



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 1,125th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2016

- 6:00 P.M.** Please note the earlier time for Dinner prepared by the Ladies of Areme Chapter of the Eastern Star. The menu includes Ham, string beans, sweet potatoes, apples, brownies and ice cream.
- 7:00 P.M.** Following dinner, all present are invited into the Lodge room for our annual Memorial Service.
- 7:15 P.M.** Open Master Mason's Lodge - Business - presentation of 25 year pins - Election and installation of officer's for 2017 - Worshipful Master's remarks - Close Master Mason's Lodge
- Dress Code: Officers and Members: Coat & tie

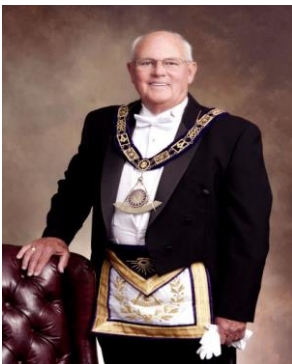
Counting the Years

8 years

Perrella, M.P. 8th

Our Circle of Concern

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Bro. Rusty Davis as he recovers from recent ankle surgery, Wor. Butch Ammon's sister, Karen, recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Continue to remember those who have been on the Circle of Concern for some time: Bro. Gary Josey, 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, Bro. Jack Reid, and Bro. John Gaywood and his wife, Dorothy.



M.W. Vernon Stuart Cook, our 172nd Grand Master



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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you will join us for our dinner and meeting on December 1. It looks to be another great meal from the ladies of the Areme Chapter of the Eastern Star, as well as the installation of our officers, memorial service for Brethren who have passed during the year and the usual business meeting. For next year, I'll be sitting in the East again with Bro. Ray Crouch as the Senior Warden, Bro. Mike Caro as the Junior Warden, Brother Jim Gregory as the Sr. Deacon and Bro. David Dubois as the Jr. Deacon, if elected. Worshipfuls Wayne Boswell, Bob Carpenter and Doug Messimer have agreed to continue in their present capacities as has our Tiler, Bro. Jim Dabney.

We are looking forward to next year. I'll have a few prepared remarks about our accomplishments in 2016 and our goals for 2017 during the meeting.

I'll close my year by saying "thank you" to each and every one of you, my Brethren, for all that you do each year in serving Masonry, for supporting Tuckahoe Lodge and for letting me serve as your Worshipful Master for this past year.

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



December – the most happiest time of the year. But what about December? This brings us to the end of my articles about the months of the year. Finally! December, however, has a lot to offer. As its name suggests, December was once the tenth month of the year in the days of the Roman calendar. which was only ten months long and started with March.

It stayed the tenth month until around 700 BC when Numa Pompilius, the second King of Rome, added two additional months. They became January and February, moving December to the twelfth month but leaving the name the same. It has remained that way through both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. December starts on the same day of the week as September every year and ends on the same day as April every year. It is the month with the shortest daylight hours in the Northern Hemisphere.

December 1st marks the beginning of meteorological winter, which consists of the three months December, January, and February. Astronomical winter, however, is based on when the sun reaches the Tropic of Capricorn, which in 2016 is December 21st.

Some interesting observances in December include International Hug Day on the 4th, Monkey Day on the 14th, Forefathers' Day on the 22nd celebrated in Plymouth, MA, and of course those two famous holidays – Christmas Day on the 25th and New Year's Eve on the evening of the 31st.

Dues notices should have been received by now, or will be shortly. The dues did not change for 2017 and remain \$100. For members 70 years of age and over, the dues are \$89.

Remember, Freemasonry needs YOU! Tuckahoe needs you. Your time, your talents, but most of all you! Ask not what your Lodge can do for you, but ask what you can do for your Lodge. A new year approaches, brethren, let's start out with a new outlook, new goals, and new Petitions!

I hope to see everyone at the December Stated Communication on December 1st. We will hold the election and installation that night, and kick off a new Masonic Year, the 94th in the history of Tuckahoe Lodge. May you and yours have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

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

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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, E.B. Irby, Jr

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
2016 - *W.Y. Roper, III

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

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, J.H. Frye



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

December 1, Annual Memorial Service, and election & installation of officers for 2017.
December 11, from 2-5 PM St. John's #36 hosts their annual Christmas Party for members and families. We, along with #10 and #302, are again invited. Food is provided, as well as a visit from Santa for the kids.



Matters of Interest

- * Masonic Recognition Day is 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 2017 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. (Wednesday, if degree work is scheduled on Thursday).
 - * Richmond Lodge No. 10 meets 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe.
 - * St. John's Lodge No. 36 meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:15 PM at Tuckahoe.
 - * Areme Chapter No. 17, OES meets 3rd Monday, 7:30 PM at Tuckahoe.
- * Robert Lewis Gibbs Class meets every Saturday, 7:00 PM at the SRT (*except* 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 PM at Westhampton Masonic Temple.
 - * Bethel 53 Job's Daughters, 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month, 7:30 PM at Westhampton Masonic Temple.
- * Richmond Assembly #10 International Order of Rainbow for Girls, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM at the SRT.
 - * For other upcoming events visit the Grand Lodge website at: <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org>

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