



# 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 1,099<sup>th</sup> STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

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

6:30 P.M. - Dinner prepared by Chief Cook, Bro. Mike Caro, and the Stewards. The menu includes:  
Beef stroganoff, salad and dessert.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's Lodge - Past Master's Night - Ballot - Business - Close Lodge  
Dress code: Officers and Members: **Coat & tie**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9<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, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

7:00 P.M. Work expected in the Fellowcraft Degree.

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

## *Counting the Years*

### 459 Years of Masonic Service

Anderson, M.R.	42 <sup>nd</sup>	Grove, J.R.	46 <sup>th</sup>	Scelia, K.R.	7 <sup>th</sup>
Ballinger, A.O.	63 <sup>rd</sup>	Hanbury, E.C.	30 <sup>th</sup>	Sims, D.F.	15 <sup>th</sup>
Carpenter, R.W., III	28 <sup>th</sup>	Hutchens, W.F.	35 <sup>th</sup>	Vassar, B.D.	13 <sup>th</sup>
Crouch, R.L., Jr.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Johnson, C.P.	62 <sup>nd</sup>	Watson, E.	14 <sup>th</sup>
Dabney, J.A.	13 <sup>th</sup>	Meade, P.M.	14 <sup>th</sup>	Wegman, J.A.	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Geary, C.W.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Messimer, M.H., Jr.	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wright, D.E.	13 <sup>th</sup>
		Quinley, J.R.	41 <sup>st</sup>		

## *Our Circle of Concern*

Carolyn Messimer (Wor. Doug's wife) continues hospice care at home. Wor. Gray Bradford continues his recovery from a 5-way by-pass in early August. He is at Sheltering Arms. Continue to remember Bro. Mike Caro's father (recently diagnosed with leukemia) Wor. Wayne Boswell's grandson, Wor. Barry Faison's son, Bro. Lin Schwartz, Bro. Charlie Nuckols, and Bro. John Gaywood and his wife, Dorothy. Bro. Kenny Roach is still having back trouble, and his wife, Karen, has returned to work after a serious bout with an e-coli infection. Remember Kenny's brother, along with Wor. Clawson Barbour, in North Carolina, and Wor. Bill Heltzel's cousin in Texas.



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

Brethren, it is customary that we honor the Past Masters of Tuckahoe Lodge at the October Stated Meeting and I am very pleased that Wor. Russell Alton Wright has consented to occupy the East. Wor Bro. Al has chosen other Past Masters to occupy the Chairs and assist him in conducting the business of the evening. Please come out to enjoy the festivities of Past Masters and Founders Night. I look forward to seeing each of you.

***Wor. Russell Alton Wright***

Brethren, Rt. Wor. Bill has designated the October Stated Communication as Past Master's Night and Founders' Night and has accorded me the privilege of serving in the East. I am deeply honored to do so. Dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. and the Stated Communication will open at 7:15 P.M. Past Masters will occupy all Stations in the Lodge. During the meeting I will have the privilege of conducting the examination of my grandson, Russell Alton Wright, II, on the Master Mason's Catechism.

Brethren, Tuckahoe Lodge has 23 living Past Masters. I am issuing a special invitation to all Past Masters of Tuckahoe Lodge, who are physically able, to be present. I also urge all of our members, who are physically able, to come out and support our Past Masters. Let's make this one of the best Past Master's Nights that we have had.



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

**AM I THE LAST MASON?**

It was time for our Stated Communication, but something was not right. I rapped the gavel to have the Junior Deacon close the door, but not a creak was heard in the room. Nothing. No one was there.

*Where is everybody? Do I have the right meeting night? Isn't tonight the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month? Wait. Where is everybody?*

*I remember the times when we had almost every seat filled. What on earth has happened to our membership?*

*Well, I know some of them got angry about building expenses for renovations. Aren't we supposed to be about more than that?*

*What about the brethren who work at all the businesses in town? Ah, I remember now. Some left when the merger took place, and instead of leaving quietly, he took a bunch of brothers with him. They didn't like our new name. I thought our good works mattered more than the name we gave our Lodge.*

*Let's see. Who else? Some left because we gave too much money to charity, and some because we gave too little. I never did understand that. Some of the younger men who were still in college left because they were scolded for not wearing the proper clothes to a meeting. Who can blame them for not coming back?*

*Then there was a \$5 dollar dues increase. Imagine that. They didn't see the value of paying less than \$.50 more a month. Maybe our dinners could have been more than just subs and chips. Maybe we should have included the ladies.*

*We had money in the bank. We could have made the Lodge a place they all wanted to be. We could have helped the community, our youth groups, and our members who needed assistance. Instead we hoarded it like misers – and for what?*

***Am I the last Mason?***

*I have a beautiful building, fine regalia, and all the money. Yet I've never felt so poor. Without the brethren, the Lodge is just a building. Without Masonry we are just a gathering of men – no different than a crowd at a bus stop. Why did we let the petty issues take control of our lives and our Lodge? Why? Why? Why?*

All of a sudden I awoke and the nightmare was over. It was 3 AM. My wife said, "Are you okay?" I told her about the nightmare I had just lived through. She said, "You need to let them know. Let them know about your dream and that they can make a difference."

