



Tuckahoe Lodge 347

A.F. & A.M.



Chartered February 14, 1923 by the Grand Lodge of Virginia A.F. & A.M.

*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 communications. Brethren, take due notice thereof.

The Craft at Labor

OUR 1,104th STATED COMMUNICATION - **THURSDAY, MARCH 5th, 2015**

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

6:30 P.M. - Dinner prepared by Chief Chef Bro. Mike Caro and served by the Stewards. The menu includes: Chicken Fricassee family style, with Rice Pilaf and Macaroons for dessert.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's Lodge - Business - Receive nominations for, and election of a Lodge Trustee - Masonic Nugget - Official visit of Rt. Wor. William Robert Heltzel, D.D.G.M. for 15-C - Close Lodge

Dress code: Officers: **Tuxedo with Black Accessories**

Members: **Business attire**

Counting the Years

(592 years of Masonic Service)

Ammon, C.S., Jr.	5 th	Figg, C.D.	47 th	Terry, W.S., Jr.	36 th
Clifton, R.L.	28 th	Irby, E.B., Jr.	59 th	Watts, D.F.	9 th
Cooke, J.G.	28 th	Lanier, M.S., II	42 nd	Webb, W.T.	5 th
Elicerio, J.P.J.M.	10 th	Mustian, W.T.	13 th	Wegman, J.B.	31 st
Fadool, J.E.	39 th	Powell, B.B., Jr.	41 st	Wetzel, E.C.	7 th
Farmer, G.J., III	33 rd	Stone, J.S.	51 st	Wood, A.E.	52 nd
		Strauss, R.E.	56 th		

Our Circle of Concern

Wor. Gray Bradford continues his recovery at home. Continue to remember Bro. Bob Peterson (Ben Smith's father-in-law) Bro. Mike Caro's father, Bro. Lin Schwartz, Bro. David Sims, Bro. Kenny Roach, and Bro. John Gaywood and his wife, Dorothy.

Brother Harris Leonard Atwell

EA: 5/16/1952 FC: 6/19/1952 MM: 7/17/1952 Entered the Celestial Lodge: 5/19/2013

The Lodge was notified of his passing in January of 2015. Bro. Atwell was a 61 year member of the Craft.

From the East... Wor. Carter S. 'Butch' Ammon, Jr.

Look out your window, Brethren. The snow should be all gone, birds are singing, and daffodils are starting to sprout. Springtime is here. It is a time of renewal and a time to think about planting seeds – especially the seeds of Freemasonry. We should all do our best to encourage ourselves to plant that seed, that seed that will cause a person to ask questions about Freemasonry, be welcomed into our lodge, and join our wonderful Craft. Just as a hardy plant grows strong, so should a new member grow within our Lodge and keep our membership strong.

At our March 5th Stated Communication, we will be receiving Rt. Wor. William Robert Heltzel, our District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-C. Please be sure to attend and welcome our new District Deputy Grand Master! The dress code will be coat & tie for members and visitors. All Officers will be in tuxedos and will be looking forward to a wonderful evening. Also, Wor. Doug Messimer will provide us with one of his memorable “Nuggets from the Quarry”.

We still have a few Entered Apprentices who should be ready soon to be passed to Fellowcraft. When that time comes, please lend a hand support these Brethren and our wonderful Lodge!

In closing, and to add a little humor, Saturday March 28th is the annual Ukrop's Monument Ave 10K race. There is still time to register if you want to run (or walk) 6.2 miles! All joking aside, be sure to cheer on your Worshipful Master – that's right Brethren, I signed up for it and will be running in the 10K race! I will be wearing my white t-shirt with our Lodge name on it along with the Square, Compasses, and “G” symbol. I pledge to make our Lodge proud!

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

Brethren, if your dues card does not say 2015, your name appears on my list of those members who have not paid their dues. If your dues card does not say 2014 or 2015, you are among the members who are on our delinquent list and will shortly be subject to suspension. Dues are due and payable by January 1st for each year. Please help your Lodge meet its obligations. Last year we suspended no brethren for non-payment of dues. Let's make it 2 years in a row.
DO YOU HAVE THE “EDGE”?

In 1972, the Miami Dolphins under Coach Don Shula went undefeated throughout the regular season, playoffs and Super Bowl. In 1973 Coach Shula wrote a book entitled: *“The Winning Edge”*. He set a goal and got his entire team to work for that objective.

Like the Dolphins, Freemasonry has a strong team, good leadership, and a proud tradition of success. Our goal is to take good men and make them better, and, by so doing, improve our communities and our way of life.

Do you have the “Edge” that the Dolphins had in 1972? Do you have the “Edge” that Coach Shula wrote about in 1973? Let's take a look at the four letters in the word “Edge”.

