

1923 - 2015



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 communications. Brethren, take due notice thereof.

The Craft at Labor

OUR 1,106th STATED COMMUNICATION - **THURSDAY, MAY 7th, 2015**

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

6:30 P.M. - Dinner prepared Chief Chef Bro. Mike Caro and served by the Stewards. The menu includes:
Ham, scalloped potatoes, spiced peaches and beverage.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Mason's Lodge - Business - Rt Wor Mack Ruffin will speak on Scouting's "Order of the Arrow" program, and Bro. Billy Rice (DEO 15C) will present Grand Lodge Education Program Certificates - Close Lodge

Dress code: Officers and Members: **Business attire**

Counting the Years

(513 years of Masonic Service)

Chafin, A.B., Jr.	30 th	Hartman, W.T.	43 rd	Phillips, Z.J., III	43 rd
Conrad, S.A.	37 th	Heltzel, W.R.	12 th	Powers, D.A., III	37 th
Eades, R.C., Jr.	12 th	Lee, W.G.	47 th	Smith, D.F.	9 th
Gaywood, J.T.	28 th	Linscott, M.A.	1 st	Speight, P.L.	3 rd
Gregory, A.B., Sr.	14 th	Martin, F.G., III	53 rd	Townsend, W.J.	48 th
Gregory, J.P., III	2 nd	Martin, K.E.	53 rd	Wray, N.E., Jr.	41 st

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. Willie Hall, Bro. Buddy Lanier (at home recovering from stent surgery) Bro. Lin Schwartz, Bro. Charlie Nuckols, Bro. David Sims, Bro. Kenny Roach and his wife Karen, and Bro. John Gaywood and his wife, Dorothy, Rt. Wor. James Crowder, and Bro. D. Ray Holcomb.

Brother Berkley Spilman Martin

EA: 9/8/1961 FC: 10/27/1961 MM: 11/17/1961 Entered the Celestial Lodge: 3/26/2015

A 53 year member of the Craft

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

Now that spring is well underway and our gardens are growing, we can look forward to summer and vacation plans. But at the same time, let us keep our Lodge active and growing too.

We have a special treat for our May Stated Communication. Bro. Billy Rice (DEO, 15-C) will be visiting our Lodge and will present a 5 minute Masonic education program. Rt. Wor. Mack Ruffin will be the main speaker and will be presenting his program "Order of the Arrow", which is a fascinating look at the correlation between the Boy Scouts and Freemasonry. For those who fondly remember their childhood years in Scouting, just as I do, I promise you this will be a program that you do not want to miss!

The month of May also looks to be a great time to spend a Saturday or two sharing the bond of Masonic Brotherhood. May 2nd will be Tuckahoe's very first Annual Golf Tournament, to be held at Belmont Golf Course. Tee-off times start at 9:00am. Contact me for further the details... May 9th is the Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure", a 5K road race in support of breast cancer awareness. I will be running the race in honor and memory of a few Masonic wives of Tuckahoe. May 16th is the upcoming joint Blood Drive with Glen Allen #131 and Tuckahoe #347, to be held at Glen Allen Lodge with breakfast served at 8:00am. Contact me or Wor. Jonathan Turner (GA #131) for details.

In closing, it has been a good year so far, but to be honest Brethren, we need a few petitions! We need our membership to grow like our gardens and flower beds! Ask a friend why they have not considered becoming a Mason? Invite a friend to come to Lodge for dinner and see for themselves! For our Thursday night classes, come out a little early, and bring an old ball glove with you. I and few others enjoy tossing a baseball around on the front lawn of the Lodge. In the fall, we'll pass a football around. It gives the general public a better perception of who we are and that we also like to have a little fun from time to time.

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

MEMORIAL DAY AND A MASONIC CONNECTION

Despite the fact that President Lyndon B. Johnson, in 1966, declared the birthplace and birth date of Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) to be Waterloo, New York, on May 5, 1866 – there remains much mystery and variety of opinions concerning the actual first observance of what is now known as Memorial Day. It may come as a shock to some to learn that the origins of the day may have actually been of primarily Southern and Confederate invention. There are recorded observances of some sort of days of remembrance in such places as Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Georgia; and Richmond, Virginia – all taking place in 1866. The one in Columbus, Mississippi, was recorded as taking place on April 25, 1866, when women decorated the graves of Confederate – and later – Union soldiers.

In all likelihood, Memorial Day was probably born from several events that took place in the North and South. Several Southern states still observe Memorial Days specifically set aside to honor their Confederate dead.

John A. Logan gets primary credit for institutionalizing Memorial Day. A Union Major General – Logan, as National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed a day of remembrance for May 30, 1868, and flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Logan was a Master Mason from Illinois, having been raised in Mitchell Lodge No. 85 in Pinckneyville, Illinois, well before the beginning of the War Between the States.

Regardless of the origins of this day – let us all pause, reflect, and honor the memories of those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. Those who have helped bring our great country to where it is today. Remember, brethren, remember those who have gone before and given you the freedoms that each of us enjoys and which many of us take for granted.

Don't simply treat the day as part of a warm three day weekend. Take a moment to reflect upon those men and women who have given the "last full measure of devotion" for their country. Decorate their graves, visit their memorials, raise the flag in their honor, and lift up their widows and orphans, AND REMEMBER.

Also, PLEASE remember to pay your dues.

We still have six on our delinquent list who will be subject to suspension.

Check and make sure your dues card says 2015.

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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. 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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BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM:

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VBS blood donation number: 1779

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FUNERAL:

All Lodge Officers

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INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS:

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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, 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

May 16, Blood Drive at Glen Allen Lodge, 8:30 AM - 12:30PM
May 20, DIW/DEO Jr. Wardens: MM Degree 1st section, 6 PM at the SRT
May 30, MM degree for Bro. John Lapke – 2 PM at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4,
June 7, Memorial Service, 3 PM 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 2, the Reid James Simmons Academy, at the Best Western Plus Waynesboro Inn
August 29, Statewide One Day Conferral at the SRT
October 10, Family Day at MAHOVA
November 4 - 7, the 237th Grand Annual Communication at the Hilton Richmond Hotel,
12042 West Broad Street, Richmond



If you have an interest in assisting with the Lodge Blood Donor program, please contact the Worshipful Master. Working with the Virginia Blood Service rep, helping with scheduling and promoting Tuckahoe's 3 annual blood drives are the main duties. A sincere desire to help save lives through encouraging blood donations in our community is a requirement.

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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