will also recognize one of our own members for his many years as an alumnus of DeMolay.

Please mark your calendars to come out and support our Lodge on the 7th of March. Remember, dinner is at 6:30 and Lodge Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

I think that this year, I'll embark on a new series of presentations concerning Freemasonry and where we should see Freemasonry as taking "its place in the world". Think not about what Freemasonry offers the world, but about what can we learn from Freemasonry which will help our world. My thanks go to MW Norman Buecker, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for his thoughts on this subject for the next several months.

Freemasonry in its present form has only been around for almost 300 years; however, organizations resembling our great Fraternity have always been in existence. Why? Because man is a social creature and he has a need for companionship and association with others.

Let's step back in time to the dawn of history when man was confronted with many problems: hunger, disease, predators, and a myriad of others. But God gave man memory so that he could profit from his experiences, and later was given the gift of communication so that he could pass on what he had learned to future generations. Thus, through a succession of ages is transmitted, unimpaired, the means to conquer many of these problems that man has solved down through time.

In spite of all the comforts that we enjoy in our modern world, however, there is no world-wide happiness, peace, or tranquility. As we look around we find frustrated individuals and unhappy people.

Again I ask you to think about "what can we learn from Freemasonry which will help our modern world". I have a number of areas of Freemasonry to set forth in future months. I'll start next month with 'Freemasonry does not deal with the mass media'. Remember – we as Freemasons use building tools to teach the basic moral truths of Brotherly love, Relief, and Truth.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not remind you make sure your dues card says 2013. Brethren, we have 16 members who are delinquent and will shortly be subject to suspension. Please make sure your obligation to the Lodge is current. If you need help, please let me, or one of the other officers, know about your situation. Remember, each and every one of you is important; each and every one of you is needed; and each and every one of you is a member of the greatest and oldest fraternity on the face of the earth.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Wor. Gray W. Bradford..... Worshipful Master
(C) 572-8788 (E) gray.wbradford@gmail.com
Bro. Raymond L. Crouch, Jr..... Senior Warden
(H) 270-7344 (E) raycrouch101@msn.com
Bro. Carter S. Ammon, Jr..... Junior Warden
(H) 754-2930 (E) AmmonC@comcast.net
Wor. G. Wayne Boswell..... Treasurer
1500 Village Grove Rd., Henrico, VA 23238 - 4027
(H) 740-7608 (E) GWBOS@aol.com
Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr..... Secretary
10604 Joseph Ct., Glen Allen, VA 23060 - 6490
(H) 527-6543 (C) 837-0360 (O) 264-2050 (E) b555carpen@verizon.net
Bro. Thomas W. Voltz, Jr..... Senior Deacon
(H) 266-6121 (E) TwVoltz@gmail.com
Bro. Christopher W. Geary..... Junior Deacon
(C) 757-650-6341 (E) geary521@verizon.net

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Wor. Barry C. Faison.....Chaplain
(H) 741-2331
Bro. Darrell R. Holcombe.....Sr. Steward
(C) 677-1352
Bro. Paul L. Speight..... Jr. Steward
(H) 306-1110
Wor. Marshall H. Messimer, Jr..... Marshal
(H) 741-2365
Bro. Richard C. Turochy..... Musician
(H) 741-0660
Bro. James A. Dabney..... Tiler
(H) 288-3629
Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr..... Assistant Treasurer
(H) 270-2215
Wor. Douglas M. Messimer..... Assistant Secretary
(H) 270-3454 (E) doug@messimer.net

COMMITTEES

TRUSTEES:

Wor. G. Wayne Boswell..... (H) 740-7608
Wor. J. Larry Mason..... (H) 741-5736
Wor. R. Alton Wright..... (H) 360-5598

MASONIC RITUAL:

Rt. Wor. Robert C. Eades, Sr. (C.O.W. Division Lecturer)..... (H) 794-3661

LODGE EDUCATION:

Bro. Tom Voltz, Jr.....(H) 266-6121

MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:

Vacant

BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM: VBS blood donation number: 1779

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

FUNERAL:

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

LIBRARY & SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Rt. Wor. Jack Cooke..... (H) 752-2117

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Bro. Ray Crouch, Chair.....(H) 270-7344

Bro. Tom Voltz

INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS:

Wor. Douglas Messimer, Trestleboard design & content.....(H) 270-3454

Wor. Barry Faison, printing, mailing, database updates

Bro. Ben Smith, Webmaster Extraordinaire

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.....1978
* 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

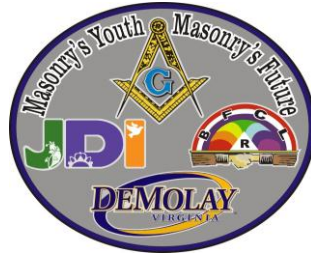
Bros. W. H. Lawrence, Jr.,
A. J. Drescher

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

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

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. 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, A.E. Wood



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

Did You Know???.In 1892, the tallest building in the world was the Masonic Temple, on the North East corner of Randolph and State Streets in Chicago, rising 302 feet above ground (22 stories of offices and stores).

Coming Events

DEO/DIW School...March 20, 6PM at the SRT

DEO/DIW School...April 17, 6PM at the SRT

Richmond Valley Scottish Rite Spring Reunion.... April 20, 8AM at the SRT

The Grand Master's official visit to District 15.....April 27, 6PM at the SRT

The Grand Master's official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge.... May 2

**Tuckahoe Lodge Camping Retreat....May 11
...all the details are on the Lodge web page.**

DEO/DIW School...May 15, 6PM at the SRT

DEO/DIW School...June 19, 6PM at the SRT

Tuckahoe's 9th Annual Fish Fry...June 21, 4 till 7PM at the picnic pavilion

Robert Lewis Gibbs Masonic Ritual School, Richmond..... July 17-20 at the SRT

Reid James Simmons Leadership Academy...July 28-31 at Fork Union

Matters of Interest

- * **Masonic Recognition Day: The first day of every month. Wear your Masonic pins and clothing proudly.**
- * **Let the Worshipful Master or any Officer know if you need transportation to a Lodge meeting or event.**
- * **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?**
- * **A Life Membership in Perpetuity is \$1488 (16x93) contact the Secretary for more details.**
- * **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

© 2013 Tuckahoe Lodge – all rights reserved