



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 Communication 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 1,085th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, AUGUST 1st, 2013

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

6:30 P.M. - Dinner prepared by our Chef, Bro. John Kandris and the stewards. The menu includes a delicious spaghetti dinner with garlic bread, salad and dessert.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's Lodge - Jr. Warden's Night - Business - Committee Reports - MM Catechism by Bro. John Kandris - Speaker: Former Virginia Governor and Brother Jim Gilmore - Close Lodge
 Dress code: **Officers and Members - Summer Casual, open collar or Tuckahoe shirts, no shorts.**

Counting the Years

734 Years of Masonic Service

Bowen, F.E.	37 th	Lumpkin, R.D.	9 th	Rowe, R	9 th
Bradford, G.W.	20 th	Mawyer, H.K.	30 th	Stamey, D.L.	8 th
Carpenter, R.W., Jr.	34 th	McCoy, C.C.	58 th	Stinson, R.W.	5 th
Dorsey, B.M., Jr.	38 th	Messimer, D.M.	37 th	Stroud, R.C., Jr.	42 nd
Drescher, A.J.	75 th	Newburn, F.T.	2 nd	Thomas, A.C., Jr.	37 th
Egeland, T.A., Jr.	5 th	Pardoe, B.R.	5 th	Trexler, F.J., Jr.	56 th
Farnor, J.R.	13 th	Quinley, J.T.	12 th	Turner, J.H., III	13 th
Gilmore, J.S., IV	9 th	Ralston, J.L.	33 rd	Wilkerson, B.H.	39 th
Irving, E.C.	9 th	Reid, J.S.	39 th	Wingo, J.F.	42 nd
Lumpkin, J.M.	9 th			Wright, J.A.	9 th

Our Circle of Concern

Continue to remember Bros. Nelson Pruden, John Gaywood, Lin Schwartz, Earl Watson, Wor. Clawson Barbour (in North Carolina) and or Senior Warden, Bro. Ray Crouch. Wor. Doug Messimer's wife, Carolyn, has finished her chemo and radiation treatments for cancer and is awaiting further tests.

***Have you placed a Brother's name in nomination for the J. Ned Culler Award for 2013?
 Forms are available on line and in the Lodge Library.***



Bro. Donald John Ledin Bloomquist

EA Degree: 6/15/50 FC Degree: 7/15/50 MM Degree: 8/11/50 Entered the Celestial Lodge: 6/26/13
All degrees received in Pittsylvania Lodge No. 24, and he affiliated with Tuckahoe in 1981.
Bro. Don was a 63 year member of the Craft, and a Veteran of D-Day at Normandy in WWII.

Bro. Richard Warren Weitzel

EA Degree: 3/9/56 FC Degree: 4/13/56 MM Degree: 5/25/56 Entered the Celestial Lodge: 12/21/12
A 57 year member of the Craft, and a WWII Army Veteran. The lodge notified of his death 7/8/13

From the South... Carter S. "Butch" Ammon, Junior Warden

Brethren, our Worshipful Master, Gray Bradford, has designated the August Stated Communication as Junior Warden's Night. I will be honored to preside in the East and conduct the business of the Lodge. I know the Good Lord will find a way to lower the blistering summer heat, so that we can all enjoy our meeting on August 1st.

I have a very special program for the August Stated Communication. It gives me great pleasure to announce that through the miracle of the Internet, I asked Brother and former Governor, James S. Gilmore, III, to be our speaker for the evening. I was pleasantly surprised when he called me in person and accepted my invitation to speak at our August Stated Communication! Your attendance will show Brother Jim how much the Lodge values his membership. Come out and enjoy a good meal, good fellowship, and a good meeting. See you on August 1st.

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

I'm going to take a brief vacation from the series I have been writing this year, as I feel the following is much more important to us as a Lodge and to Freemasonry as a whole. As I write this, we have or will be losing 6 members in the last 3 months. Five of those to death. One, however, is a Demit. We must endeavor to maintain our membership base and keep our members interested in being a Mason and a member of Tuckahoe Lodge. In the coming months, before the end of the year, we could lose as many as 10 brethren to suspension for non-payment of dues. Tuckahoe is not the only Lodge with this serious problem. Masonry as a whole faces this every year. Please read the following, take it to heart, and then let's all agree to act upon it.

HAVE WE LET OURSELVES GO?

Have we let ourselves go? Has a culture developed within our fraternity which prevents us from openly admitting our flaws? In other words, have we stopped listening to our "customers"?

The tendency of Masonic leadership to ignore what the brethren and the profane are trying to tell them seems to have a direct parallel with the failure of Freemasonry to grow. This is evidenced by our declining membership. If we take time to listen to both what is and isn't being said, perhaps we could better understand how to provide inspirational and enjoyable experiences for our existing and future members. We may be able to attract more of those good men who have historically sought admission into Freemasonry. Maybe if we started acting like Masons instead of just sounding like Masons, we would evolve beyond being a culture focused on only those who seek the laurels of a vanishing institution.

