

# 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 1,083rd STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 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 is:  
Chicken and dumplings, salad, with desert and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's lodge - Business - Committee Reports - St. John's Day - Close Lodge  
Dress code: **Officers and Members - Business suit, or coat & tie**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, JUNE 20th, 2013**

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

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

## *Counting the Years*

**(572 Years of Masonic Service)**

Brooking, W.W., Jr.	31 <sup>st</sup>	Holcombe, D.R.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Turochy, R.C.	47 <sup>th</sup>
Cauthorn, W.A.	43 <sup>rd</sup>	McGonagil, J.C.	35 <sup>th</sup>	Voltz, T.W., Jr.	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Congdon, J.R.	43 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuckols, C.W., Jr.	17 <sup>th</sup>	Williams, E.P.	17 <sup>th</sup>
Edmonds, W.A.	27 <sup>th</sup>	Otwell, G.I.	42 <sup>n</sup>	Wilmouth, C.M.	8 <sup>th</sup>
Faison, B.C.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Petrone, B.V., Jr.	35 <sup>th</sup>	Word, R.H.	46 <sup>th</sup>
Giles, P.F.	57 <sup>th</sup>	Pruden, J.N.	17 <sup>th</sup>	Wyatt, N.B.	39 <sup>th</sup>
Hassell, T.T., Jr.	38 <sup>th</sup>	Story, L.O., Jr.	17 <sup>th</sup>		

## *Our Circle of Concern*

Continue to remember Bros. Don Bloomquist, Gordan Roach, John Gaywood, Lin Schwartz, Earl Watson, and Wor. Clawson Barbour (in North Carolina), along with Bro. Hugh Jones, and Bro. James Crewes (in Buckingham). Wor. Doug Messimer's wife, Carolyn, had heart rhythm problems and formation of blood clots in her leg and lungs. Five days in the ICU took care of those issues and she is back on schedule with radiation and chemo. Bro. Nelson Pruden underwent surgery May 18<sup>th</sup> for a 3rd brain tumor and is presently in rehab at Sheltering Arms. Gerri Adkins, wife of our Grand Secretary Alan Adkins, returned to Richmond for several weeks, and then headed back to California for additional cancer treatments. Bro Ray Crouch, our S.W. is scheduled to undergo shoulder surgery (torn rotator cuff) in late June. Keep Bro. Hugh Major in your thoughts, as well as Hilda Tignor as she continues to recover.

## Bro. Louis Lee Reid

EA Degree: 6/20/86 FC Degree: 10/17/86 MM Degree: 11/28/86 Entered the Celestial Lodge: 5/9/13

## Bro. Leslie Warren 'Pat' Young

EA Degree: 9/8/61 FC Degree: 10/27/61 MM Degree: 11/17/61 Entered the Celestial Lodge: 5/18/13

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

On June 6th our guest speaker will be Right Worshipful V. Stuart Cook, Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge, A.F & A.M., of Virginia. All members are encouraged to come out and join us this evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and officers for making our Grand Master Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell welcome at Tuckahoe at our May Stated Communication. Most Worshipful Campbell was very complimentary of Tuckahoe No. 347 for our accomplished and professional *Trestleboard*. Those responsible for the monthly development of the *Trestleboard* should be proud of their work. He was also pleased to hear about our planned annual camping retreat.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> retreat was held May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Holliday Lake State Park. We had a wonderful evening of fellowship and teamwork as we scrambled to stay dry in the overnight rainstorm. This State Park is one of Virginias' beautiful parks and we are blessed to live in a state with a commitment to preserving open spaces. Our thanks to Junior Deacon, Chris Geary, for planning this event and to all Brothers in attendance. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> blood drive of the year we had 18 people register and collected 15 good units for VBS on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to another drive in September or October of this year. Thanks to Bro. David Bass, our Lodge Blood Drive Coordinator for his hard work.

I am pleased to inform you that Brother John Kandris was recently appointed and has accepted the position of Junior Steward for 2013.

Our June Communication will be at the regular date, the first Thursday of the month; dinner at 6:30, Lodge meeting at 7:15. This will be the last meeting for the summer wearing coats and ties; July will begin our summer business casual dress. For our July meeting, we will request a special dispensation to meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> instead 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.

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

Summer is fast approaching. June 21<sup>st</sup> marks the summer solstice, and I know we are all looking forward to the hot and dry summer. Swimming, golf, fun, and frolic abound around the severe thunderstorms always brought on by the heat.

Now that Memorial Day is past, and we all have had a chance to honor those who gave their lives that we may live the life we do, let's all stop and think about that final salute to our departed servicemen. Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country, and also those who are presently serving in the Armed Forces. **GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS!!!**

Brethren – Dues continue to be a problem. Please, Please, Please bring your obligation current. The Lodge needs your support. If any brethren are willing to start calling our delinquent members, please let me know. We have many phone calls to make. This is a wonderful time for every member to rededicate himself to working for Masonry, just a little bit.

June also brings the next installment of "Freemasonry – Its Place in the World". June's message is "The Brotherhood of Man". Again, my thanks go out to MW Norman Buecker, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for his comments on this topic.

All around us, we hear demands for "rights" of one kind or another. How often do we hear of duties or obligations? In Freemasonry we are taught the duties we owe to our families, our community, and our country. With every "right" there is a corresponding obligation. Freemasonry says nothing about "rights", but is has much to say about duties and obligations that we as members owe. If we all do our duty all of us will profit. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton tells us "a duty dodges is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred and sooner or later we must settle the account. In most cases, that account rests with our God, before whom all men must appear in the judgment day to give an account of their deeds in life. The Brotherhood of Man. If we have a common Father – God – are we not then all brothers? Why is it we hear nothing about this principle today?

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

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**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

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Bro. John N. Kandris..... Jr. Steward  
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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  
(H) 288-3629  
Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr..... Assistant Treasurer  
(H) 270-2215  
Wor. Douglas M. Messimer..... Assistant Secretary  
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**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  
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Rt. Wor. Jack Cooke..... (H) 752-2117  
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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.....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, K.E. Martin,  
F.G. Martin, III, A.E. Wood

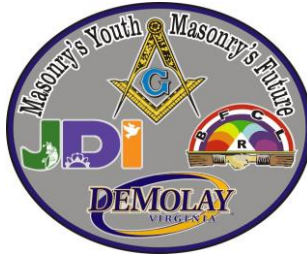
### J. NED CULLER AWARD

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

**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 90<sup>th</sup> and America's 237<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration...July 11...**  
**Robert Lewis Gibbs Masonic Ritual School, Richmond..... July 17-20 at the SRT**  
**Reid James Simmons Leadership Academy...July 28-31 at Fork Union**



...Another 'nugget from the quarry of Freemasonry'.<sup>SM</sup>

It seems as though nearly everything in today's electronically driven world has a smartphone 'app' ,

a barcode



or QR code



to identify a product, service, or web link....so why not Freemasonry? Freemasonry is somewhat akin to taking a private walk along life's pathway with God as your companion. The reason Freemasonry is said to "Make Good Men Better" is because of the personal choice made by each man who knocks on the door of Freemasonry. He does so of his own free will and accord, in order to be known as a man of good character.....and that's rather unique, just like a barcode. Doug Messimer, PM

### 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.**

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