

1923 - 2020



Tuckahoe Lodge 347

A.F. & A.M.



Chartered February 14, 1923, by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. District 15-A

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*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 any of our communications. Brethren, take due notice thereof.

The Craft at Labor

**OUR 1,168th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, April 2nd, 2020
has been cancelled!**

By Order of the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia: In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, all Stated and Called Communications, ritual classes, and Masonic events at the Lodge have been cancelled through April 30th.

Counting the Years

(209 Years of Masonic Service)

Bolson, J.B.	4 th	Harris, M.D.	3 rd	Keeton, R.R.	29 th
Davis, R.G.	15 th	Hughes, E.R.	51 st	Walker, E.L.	54 th
Garrett, J.D.	2 nd	Kandris, J.N., Jr.	7 th	Woolard, J.L.	44 th

Our Circle of Concern

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers: Bro. Bruce Bullington, Bro. Ed Wood, Wor. Marshall Messimer, Bro. Kenny Roach, Rt. Wor. Clarence Whitley and Mary, Bro. Steve Stankiewicz, Wor. Gray Bradford, Bro. Walter Brooking, Rt. Wor. James Crowder, Bro. Dan Sarate, Bro. David Sims and Mary Lou, Bro. John Gaywood, and Bro. Jack Reid.

Brethren, in an ongoing effort to keep in touch with the widows of our Lodge, we are asking Lodge members to share with the Lodge Secretary the email, phone, or mailing address of any widow that you may have knowledge of, or have regular contact with. This will help ensure that we have the most recent contact information and will allow us to ascertain if they have need of assistance, and to regularly check on their well-being. Please contact Bob at: b555carpen@aol.com or 804-837-0360

From the East...Wor. James P. Gregory, III

Brethren, as I sit down today to write this month's communication, several thoughts and emotions cross my mind. In these uncertain times is when humankind can be at their best and sometimes worst, it is good to know that we are in good company and have a time tested network of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist. As Freemasons, this is not a time to submit and lie dormant or become a drone in the busy hive of our craft, but continue to be active as we look out for each other, our widows and orphans as we have all taken upon ourselves a most solemn obligation and charged to administer comfort in the time of trouble to be friendly to each other and nourish and cherish each other in times of need.

Just as a bee travels long distances outside of their hives in search of nectar, while subsequently pollinating plants, flowers and fruits to flourish, our craft must also take this example metaphorically as we spread brotherly love and affection rather than disease. Think of the beehive as our lodge, not in a physical sense, but the body of the lodge, which is each of you as living stones. Think of honey as the lasting nourishment and sustainment of our craft as we provide to our widows and orphans and neighbors. Honey requires no preservatives and never spoils. After all, dependence is the fabric of our society as mankind was made dependent on each other for our protection and security from time immemorial.

The ritual of the Royal Cumberland Lodge dates back to the eighteenth century and includes the following reference to the beehive symbol:

"The Beehive teaches us that as we are born into the world rational and intelligent beings, so ought we also to be industrious ones, and not stand idly by or gaze with listless indifference on even the meanest of our fellow creatures in a state of distress if it is in our power to help them without detriment to ourselves or our connections; the constant practice, – of this virtue is enjoined on all created beings, from the highest seraph in heaven to the meanest reptile that crawls in the dust."

Therefore, I can't emphasize enough the importance of keeping in touch and helping each other in these times. Not only are most of our craft of advanced age and at risk and vulnerable to the current pandemic, but also impacted psychologically as well. Therefore, I have asked Tuckahoe's lodge officers to reach out to our members, widows and orphans to check on their overall wellbeing or to see if there is anything that they need. In addition, I would encourage every one of you to widen your compasses to include not only your neighbors, but your community and country. Remember that we are charged to "do good unto all". Now is the time when Freemasonry can shine more than ever as we are the rock and foundation of our society which forms the fabric and network of what a civil society emulates. Now is the time to comfort the weary and remind each other that we are NOT alone. Now is the time to provide our most precious resources. As a healthcare professional, I would urge each one of you to donate blood if able. Our supply of this life-giving resource is in very short supply.

Lastly brethren, I leave you with one final thought. Without each other, we are alone and would not stand or sustain ourselves or those around us, without purpose, we would not have a reason to live, without God, we cannot endure these dark times, nor have the strength nor wisdom needed to survive physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Take care of yourselves, your family and our greater cause toward all mankind, more especially to brother in Masonry.

Secretary's Wisdom from the Easter Bunny...Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter



April brings many special moments of thoughtful days. April Fool's Day, Easter, Earth Day, showers that bring May flowers, and others too numerous to mention. The Easter bunny just loves to be poke around in April. He actually brought us an Easter chicken and an Easter frog this year. However, I digress. I have a message to generate about symbolism. Symbols fill up everything in Masonry. So, as they say in the big top, on with the show.

