

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. Furthermore, 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 1,120th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, JULY 7th, 2016

PLEASE NOTE THAT LODGE OPENS AT 5:30 PM, UNDER DISPENSATION.

5:30 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business - Educational Nugget # 84 - Close Master Masons Lodge.

Dress Code: Officers and Members – Summer Casual – Slacks & collared shirt (no shorts)

6:30 P.M. - Dinner prepared by the Ladies of Areme Chapter of the Eastern Star. Family summer fare – hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, watermelon, all the 'fixins' and beverage.

Following dinner: The National Sojourner's will conduct a US flag retirement ceremony near the Lodge Pavilion, with 'echo Taps' performed by the Tuckahoe Trumpeters.

Happy 240th Birthday, America !

Counting the Years

(392 Years of Masonic Service)

Bush, J.R.	5 th	Jarrell, T.B.	35 th	Reid, J.C.	44 th
Caro, M.J.	3 rd	Lovern, W.B.	45 th	Roach, K.A.	11 th
Carr, C.M.	43 rd	McKaig, J.C.	11 th	Samuels, D.W.	48 th
Eades, R.C., Sr.	43 rd	Mihalcoe, A.L.	31 st	Williams, J.R.	61 st
		Mihalcoe, A.L., Jr.	12 th		

Congratulations to Bro. David Edward Dubois, our newest Master Mason raised on June 23rd.

Our Circle of Concern

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Bro. Gary Josey, Wor. Barry Faison, Rt. Wor. Rob Eades, Wor. Shirley Tuck, Bro. Hugh Major, Bro. Leon Story, Jr., Bro. David Sims and his wife Mary Lou, Bro. Chris McCombs, Bro. Zolton Phillips, Bro. David Bass, Bro. Gordan Roach, Bro. Earl Watson, and Bro. John Gaywood and his wife, Dorothy.

From the East... Wor. Thomas W. Voltz, Jr.

Greetings and Happy Forth of July! I hope you will have the opportunity to celebrate the official birth of our country's independence and enjoy some time with your family. Tuckahoe Lodge continues to be busy. In June we raised our newest Brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We look forward to seeing Bro. David Dubois in Lodge on a regular basis. Congratulations, Dave!

Remember that this year the stated meeting for July will be on the 7th. Under dispensation, we will open the Lodge at 5:30 and work to bring the business to a speedy close so that we can meet family and friends in the dinning room or pavilion for a traditional 4th of July picnic sort of meal. This will be followed by the Sojourners' presentation dedicated to the retirement of the flag of our country, Wor. Doug Messimer's nugget on the history of the music, "Taps", and the echo rendition of said music by Wor. Butch Ammon and Bro. Jim Gregory. Many family and friends are expected, along with the ladies from Areme, Chapter 10 of the Rainbow girls and the Westhampton DeMolay young men. So, please put this on your calendar.

On the 14th of July, Lodge members will be supporting Wor. Doug and helping with the earning of the Hilman Award by attending the stated meeting of Metropolitan Lodge as Wor. Doug shares one of his excellent "Nuggets". The final classes for the Robert Lewis Gibbs School will be held in July. Please join me in attending as many of these as you can. Let's continue to work to keep Tuckahoe strong and vibrant. See you on the 7th

The Secretary's Ramblings... Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.

Wow! The 4th of July already and here's another holiday. What do you think of when you think of Independence Day – the movie, freedom, fireworks, a baseball game, or a cookout (food)? Maybe a family get together or a neighborhood gathering? Let's, however, look at just one of these many fine activities. Fireworks! Originally developed, as believed by most scholars, in the 2nd century B.C. in China, the loud explosions were perfect for frightening off spirits, celebrating weddings, battle victories, and eclipses of the moon. They were also used in religious ceremonies and later adapted for military use during the Middle Ages in the form of flaming arrows.

Their popularity in recent years has grown to spectacular effects of colors and sounds. Fireworks have evolved into an emotional experience that included choreographed music with precise launch timing to create a dazzling spectacle.

