

# 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 1,081<sup>st</sup> STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>, 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: Brunswick Stew, grilled cheese sandwiches, salad and dessert and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's lodge - Business - Committee Reports - Vote on nominations for DDGM and alternate for 2015 - Program: The White Leather Apron - Close Lodge  
Dress code: **Officers and Members - Business suit, or coat & tie**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

7:00 P.M. - Work in the Fellowcraft & Master Mason degrees - Candidate: Bro. John Kandris, Jr.  
Dress code: **Officers and Members - Business suit, or coat & tie**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

7:00 P.M. - Work in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees - Candidates: Bro. Michael Caro, and Bro. James Gregory, III  
Dress code: **Officers and Members - Business suit, or coat & tie**

## *Counting the Years*

(355 Years of Masonic Service)

Bates, G.G.	18 <sup>th</sup>	Josey, G.L.	37 <sup>th</sup>	Nuckols, C.W., III	13 <sup>th</sup>
Davis, R.G.	8 <sup>th</sup>	Keeton, R.R.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Proffitt, F.E.	52 <sup>nd</sup>
Hott, R.C.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Major, H.E., Jr.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Walker, E.L.	47 <sup>th</sup>
Hughes, E.R.	44 <sup>th</sup>	Myers, R.L.	30 <sup>th</sup>	Winchester, P.C.	26 <sup>th</sup>
				Woolard, J.L.	37 <sup>th</sup>

## *Our Circle of Concern*

Continue to remember Bros. John Gaywood, Lin Schwartz, Don Bloomquist, and Wor. Clawson Barbour...they covet your continued prayers. 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***

Brethren,

Spring has finally arrived! The daffodils and redbuds are in bloom and we've lost another hour with Daylight Savings Time.

Thanks to all those who participated in the Entered Apprentice Degree on March 14<sup>th</sup>. This Degree was performed in a most excellent Masonic manner and the hard work showed.

The program for our April 4<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting will be "The White Leather Apron". You will enjoy this interesting presentation.

Have you been camping lately? Junior Deacon Chris Geary provides us this opportunity Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tuckahoe Camping Retreat at Holiday Lake State Park. Please contact Bro. Geary at 757-650-6341 or [geary521@verizon.net](mailto:geary521@verizon.net) to sign up or ask any questions. This unique event will allow us to sit around the campfire and enjoy an afternoon and evening of Fraternity and Brotherhood! More information is on the Lodge web site.

Brethren, remember that with summer coming on our Lodge will be busy. On May 2nd we will receive the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia; our Annual Fish Fry will be June 21<sup>st</sup>, and July 11<sup>th</sup> Tuckahoe will celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is your Master's sincere wish that each brother attend at least one of these events this summer. Please mark your calendars and come out and support your Lodge. Remember that dinners at the Stated Meetings are at 6:30.

Fraternally yours,

Gray W. Bradford, Worshipful Master

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

Continuing with my series following 'Freemasonry and its Place in the world', I promised to address the topic 'Freemasonry does not deal with the mass media'. Again, my thanks go out to MW Norman Buecker in Illinois for his thoughts and assistance. Remember, that this series does not ask "what does Freemasonry offer the world?" but "what can we learn from Freemasonry which will help our modern world".

Freemasonry does not deal with the mass media. It works with and through the individual. In our Fraternity, the individual is all-important. He is considered the most important thing in the world. Our communities are made up of many people and to have a happy community the people must, individually, be happy. In our form of government, the individual is all-important. He is a vital part of this nation's governing body. As Masons and Americans, we believe the government exists to serve the people. There are other political ideologies, "isms" if you will, that consider a person only as a means of serving the government. Freemasonry offers to the world a basic ideal that is being forgotten – every individual is important and his personal welfare counts.

In May we will look at the topic "Freemasonry believes in and teaches the Fatherhood of God". While contemplating not only this month's topic, but next month's as well, let us not forget to make sure our dues are paid. We have several brethren who are subject to citation and suspension for non-payment of dues. I hope your dues card reads 2013. Many aspects of today's world are demanding more and more from each of us. Masonry only asks that we each support our Lodge with our annual dues. Please continue to do your part for Tuckahoe Lodge. Also, check our dates for Called Communications. Renew your knowledge of the Degrees in Freemasonry by attending one soon.

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 Bro. James A. Dabney ..... Tiler  
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 Wor. Douglas M. Messimer ..... Assistant Secretary  
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 Wor. J. Larry Mason ..... (H) 741-5736  
 Wor. R. Alton Wright ..... (H) 360-5598  
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 Vacant  
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 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 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. .... 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

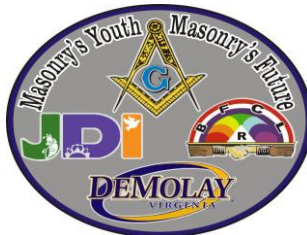
Bros. C.P. Johnson,  
D. J. L. Bloomquist,  
A. O. Ballinger  
H. L. Atwell  
R. C. Wood

## 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

## J. NED CULLER AWARD

2012 - R. C. Eades, Sr.  
2011 - R.W. Carpenter, Jr.



## 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

## Coming Events

- DEO/DIW School, Sr. Deacons-FC Degree...April 17, 6PM at the SRT
- Scottish Rite Spring Reunion.... April 20, 8AM at the SRT
- Grand Master's official visit to District 15.....April 27, 6PM at the SRT
- Grand Master's official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge.... May 2
- District Blood Drive at Westhampton 302...May 11...8:30AM-Noon
- Tuckahoe Lodge Camping Retreat....May 11...details are on the web page...check it out
- DEO/DIW School, Jr. Wardens-MM Degree 1<sup>st</sup> section...May 15, 6PM at the SRT
- 55<sup>th</sup> Annual District Memorial Service...June 2, 3 PM at MAHOVA
- DEO/DIW School, Sr. Wardens-MM Degree 2<sup>nd</sup> section...June 19, 6PM at the SRT
- Tuckahoe's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry...June 21, 4-7PM at the picnic pavilion
- Tuckahoe's 90<sup>th</sup> and America's 237<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration...July 11... details to follow
- Robert Lewis Gibbs Masonic Ritual School, Richmond..... July 17-20 at the SRT
- Reid James Simmons Leadership Academy...July 28-31 at Fork Union



**What is Masonic Education?.....**Craft Masonry guides us on our walk through the 'forest of philosophy, morality, and spirituality'. Where we choose to enter the forest, and how far we walk in, is entirely up to us. The objective of Masonic Education is to point out a path, past the trees and into the forest, but it's up to us to walk the path. Once in a while, an educational session might point out an interesting 'tree in the forest', or maybe fix a little 'hitch in our get-along', but it won't do the walking for us. So, my Brethren, choose your path, enter the forest and continue on your journey of discovery. Remember, true Masonic Education is indeed a lifetime process. Doug Messimer

## 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](http://www.tuckahoelodge347.org)

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