"Maybe you're right", I said. "You always are." And I turned over and went back to sleep and dreamed about writing this article. Now it's time for you to think about this article and to get involved in Masonry and your Lodge. Don't be the last Mason.

My thanks to Paul J. Roup, 33°, Thrice Potent Master, Valley of Pittsburgh, NMJ, for his thoughts in the preparation of this article.

## ELECTED OFFICERS for 2014

Rt. Wor. William Y. Roper, III	Worshipful Master
P.O. Box 38978, Henrico, VA 23231-1311	
(C) 512-0537 (E) billroper3@comcast.net	
Bro. Carter S. Ammon, Jr.	Senior Warden
1226 Blue Jay Ln, Henrico, VA 23229-5604	
(H) 754-2930 (E) AmmonC@comcast.net	
Bro. Thomas W. Voltz, Jr.	Junior Warden
2411 Kenmore Rd, Henrico, VA 23228-5923	
(H) 266-6121 (E) TwVoltz@gmail.com	
Wor. G. Wayne Boswell	Treasurer
1500 Village Grove Rd., Henrico, VA 23238 - 4027	
(H) 740-7608 (E) GWBOS@aol.com	
Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.	Secretary
10604 Joseph Ct., Glen Allen, VA 23060 - 6490	
(H) 527-6543 (C) 837-0360 (O) 264-2050 (E) b555carpen@verizon.net	
Bro. Christopher W. Geary	Senior Deacon
3329 Double Ridge Ter, Powhatan, VA 23139-7336	
(C) 757-650-6341 (E) cgeary8902@comcast.net	
Bro. John N. Kandris, Jr.	Junior Deacon
53603 Ridgerun Pl, Chesterfield, VA 23832-7154	
(H) 873-4131 (E) jkandris@vaco.org	

## APPOINTED OFFICERS for 2014

Wor. Barry C. Faison	Chaplain
(H) 741-2331	
Bro. Darrell R. Holcombe	Sr. Steward
(C) 677-1352	
Bro. Michael J. Caro	Jr. Steward
(H) 553- 0396	
Bro. Raymond L. Crouch, Jr	Marshal
(H) 270-7344	
Bro. Richard C. Turochy	Musician
(H) 741-0660	
Bro. James A. Dabney	Tiler
(H) 288-3629	

## WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

* 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

\* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr	Assistant Treasurer
(H) 270-2215	
Wor. Douglas M. Messimer	Assistant Secretary
(H) 270-3454 (E) doug@messimer.net	

## 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. Jack G. Cooke, L.I.W	(H) 752-2117
Rt. Wor. Robert C. Eades, Sr. (C.O.W. Division Lecturer)	(H) 794-3661
Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.	(H) 527-6543

### MASONIC EDUCATION:

Wor. Douglas M. Messimer, L.E.O	(H) 270-3454
---------------------------------	--------------

### BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM:

Bro. David A. Bass	(H) 598-8680
VBS blood donation number:	1779

### MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:

Bro. James P. Gregory, III, L.M.H.A	(H) 741-8123
-------------------------------------	--------------

### FUNERAL:

Wor. R. Alton Wright	(H) 360-5598
All Lodge Officers	

### LIBRARY & SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Rt. Wor. Jack G. Cooke	(H) 752-2117
Bro. Thomas W. Voltz, Jr.	
Bro. Christopher W. Geary	

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Bro. Tomas W. Voltz, Jr.	(H) 266-6121
Bro. Carter S. Ammon, Jr.	
Bro. Raymond. L. Crouch, Jr.	

### INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS:

Wor. Douglas Messimer, Trestleboard design & content	
Wor. Barry Faison, printing, mailing, database updates	
Bro. Ben Smith, Webmaster Extraordinaire	

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Mt. Wor. F.G. Martin, III,  
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.,  
\*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, B.C. Faison,  
\*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

October 11, Family Day at MAHOVA

October 18, Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

October 25, Masters and Wardens Association, 8:00 am at Westhampton 302

November 5-9, Grand Annual Communication – Richmond

**A Life Membership in Perpetuity is still only \$1488 (16x\$93) through December 31<sup>st</sup>! Beginning January 1, 2015 the price goes to \$1600. If you have been thinking of getting a life membership, NOW is the time. Contact the Secretary for all the details.**



Heroes of 76 flag retirement ceremony at Tuckahoe Lodge

© Ben Smith

© 2014 Tuckahoe Lodge - all rights reserved