- The first **E** stands for “*Enlightenment*”. Knowledge is important. Education is vital for Masons. Candidate counseling and lifelong Lodge education efforts are designed to prepare men for the challenges they face as Masons.
- The **D** stands for “*Dedication*”. A Mason must have an inner resolve to work and succeed, or the whole effort will not meet our lofty expectations. How do we show our dedication? By regular attendance at meetings and activities, fulfilling officer responsibilities and displaying Masonic principles in our daily living.
- The **G** stands for “*God*”. Where have you heard that before? As Masons, our belief in and reliance on God is singularly our most important message for each other.
- The second **E** stands for “*Enthusiasm*”. Skill, training, beliefs and preparations are all fine qualities. But to achieve the “EDGE”, that extra lift that puts you on the strong team of Freemasonry, enthusiasm is required. It is the difference between a robust, active Lodge and an apathetic, declining Lodge.

Attaining the “EDGE” is just as important today as it was when Coach Shula wrote his book. It is a timely lesson for today's Mason, and actually attaining the “EDGE” in Freemasonry is a very powerful attribute as we confront the challenges of today. We must pursue our responsibilities and desires in Masonry and use *Enlightenment* to enhance our *Dedication* and allow *God's* blessing to feed our *Enthusiasm*. In this way, we will maintain a strong team, good leadership and a continued tradition of success. We will have found our “EDGE” if we set objectives for our goals and get our team of Freemasons to work for those objectives.

Tuckahoe needs you – all of you – to find the “EDGE”. To work, not only for Freemasonry, but for the advancement of Tuckahoe Lodge. Ask today what you can do to become involved. Ask not what your Lodge can do for you; ask what you can do for your Lodge (and Freemasonry).

My thanks to MW George O. Braatz, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for his contribution to this message.

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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. M. 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

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Vacant

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Vacant

VBS blood donation number: 1779

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FUNERAL:

All Lodge Officers

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Wor. Douglas Messimer, Trestleboard design/content

Wor. Barry Faison, printing, mailing, database updates

Bro. Ben Smith, Webmaster Extraordinaire

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
C.S. Ammon, Jr. 2015



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, D.D.G.M. (10) 2008
* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

A.O. Ballinger, C.P. Johnson,
R.C. Wood, D.M. Lovelace, J.C. Wood,
M.A. House

HONORARY MEMBERS

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

J. NED CULLER AWARD

2011 - R.W. Carpenter, Jr.
2012 - R.C. Eades, Sr
2013 - D.M. Messimer
2014 - *R.A. Wright

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

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, 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,
F.S. Wood, 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, B.C. Faison,
C.H. Gates III, *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.M. Messimer, M.H. Messimer, Jr., J.D. Mize,
*G.N. Pruden, J.T. Quinley, K.A. Roach,
*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

March 4, 12, 19, 26, Ritual classes at the Lodge, 7 PM
March 5, Official Visit of the D.D.G.M. for 15-C to Tuckahoe Lodge
March 18, DIW/DEO Jr. Deacons: EA Degree, 6 PM, at the SRT
April 2, Official visit of the Grand Master to Tuckahoe Lodge
April 15, DIW/DEO Sr. Deacons: FC Degree, 6 PM at the SRT
April 18, Valley of Richmond Spring Reunion at the SRT
May 20, DIW/DEO Jr. Wardens: MM Degree 1st section, 6 PM at the SRT
June 6, Annual District Memorial Service at the MAHOVA Chapel
June 17, DIW/DEO Sr. Wardens: MM Degree 2nd section, 6 PM at the SRT
July 15 - 18, Robert Lewis Gibbs Area Ritual School at the SRT
July 30 - Aug 1, the Reid James Simmons Academy, at the Best Western Plus Waynesboro Inn
August 29 - Statewide One Day Conferral
October 10, Family Day at MAHOVA
**November 4 - 7, the 237th Grand Annual Communication at the Hilton Richmond Hotel,
12042 West Broad Street, Richmond**

The Order of the Golden Fleece was founded by Philip, Duke of Burgundy, in 1429.
The Roman Eagle was Rome's symbol and ensign of power and might a hundred years before Christ.
The Order of the Star was created by John II of France in the middle of the Fourteenth Century.
The Order of the Garter was founded by Edward III of England in 1349 for himself and twenty-five Knights of the Garter.

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 the Lodge Secretary.
- * Annual Lodge dues for 2015 are \$100 (\$89 if you are age 70 or older)...Is *your* dues card current?
 - * A Life Membership in Perpetuity is \$1600. The Secretary has all the necessary forms.
 - * 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 - 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).
 - * DeMolay, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month, 7:30 P.M., at Westhampton Masonic Temple
 - * Job's Daughters, 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month, 7:30 P.M., at Westhampton Masonic Temple
- * For other upcoming events visit the Grand Lodge website at: <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org>

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