In the Entered Apprentice's Degree, as well as in the Fellowcraft Degree, the Lodge symbolizes the world where men labor in useful avocations (my word for the day) and in the acquisition of knowledge, wisdom and virtue. But in the Master Mason's Degree it represents the Sanctum Sanctorum of King Solomon's Temple, a symbol of heaven. Nothing common or unclean was allowed to enter there, and it was there that the visible presence of Deity was said to dwell.

In the Master Mason's Degree our attention is symbolically and solemnly directed to death and the future life. It is worthy of note, however, that while Light in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees symbolizes the gaining of human knowledge and virtue, in the Master Mason's Degree it symbolizes the Divine truth in the life that is to come.

Masonry can be, and is, helpful to men looking for their right place in the world. We have a wealth of symbolism in Masonry drawn from the immortal tools and their remarkable traditions. Much of this symbolism points to the work of preparing ourselves for our place in the building of our lives.

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WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

* J.O. Harris1923-1924
* 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

COMMITTEES

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Red Cross Blood Donation # 1779

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Wor. Douglas M. Messimer, Trestleboard design/content
Wor. Barry C. Faison, printing, mailing, database updates
Bro. Jonathan M. Lumpkin, social media

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION -2023:

Wor. Barry Faison, Bro. Jonathan Lumpkin (co-chairs). All Line
Officers, and other Brethren appointed at the will and pleasure
of the Worshipful Master.

FUNERAL:

All Lodge Officers

* 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 2016-2017
R. L. Crouch, Jr..... 2018
M. J. Caro..... 2019
J. P. Gregory, III 2020

* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended



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
2017 - G.W. Boswell
2018 - H.H. Eades, Jr.
2019 - B.C Faison

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

C.P. Johnson, J.C. Wood, M.A. House,
R.F. Westbury, Sr., H.E. Franklin,
E.B. Irby, Jr., R.E. Strauss

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

K.E. Martin, F.G. Martin, III, A.E. Wood,
H.H. Eades, 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, W.J. Townsend, R.H. Word, W.G Lee,
J.W. Clark, J.R. Grove, E.R. Hughes

ASSOCIATE PAST MASTERS

F. G. Martin, III, P.G.M. (344) 1989
J. R. Quinley, P.G.M. (211) 1990
J. H. Crowder, P.D.D.G.M. (177) 2004-05
W. R. Heltzel, P.D.D.G.M (10) 2008

51 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.,
R.W. Carpenter, III, *W.R. Cosby, J.H. Crowder,
*J.N. Culler, D.E. Dubois, H.H. Eades, Jr.,
R.C. Eades, Sr., B.C. Faison, J.A. Fanning,
*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.,
J.M. Lumpkin,*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,B.K. Smith,
*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. Wrightt
* Deceased

Coming Events

- May 7**, Grand Master’s official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge
- May 20**, DEO/DIW School, 6 PM at the SRT
- June 7**, District 15-A & B Memorial Service, 3PM at MAHOVA
- June 17**, DEO/DIW School, 6 PM at the SRT
- July 15-18**, R. Lewis Gibbs School, 6 PM at the SRT
- August 14-15**, Reid Simmons Academy, SRT in Roanoke
- September 26**, Official visit of the Grand Master to Districts 15-A & B, ACCA Shrine Center
- October 10**, MAHOVA Family Day
- October 16-17**, Richmond Scottish Rite 2-day Fall Reunion
- November 4-8**, Grand Annual Communication at the Hilton Hotel, Glen Allen



Matters of Interest

- * Report any change of residence or e-mail address promptly to the Lodge Secretary.
- * Annual Lodge dues for 2020 are \$120, (\$107 if you are age 70 or older) and were due January 1st.
- * Life Membership is available at 25 times our annual dues (\$3,000) see the Secretary for details.
- * The Lodge Telephone Number is 804-234-4115, only voice mail is available.
- * Tuckahoe Masonic Class meets Thursday’s at 7:00 P.M. (Wednesday, if degree work is scheduled for Thursday).
- * Lewis Gibbs Memorial Class meets Saturday, 9:00 AM at the SRT (except 3rd Saturday, and in December).
- * Masters and Wardens meets 3rd Saturday, 8:00 AM at SRT (except December).
- * Richmond Lodge No. 10 meets 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe.
- * Areme Chapter No. 17, OES meets 3rd Monday, 7:30 PM at Tuckahoe (except July & August).
- * 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, 7:00 PM at Washington & Henry Lodge.
- * 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>