But that's enough of that. Now let's look at something entirely different. Think back to your school days. I hope you all remember what an "aphorism" is. Taken literally, it means a 'distinction' or 'definition'. Basically, it is a general truth, such as, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". I recently ran across some interesting ones, and some are listed below (not all, however, as I am not including those relating to occupations or politicians). Here goes:

- It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.
- We have enough "youth". How about a fountain of "smart"?
- The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
- A fool and his money can throw one heck of a party.
- Money isn't everything but it sure keeps the kids in touch.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- We are born naked, wet, and hungry. Then things get worse.
- Red meat is not bad for you. Fuzzy green meat is bad for you.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

BRETHREN, IF YOU HAVE NOT, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

WE HAVE MANY WHO ARE NOT LIVING UP TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS! SEVERAL ARE ABOUT TO BE SUSPENDED!

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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
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W. M. McClintock	1994
J. L. Mason	1995

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* 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
T.W.Voltz, Jr.	2016



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, P.D.D.G.M.	(10) 2008

* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

A.O. Ballinger, C.P. Johnson, J.C. Wood,
M.A. House, J.R. Williams, R.F. Westbury, Sr.,
H.E. Franklin

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
2015 - C.E. Whitley

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

E.B. Irby, 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., C.E. Whitley, E.L. Walker,
R.C. Turochy



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.H. Crowder, *J.N. Culler,
H.H. Eades, Jr., R.C. Eades, Sr., B.C. Faison
*C.L. Farmer, 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

July 14, Educational Presentation at Metropolitan Lodge #11, Dinner at 6PM

July 20-23, Robert Lewis Gibbs Masonic Ritual School, at the SRT

July 28-31, Reid J. Simmons Academy at the Best Western Inn, Waynesboro

August 18, Educational Presentation and visit to Linn Banks Lodge in Madison, VA

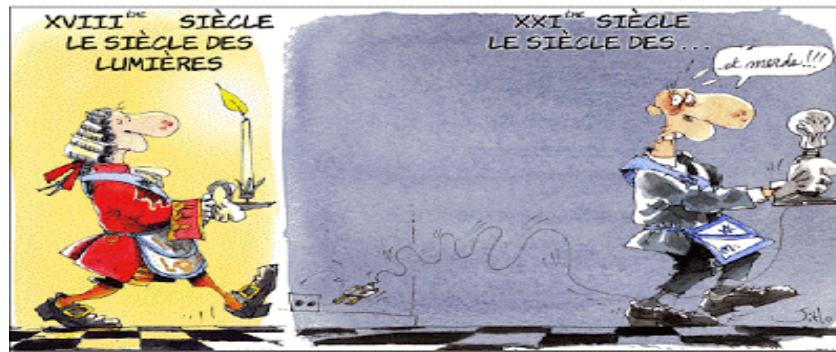
October 1, Family Fish Fry & More, 4-7 PM at the Lodge Pavilion...details soon !

October 8, Family day at the Masonic Home

October 15, Scottish Rite Fall Reunion at the SRT in memory of Wor. Russel Alton Wright

October 29, Blood Drive at Tuckahoe, 8:30 Am till 12:30 PM

November 9-12, Grand Annual Communication, Hilton Hotel, Short Pump



Seeking more light is a difficult task and a lifelong Masonic endeavor. Freemasonry is a serious Order but not a dull one. There is space for humor among us. Here an example of this fresh spirit from our French Brethren. The first title says "18th century, the century of Enlightenment"; the other "21st century, the century of....(*oops)"

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 2016 are \$100 (\$89 if you are age 70 or older)...Is your dues card current?
- * A Life Membership in Perpetuity is \$1600 (\$1424 if you are 70 or older). The Secretary has all the required forms.
 - * The Lodge Telephone Number is 804-234-4115, 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).
- * Westhampton Chapter DeMolay, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month, 7:30 P.M., at Westhampton Masonic Temple
 - * Bethel 53 Job's Daughters, 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month, 7:30 P.M., at Westhampton Masonic Temple
- * Richmond Assembly #10 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM at the SRT