

# 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 1,082nd STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, MAY 2nd, 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: meatloaf with mixed vegetables and mashed potatoes with desert and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's lodge – Business - Committee Reports - Official visit of Mt. Wor. Louis Kerford Campbell to Tuckahoe Lodge - Close Lodge

Dress code: **Officers – Black Tuxedo**

**Members – Business suit, or coat & tie**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION –THURSDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Fellowcraft degrees. Candidate: Bro. Michael Caro

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

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION –THURSDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Fellowcraft & Master Mason degrees. Candidate: Bro. James Gregory, III

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

## *Counting the Years*

(606 years of Masonic Service)

Bailey, C.D. 59<sup>th</sup>  
Chafin, A.B., Jr. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Conrad, S.A. 35<sup>th</sup>  
Eades, R.C., Jr. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Gaywood, J.T. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Gregory, A.B., Sr. 12<sup>th</sup>

Hartman, W.T. 41<sup>st</sup>  
Heltzel, W.R. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Lee, W.G. 45<sup>th</sup>  
Martin, F.G., III 51<sup>st</sup>  
Martin, K.E. 51<sup>st</sup>  
Powers, D.A., III 35<sup>th</sup>

Smith, D.F. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Speight, P.L. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Townsend, W.J. 46<sup>th</sup>  
Weitzel, R.W. 57<sup>th</sup>  
Wray, N.E., Jr. 39<sup>th</sup>  
Wright, R.A. 53<sup>rd</sup>

## *Our Circle of Concern*

Continue to remember Bros. Don Bloomquist, Hugh Major, Gordan Roach, John Gaywood, Lin Schwartz, Earl Watson, and Wor. Clawson Barbour (in North Carolina), along with Bro. Hugh Jones (who has moved to a nursing home in Mechanicsville) and Bro. James Crewes in Buckingham (an uncle to Herb and Rob Eades) was in a bad car vs. tractor-trailer accident and is on the mend. Wor. Doug Messimer's wife, Carolyn, has now been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She is undergoing radiation and chemo over the next several months. (Continued on page 2)

Gerri Adkins, wife of our Grand Secretary Alan Adkins, will be returning to California for several months to undergo additional chemo treatments for a very rare skin cancer. Hilda Tignor was recently hospitalized for some surgery and is recovering, and Bro Charlie Longest's brother passed away recently and we extend our sympathies to the family. 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.

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

At our Stated Communication on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will receive Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. We will have rehearsal on Wednesday, May 1 at 7 P.M; all officers are expected to be in attendance.

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first Annual Tuckahoe Camping Retreat at Holiday Lake State Park. If you have questions or need to make reservations contact Junior Deacon, Chris Geary at 757-650-6341. Bring marshmallows!

May 11<sup>th</sup> is also Tuckahoe's second blood drive of the year. We will be co-sponsoring this one at Westhampton Lodge on Three Chopt Rd, 8:30am till 12:30pm. The need for blood donations is urgent.

Don't forget.....Tuckahoe's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry coming up June 21, 4-7PM at the picnic pavilion, with great food, and good fellowship. Bring the entire family, invite your neighbors. Ticket information coming soon.

July will begin our change of dress code from coat and tie to summer business casual; officers are expected to wear summer Tuckahoe polo shirts. Contact Bob Carpenter if you need to order additional shirts at a cost of approximately \$35.00 each. These are also available for purchase through the Secretary by any Lodge member .

For our July meeting, we will request a special dispensation to meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> instead of on the National Holiday. In this meeting we will have the retirement of tattered American flags; bring any you have to retire.

Please mark your calendars and come out and support your Lodge. Remember that dinners are at 6:30. Fraternally yours, Gray W. Bradford.

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

Wow! Here it is May already and the Masonic year is almost half over. I'll get to the continuation of my series in just a moment. First, however, there is the matter of delinquent dues. This month I will be sending the names of possibly 15 of our brethren to Grand Lodge as the 1<sup>st</sup> step in suspension for non-payment of dues. Brethren, please bring your dues current. Our Treasurer is in the process of sending reminder notices to all who have not paid their dues. Tuckahoe has obligations to meet just as you do at home. Your Masonic family needs you. Second, this is the month we receive the Grand Master. Let's all come out and show him Tuckahoe's spirit.

Now, to the May topic in my series, 'Freemasonry and its Place in the World'. This month's message revolves around – "Freemasonry believes in and teaches the Fatherhood of God".

As a man enters a Lodge, he is asked about where his trust is placed, and before he has entered that Lodge, he has indicated to his endorsers and a committee that believes in a Supreme Being. He must answer both of these in the proper manner. In many places God is forgotten, even denied. Many of the "isms" consider God and religion as old-fashioned, out-of-date, superstition, or an opiate of the mind. We as Freemasons consider God as the very foundation of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry does not concern itself with doctrine or the theology of any church or form of worship. It requires only that a Mason must profess a belief in God. Freemasonry does not teach how God manifests Himself to man or how man is reconciled to God. It is true that it tries to enrich a member's belief in God by instructing him in the moral law. Freemasonry therefore teaches tolerance for the religious beliefs of all men, to the point that we can and do meet together in complete harmony. To a Mason, there is only one Supreme Being, no matter what name we give Him. Freemasonry affords men of all creeds the opportunity to meet together and to understand each other's beliefs. It is the only organization where political and religious discussion is prohibited within tiled walls. Watch for June's message which logically follows from what has just been said – "the Brotherhood of Man".

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Vacant

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

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

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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,  
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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

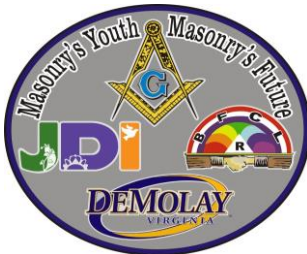
### J. NED CULLER AWARD

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,  
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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,  
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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

- Grand Master's official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge.... May 2**
- District Blood Drive at Westhampton 302...May 11...8:30AM-12:30PM**
- Tuckahoe Lodge Camping Retreat....May 11...See Bro. Chris Geary to register**
- 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, 3PM 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**



In our hurry-up, do it now, highly disposable society, where time for retrospection has to compete with 600+ channels of TV, the Internet, Kindles, I-Phones, Androids with hundreds of 'apps', and a myriad of other demands for our time and attention Masonry sometimes gets pushed aside.

Attending a called communication for degree work and instruction allows us to slow down just a bit and focus on things of beauty, our ritual, education, esoteric things of real meaning, things that give us pleasure and it allows us to share them with our brothers of the Craft. It may be for only a few hours a month, but it helps us keep our balance. Have you balanced your life lately?

### 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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