

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, JULY 2, 2020

ATTENTION, Brethren. No meals or refreshments will be served before or after Lodge meetings for the foreseeable future, by order of the Grand Master.

7:15 P.M. Open Master Mason's Lodge - Business - Elect and install Junior Deacon for 2020 - Educational program – Salute to the Flag - Close Master Mason's Lodge. Welcome back, Brethren!

Dress Code for Officers and members July through September: Casual slacks, and collared or Tuckahoe shirt. By order of the Worshipful Master, all Masons must wear a facial covering at all times while in the Lodge building, practice social distancing, and hand washing protocol as necessary.

Counting the Years

(365 Years of Masonic Service)

Bush, J.R.	9th	Jarrell, T.B.	39th	Olewnik, W.C., Jr.	2nd
Caro, M.J.	7th	Lovern, W.B.	49th	Reid, J.C.	48th
Carr, C.M.	47th	McKaig, J.C.	15th	Roach, K.A.	15th
Eades, R.C., Sr.	47th	Mihalcoe, A.L.	35th	Samuels, D.W.	52nd

Our Circle of Concern

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers: Bro. Jerry Fanning, Wor. Mike Caro, 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, Bro. Dan Sarate, Bro. David Sims and Mary Lou, and Bro. Jack Reid. Contact the Junior Warden, or any Officer, if you are in need of assistance.

Called to the Celestial Lodge

Rt. Wor. James Howard Crowder

EA: November 10, 1978 FC: January 19, 1979 MM: January 26, 1979. All degrees received in Tuckahoe Lodge, and he was an LMIP in Tuckahoe. He served as Worshipful Master of Lodge 177 in 2004 and 2005, and as DDGM (District 31) in 2006. Entered the Celestial Lodge on May 26, 2020

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

Brethren, as I continue to hope and pray that this message finds you and your families well, I am happy to announce that the lights are on at Tuckahoe Lodge and we will hold our first stated communication (since the pandemic) on July 2nd. We have been hard at work to assure that we uphold the recommendations set forth by the Commonwealth and the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Our first meeting back will be a bit different as we will not be sharing our customary gestures and tokens of handshaking etc., but rather respecting and assuring we are keeping each other safe by socially distancing from each other, practicing hand hygiene and wearing face masks (at all times while in the building) and inculcate a disinfecting ritual in the lodge after use.

Even though handshaking has thought to have been around since the 5th century (which originated in Greece (left) or even further back in history to the 9th century B.C., as depicted below by Assyrian King Shalmaneser III (on the right). It is typically a gesture of good faith and assures that they themselves come in peace and are unarmed. It is also known Masonically to be a way to identify yourself in the dark as in the light and a gesture of friendship and brotherly love.



In any case, we need to dispose of this gesture for the time being and get creative on how we could greet each other. This has been both a fun and awkward adjustment for some of us as we have resorted to bowing or other new greetings for each other.

As we continue to focus on our cardinal virtues (Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice) as our framework for this year's programs, we will have a short educational program on Justice for our July Stated. It is both relevant to our country's coming birthday and current events. As Masons it is important to recognize this cardinal virtue (which is inculcated in the first degree) and how emphatically it has been charged to preserve an upright position in all our dealings with mankind. According to Albert Mackey's encyclopedia or Freemasonry, *'the iconography of Justice is usually represented as a matron with a blindfold or bandage on her eyes holding a scale at equipoise. In Freemasonry, the true meaning has more to do with having our feet firmly planted and standing uprightly before God and our fellow man'*.

Our pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty also hold further virtues of truthfulness, endurance, independence, justice, mercy, equity and silence, which are further explained in Scottish Rite Masonry which upholds a strong reverence and administration of the law with Justice, making us more upright and more perfect ashlar and further the path of Justice with include disinterestedness, heroism, courtesy, frankness, firmness and loyalty. These, along with many other lessons we learn in our journey to become better men in our great fraternity lay ahead as we work in the quarries and erect our temples as living stones.



OUR FIRST MEETING IN FOUR MONTHS!

Happy 4th of July! Happy Birthday America! Happy Masonic birthday to all our July birthday brethren.

HOW ABOUT A QUICK LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY?

I must thank not only the Masonic Service Association of North America, but the late MW Donald G. Ingalls, Grand Master of California in 1978-79 for this comparison of the two seas in the Holy Land.

One of those seas is fresh and filled with fish. Its banks are green and trees spread their branches over it and plunge their thirsty roots into the water. The River Jordan fills this sea with sparkling water from the hills. Men build houses near it, and the birds their nests, and life is happier on its shores.

But, the River Jordan continues to flow south into another sea. Here there is neither fish, nor trees, nor song of birds, nor children's laughter. The air hangs heavy above its water and neither man, nor fowl, nor beast will drink of it.

What makes this difference in these two seas fed by the same river?

The sea of Galilee passes on that which it receives. For every drop of water that flows in, a drop of water flows out. The other sea has no outlet. It keeps what it gets. It stagnates and is called the Dead Sea.

This comparison illustrates that to give is to live – and our gift, this special gift called Freemasonry, is a way of life and a willingness of the heart. We must act to pass on to our neighbors, our friends and family these precious gifts of right living which our Craft has so generously bestowed on us.

In all fairness to the members of Tuckahoe Lodge, have YOU passed on these gifts of Freemasonry to your friends and neighbors, and more especially your family? The next time you have the opportunity to pass on the "gifts of Freemasonry", remember your lesson in geography and the two seas in the Holy Land. Freemasonry will be richer for you having remembered your geography lesson. Let us not stagnate what has been so wonderfully provided to each and every one of us. As a Past Grand Master said, not too long ago, "Freemasonry – Pass It On!"

**BRETHREN, IF YOU HAVE NOT, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!
WE HAVE MANY WHO ARE NOT LIVING UP TO THEIR OBLIGATIONS!**

**REMEMBER YOUR GEOGRAPHY LESSON!
SEVERAL ARE ABOUT TO BE SUSPENDED!**

ELECTED OFFICERS for 2020

Wor. James P. Gregory, III (Jemma) Worshipful Master
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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

TRUSTEES:
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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, 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, W.A. Cauthorn

ASSOCIATE PAST MASTERS

F. G. Martin, III, P.G.M. (344) 1989
J. R. Quinley, P.G.M. (211) 1990
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

October 10, MAHOVA Family Day has been **cancelled**.

October 16-17, Richmond Scottish Rite 2-day Fall Reunion.

November 7, The Grand Annual Communication will be shortened to a half-day session, with limited attendance, at the Hilton Hotel.

Happy Birthday America!



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>