



# 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 1,096<sup>th</sup> STATED COMMUNICATION - **THURSDAY, JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**5:30 P.M. - NOTE CHANGE IN TIME** Open Master Mason's Lodge - Ballot - Business - Close Lodge

Dress code: **Officers and Members: Summer Casual, Khaki's and collared shirt...no shorts, please**

**6:30 P.M. -** Family Picnic and 'Bring a Friend' [ night in the Lodge Pavilion. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Watermelon, Brownie with Ice Cream, and beverage. Special Program: U.S. Flag retirement ceremony conducted by the Ft. Lee Chapter of the National Sojourners.

### CALLED COMMUNICATION - **THURSDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

7:00 P.M. Work expected in the Entered Apprentice Degree

Dress code: Officers and Members: **Coat & tie**

### CALLED COMMUNICATION - **THURSDAY, JULY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

7:00 P.M. Work expected in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees.

Dress code: Officers and Members: **Coat & tie**

### CALLED COMMUNICATION - **THURSDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

7:00 P.M. Work expected in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees.

Dress code: Officers and Members: **Coat & tie**

## *Counting the Years*

(474 Years of Masonic Service)

Atwell, H.L.	62 <sup>nd</sup>	Jarrell, T.B.	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Reid, J.C.	42 <sup>nd</sup>
Bush, J.R.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lovern, W.B.	43 <sup>rd</sup>	Roach, K.A.	9 <sup>th</sup>
Caro, M.J.	1 <sup>st</sup>	McKaig, J.C.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Samuels, D.W.	46 <sup>th</sup>
Carr, C.M.	41 <sup>st</sup>	Mihalcoe, A.L.	29 <sup>th</sup>	Simmons, G.M., Jr.	46 <sup>th</sup>
Eades, R.C., Sr.	41 <sup>st</sup>	Mihalcoe, A.L., Jr.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Williams, J.R.	59 <sup>th</sup>

## *Our Circle of Concern*

Mentioned at the June Stated: Charlie Nuckols is now home and doing better , Lewis Gibbs went home on 6/5 from the hospital following pneumonia, John Quinley's wife, Jill, (Todd's mother) is recovering nicely from hip replacement, and is now walking with just a cane. Carolyn Messimer (Wor. Doug's wife) is still undergoing chemo treatments. Continue to remember Lin Schwartz, John Gaywood and his wife, Dorothy, Kenny Roach and Kenny's brother, Clawson Barbour, and Bill Heltzel's cousin in Texas.



*From the East... Rt. Wor. William Y. Roper, III*

Our July Stated Meeting will be dedicated to the celebration of our Nation's founding on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776 and honoring those who have served in our Military.

We will open the Lodge at 5:30 PM and complete the business of the evening. We have *three* Petitions to ballot on and other items that the Secretary may want to bring to our attention. We will have a Called meeting on July 10 to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree.

After the close of the Lodge, we will join our families and guests for a grand ole 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic in the Shelter. The menu is Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Bake Beans, Chips, Watermelon and Brownies with Ice Cream. We will also have Ice Tea, Lemonade and water to drink. Bro. Charles Hanbury and his wife, Beth, will be preparing the feast!

Our special guests for the evening will be the members of the *James Monroe Chapter Heroes of '76, a part of the Ft. Lee – Richmond Chapter #72, National Sojourners*. They will assist us in retiring old United States Flags in the proper manner. If you have flags that need to be disposed of, please bring them with you.

I sincerely hope that you will be with us for this special occasion and will bring your friends and family with you!  
Bill



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

How well do you know the Declaration of Independence? If you are like most Americans, there are several things about the Declaration that go unnoticed, or just unknown.

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence. Most of the delegates signed the Declaration on August 2, 1776, with five signing on a later date. Two delegates never signed at all. The signed copy resides at the National Archives in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, alongside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Thanks to the movie "National Treasure", the character played by Nicholas Cage convinced many people that there is something written on the back of the Declaration. But, guess what? There is. Written upside-down across the bottom of the signed document is: "Original Declaration of Independence dated July 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776". Do we know who wrote this or when? Unfortunately, no.

When a copy of the Declaration arrived in New York City by July 9, 1776, it caused a riot. After it was read to the crowd by Bro. George Washington, a statue of King George III was torn down, and subsequently melted and shaped into 42,000 musket balls. A fitting return on the British investment.

Of the 56 signers, eight were born in Britain. Two in England, one in Wales, two in Scotland, two in Ireland, and one in Northern Ireland. There was a 44 year age difference between the youngest and the oldest signers. The oldest being Bro. Benjamin Franklin (age 70), the youngest was Edward Rutledge (age 26).

Of the hundreds of copies printed on the night of July 4, 1776, only 26 survive, but since being housed in Washington D.C., has the original always resided there? No. On December 23, 1941, the signed Declaration, together with the Constitution, were evacuated from Washington D.C., and were transported under heavy guard and stored in Fort Knox, Kentucky. It was returned to Washington in 1944.

How much is one of the copies worth? One was located in Philadelphia in 1989 by a man who found it in the back of a picture frame he bought for \$4. It later sold for \$8.1 million in 2000. Have you bought any old picture frames lately?

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* 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
W.Y.Roper, III, P.D.D.G.M.	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

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

### HONORARY MEMBERS

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Mt. Wor. J.R. Quinley,  
Rt. Wor. C.E. Whitley,  
Bro. J.S. Gilmore, III

### SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

A.O. Ballinger, C.P. Johnson  
H.L. Atwell, R.C. Wood,  
D.M. Lovelace, J.C. Wood  
C.D. Bailey

### FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

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,  
R.E. Strauss, R.A. Wright, F.E. Proffitt, B.S. Martin,  
K.E. Martin, F.G. Martin, III, A.E. Wood,  
H.H. Eades, Jr., S.E. Tuck, Jr., S.C. Smith,  
E.F. Atkinson, W.D. Blaylock, J.S. Stone

### 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.,  
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J.C. Wood, R.C. Wood, D.E. Wright, D.L. Wright,  
R.A. Wright

\* Deceased



### Coming Events

Ritual Classes at Tuckahoe on July 2, 9, 23 and 30.

July 16-19, Robert Lewis Gibbs Ritual School, evenings at the SRT

July 31 - Aug 3, Reid James Simmons Academy, Best Western Inn & Conference Center,  
109 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro.

October 11, Family Day at MAHOVA

October 18, Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

November 5-9, Grand Annual Communication – Richmond

**Nominations for the 2014 J. Ned Culler Award must be submitted to the Worshipful Master *no later than* the date of the October Stated Communication. Award criteria and nomination forms are available on the Lodge web page.**

### 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 still only \$1488 (16x\$93) contact the Secretary for all the 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.
- \* The 2014 Richmond Masonic Directory is available at: <http://www.metropolitanlodge.com/MWDirectory.pdf>

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