Much like the employees at your business or place of employment, our members are trying to tell our leaders that changes need to be made. Unfortunately, few leaders seem to be listening to our "customers".

There is nothing so constant in our universe as change. Yet, mankind seems to fear and fight change at every turn. Perhaps if we could change our focus, Freemasonry would once again return to its rightful place as the greatest fraternity ever known to man. It would not be as difficult as one might imagine. Will Freemasonry listen and will Freemasonry put its members, or in other words, its "customers", first? My thanks to Ill. John W. McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction for his contributions to this article.

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 (H) 741-2365
 Bro. Richard C. Turochy Musician
 (H) 741-0660
 Bro. James A. Dabney. Tiler
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 Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr Assistant Treasurer
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 Vacant
BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM: VBS blood donation number: 1779
 Bro. David A. Bass. (H) 598-8680

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 Wor. Barry Faison, printing, mailing, database updates
 Bro. Ben Smith, Webmaster Extraordinaire

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

* J.O. Harris1923-1924	* W. Y. Roper, Jr, P.D.D.G.M.1961	R. S. Lanier.1998
* A. N. Revere1925	* J. H. Shinault1962	* D. G. Thomson.1999
* C. M. Selph1926	* G. A. Tuckwiller.1963	C. D. Barbour2000
* P.L. Ruehrmund1927	* E. F. McCune, Jr1964	R. A. Wright.2001
* N. C. Phillips1928	* R. D. Woolard.1965	J. G. Cooke, P.D.D.G.M.2002 - 2003
* H. J. Perrin1929	* J. S. Gary, Jr.1966	R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M2004
* M. H. Dicks1930	* W. J. Haid, Jr, P.D.D.G.M.1967	J. T. Quinley.2005
* R. C. Parks.1931	* J. G. Clark.1968	H. H. Eades, Jr.2006 - 2007
+ R. D. Powers1932	X1969	M. H. Messimer, Jr2008
* W. Pierce.1933	E. L. Walker1970	B. C. Faison.2009 - 2010
* J. W. Snedden.1934	* D. Williams.1971	+ S. M. Przybyla2011
* E. L. Copley.1935	* E. W. Oakley.1972	G.W. Bradford2012 - 2013
* A. E. Call.1936	* P. D. Lawrence.1973	
* J. M. Jennings.1937	* G. F. Paul.1974	
* B. H. Bradley.1938	W. Y. Roper, III, P.D.D.G.M1975	
+ W. A. Rudasill.1939	* J. N. Culler, P.D.D.G.M1976	
* T. B. Towill.1940	R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M1977	
* R. K. Allen.1941	* J. C. Lewit, II.1978	
* W. S. Brent, P.D.D.G.M.1942	C. E. Whitley, P.D.D.G.M1979	
* F. W. Biesecker.1943	* O. J. Oaks.1980	
* J. W. Mullins.1944	D. McK. Messimer1981	
* G. G. Finney.1945	D. A. Powers, III.1982	
* J. H. Russell.1946	* J. McD. Wolf.1983	
* W. R. Perkins.1947	R. W. Carpenter, Jr. P.D.D.G.M.1984	
* J. E. Kirk.1948	* R. W. Carpenter.1985	
* J. G. Johnson1949	* L. E. Stott.1986	
* B. O. Baird.1950	T. B. Jarrell1987	
* W. G. MacDonald.1951	J. L. Woolard1988	
* T. J. Rumley.1952	* W. P. Gilliam, Jr1989	
* R. D. Stahl.1953	G. W. Boswell.1990	
* G. T. Taylor.1954	W. A. Edmonds.1991	
* F. G. Wood.1955	B. V. Petrone, Jr1992	
* R. S. Love.1956	* C. H. Hilgenhold1993	
* J. V. Elliott.1957	W. M. McClintock.1994	
* H. O. Butler1958	J. L. Mason1995	
* G. E. Wright, P.D.D.G.M.1959	* L. A. Jackoway.1996	
* W. H. Lovern, P.D.D.G.M.1960	* C. H. Hilgenhold1997	



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-FIVE YEAR MEMBER

Bro. A. J. Drescher

SEVENTY-YEAR MEMBER

Bro. W. H. Lawrence, Jr.,

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. C.P. Johnson,
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, 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

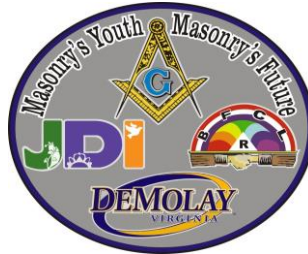
J. NED CULLER AWARD

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

Masonic Home Family Day... October 12 at MAHOVA

Scottish Rite Fall Reunion: Arthur Shields Trimyer, Jr. Class...October 19 at SRT

Grand Annual Communication...November 6-10 at the Richmond Hilton Hotel & Spa

The Past Master's Degree... November 15, 7PM. Conferred by the Tuckahoe degree team on those brethren requiring this degree before being elected to the office of Jr. Warden in their Lodge. Pre-Registration for this conferral is required



***We are Freemasons...
Our principles make a difference.***

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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