

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*

**DUE TO THE VIRUS PANDEMIC, OUR STATED COMMUNICATIONS FOR MAY 7th AND JUNE 4th HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND MASTER. ALL MEETINGS, RITUAL CLASSES AND ALL OTHER MASONIC GATHERINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### *Counting the Years*

(531 years of Masonic Service)

Chafin, A.B., Jr.	35th	Hartman, W.T.	48th	Martin, K.E.	58th
Conrad, S.A.	42nd	Heltzel, W.R.	17th	Powers, D.A., III	42nd
Eades, R.C., Jr.	17th	Lapke, J.J., Jr.	5th	Smith, D.F.	14th
Ferraro, V.C.	1st	Lee, W.G.	52nd	Speight, P.L.	8th
Gregory, A.B., Sr.	19th	Linscott, M.A.	6th	Stankiewicz, S.V.	3rd
Gregory, J.P., III	7th	Martin, F.G., III	58th	Townsend, W.J.	53rd
				Wray, N.E., Jr.	46th

### *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, and Bro. Jack Reid.

### *Called to the Celestial Lodge*

Bro. John Terrence Gaywood

EA: 1/19/87 FC: 4/17/87 MM: 5/22/87

Entered the Celestial Lodge 3/20/20

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

Brethren, I hope and pray that this message finds you and your families well. I try not to worry as some say it is a wasted emotion, but “easier said than done”. Some say why worry if you pray, thus “if you pray don’t worry and if you worry, why pray”? To that end, I pray daily for all of you, your families during this time of darkness, isolation and separation from each other. They say, “absence makes the heart fonder”, which is most certainly true as we miss each other and miss our ritual. Please stay patient and remember that we are told to “await a time with patience” before entering the lodge, which again has another meaning in this time. Even though our ritual might have a little rust on it when we finally get to back to work, there is no doubt that we will be “reinvested with that of which we have divested” and in due time, be back home in our lodge together. Also, always remember that we make up the body of a just and legally constituted lodge, not the building, but what constitutes it.....which is you my brethren, not just our building. Therefore, I stand with you, for you and never far from you in though and prayer. Most importantly, God also is always with us and will never forsake us in this or any other time.



On a positive note, we have gotten creative and recently had our first virtual gathering via Zoom. Were able to see each other, chat and brainstorm and see what isolation has done to your hairdo. In any case, it was pleasant in its own way and the best method of gathering that I know of during this time. I would like all members to be invited and join in in these Zoom meetings every other week on Thursday at 7pm (starting April 30th). A link was sent out to your email on file earlier this week. This meeting will include our general check-in, informing the lodge of the sick and distressed along with any other needs our brothers and their families may need during this time. We will have a little fun and hear about Tom’s trip to Scotland and see a few of the pictures he took. I hope you can join us during this time of fellowship and reassurance that we are not and will never be alone as Freemasons. Remember that even though our lodge room may be dark at this time, the light of Freemasonry shines on, without a flicker, as a beacon of hope and “since time immemorial”, we shall prevail!



## ***THE SECRETARY'S MEMORIAL DAY THOUGHTS***

***Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter***



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

Memorial Day. I remember it as Decoration Day when I was growing up. Every year on May 30 there was a parade. It wasn't moved around to fall on a Monday every year. There were poppies. There were speeches. There was music and rifle salutes. People were proud to come out and participate in the events of the day. Do we still do these things today? I guess some places do. Unfortunately, they have fallen on the wayside, just like other important days in the history of our great nation. Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed a lot to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.

Why Memorial Day? It is for remembering and honoring the military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Serving to keep our country free. Serving to keep you and me free. Serving to keep our children and our children's children free.

Records show that by 1865, Mississippi, Virginia, and South Carolina all had precedents for Memorial Day. The earliest Southern Memorial Day celebrations were simple, somber occasions for veterans and their families to honor the dead and tend to local cemeteries. Southern women decorated the graves of soldiers even before the Civil War's end.

On June 3, 1861, Warrenton, Virginia, was the location of the first Civil War soldier's grave ever to be decorated. This decoration was for the funeral of the first soldier killed in action during the Civil War, John Quincy Marr, who died on June 1, 1861 during a skirmish at the Battle of Fairfax Courthouse in Virginia.

On Memorial Day this year, take a few minutes to remember those brave members of our military who gave their lives so that you could take those few minutes to remember. Remember once again to thank them for their sacrifice.

### **DOES YOUR DUES CARD SAY 2020?**

Brethren, we continue to have several of our number delinquent in the payment of their dues. Let's not be suspended. Please make sure yours are paid. Your Lodge depends upon your dues payments. In this time of COVID-19, stay safe, stay healthy, but do not forget your Lodge. We will be able to meet again soon. Please help to make sure your Lodge will still be able to meet.

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### **A special note of 'Thanks'**

Thank you to the brethren for all the cards, calls, emails, and thoughts and prayers that were sent to Linda and I after my recent heart attack. The response was overwhelming and really helped us both through a very trying time. I am certain that I would miss someone should I try and respond individually. It's times like this that I am so proud to be a Freemason and to call each of you my Brother. Sincerely and Fraternaly, Rt. Wor. Rick Kidd, PDDGM  
Masonic District 15A.

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\* 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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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.,  
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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***

- 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



How did you get the  
Black eye?  
The wife was giving  
me a lecture and I  
corrected her three  
times.

***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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>