



# 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 1,089<sup>th</sup> STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 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. On the menu is delicious Chinese fare, dessert and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's Lodge - Business - Ballot - Committee Reports - Memorial Service - Election and installation of officers for 2014 - Close Lodge

Dress code: **Officers - Black Tuxedos**  
**Members - Coat & tie**

## *Counting the Years*

58 Years

Newell, V.H. 53<sup>nd</sup> Perrella, M.P. 5<sup>th</sup>

## *Our Circle of Concern*

Continue to remember Bros. Ed Wood, John Gaywood, Lin Schwartz, Earl Watson, Dick Collins' wife, Marilyn, Wor. Clawson Barbour, and Wor. Doug Messimer's wife, Carolyn.

## *On the Web Page*

*Check out the expanded Lodge History page (now with more pictures) the Ned Culler Award page, and the Coming Events page!*



169th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia  
Most Worshipful Wayne Sawyer Flora



### ***Brother John Rhodes Congdon***

***Brother John was initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1970, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1970, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1970. He entered the Celestial Lodge on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.***

### ***From the East... Wor. Gray W. Bradford***

Thursday December 5 will be our Stated Communication. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Master Mason's Lodge will open at 7:15 p.m. This meeting will include the election and installation of officers. Officers are to wear tuxedos. It is highly encouraged that all members of Tuckahoe participate in this important endeavor for the upcoming year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Worshipful Master for 2012 and 2013. This was done to reestablish continuity of officers in our Lodge. Much work and effort has been put forth by the Senior & Junior Deacons and Junior Warden to make 2014 a very successful year. Tuckahoe, as all Lodges, encourages new membership and to ensure these new members become actively involved on our Lodge as we encourage continued participation of Brothers. Tuckahoe is quite fortunate to have a Lodge on a solid foundation but to maintain this all members need to remain active.

During the past year we have accomplished much. Two highlights are the Past Master's Night in Celebration of 90 years of our Lodge, and the presentation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ned Culler Award. During the year, we lost many Brothers; to single one out, Brother Adam John Drescher, a 75-year member entered the Celestial Lodge on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Our dinner menu for our December stated will be Chinese in honor of Brother John Kandris who has done a masterful job providing excellent meals for the past two years. He will become an appointed officer for the coming year.

Again, thanks to all the Brothers who have given me such strong support and encouragement these past two years. It is with much satisfaction that Tuckahoe will continue to be a very strong and successful Lodge for many, many years to come.

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

John Wesley said it very simply: "Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the places you can. For as long as you can."

Freemasonry teaches that of our three tenants, the Most important of these is charity. Cicero said that men come closest to approaching God when they do good for their fellow man. Voluntarily giving our time and possessions without any desire or expectation of anything except the hope that it will give comfort or a moment of happiness to another is the highest expression of human morality.

The holidays give us, as Masons, the opportunity to give comfort or a moment of happiness to a family who need it more than ourselves. The donations you can make will touch the lives of many people during this holiday season. Remember that one day it may be you who has need of charity.

So, to whatever organizations you are thinking of giving – add just one more. To whatever amount you are thinking of giving – add just a little bit more. Stretch yourself to reach those goals. It will mean a lot to those you help and to your heart.

The lyrics of one of Glen Campbell's songs say in part:

When the sun came up this morning I took the time to watch it rise,  
And as its beauty struck the darkness from the sky,  
I thought how small and unimportant all my troubles seem to be,  
And how lucky another day belongs to me.

May you and yours have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

Wor. Gray W. Bradford . . . . . Worshipful Master  
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**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Wor. Barry C. Faison. . . . . Chaplain  
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 Bro. Darrell R. Holcombe. . . . . Sr. Steward  
 (C) 677-1352  
 Bro. Paul L. Speight. . . . . Jr. Steward  
 (H) 306-1110  
 Bro. John N. Kandris. . . . . Jr. Steward Protem  
 (H) 873-4131  
 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

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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

**COMMITTEES**

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

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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. . . . . 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  
 2014



**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

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, H.H. Eades, Jr., S.E. Tuck, Jr.

### J. NED CULLER AWARD

2011 - R.W. Carpenter, Jr.  
2012 - R. C. Eades, Sr  
2013 -D. Mck. Messimer

### 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

Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master to Tuckahoe Lodge...January 9, 2014.

Please note the change in the date for the January Stated Communication to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday.

Work in the Degrees is expected on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Join us, support your officers and your new Brothers.

Grand Master's visit to District 15-C...January 18, 2014, 7PM at Tuckahoe's Temple (no dinner, but cake and ice cream will be served following the meeting).

Grand Master's official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge...February 6, 2014.



## The Tuckahoe Time Capsule

*Don't forget to bring your masonic mementos to Lodge this month,  
and place them in the Tuckahoe Time Capsule.*

### 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 2014 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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