

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 1,171st STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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.

**Dress Code for Officers and members for October:** 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.

**6:00 P.M.** Open Master Mason's Lodge - Business - Founders Month - Close Master Mason's Lodge. Flag retirement Ceremony conducted by the James Monroe Camp, Heroes of '76 from the Ft. Lee-Richmond Chapter of the National Sojourners - 'Echo Taps' presented by the Tuckahoe Trumpeters. The ceremony will take place at the pavilion following the closing of Lodge.

### *Counting the Years*

467 Years of Masonic Service

Anderson, M.R.	48 <sup>th</sup>	Grove, J.R.	52 <sup>nd</sup>	Messimer, M.H., Jr.	17 <sup>th</sup>
Carpenter, R.W., III	34 <sup>th</sup>	Hanbury, E.C.	36 <sup>th</sup>	Quinley, J.R.	47 <sup>th</sup>
Crouch, R.L., Jr.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Hutchens, W.F.	56 <sup>th</sup>	Sims, D.F.	21 <sup>st</sup>
Dabney, J.A.	19 <sup>th</sup>	Johnson, C.P.	68 <sup>th</sup>	Wegman, J.A.	9 <sup>th</sup>
Geary, C.W.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Meade, P.M.	20 <sup>th</sup>	Wright, D.E.	19 <sup>th</sup>

### *Our Circle of Concern*

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers: Bro. Dick Collins, Bro. Jerry Fanning, Wor. Mike Caro, Bro. Bruce Bullington, 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*

#### **Worshipful William Alden Edmonds**

EA: April 11, 1986 FC: May 16, 1986 MM: June 27, 1986. All degrees received in Tuckahoe Lodge.

Entered the Celestial Lodge September 4, 2020. Served as Worshipful Master in 1991.

*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 that we have had as many opportunities to be together, even if it is not as usual, it is better than not at all.

I would first, like to recognize how great our Junior and Senior Wardens did while occupying the East the last couple of months. This has given them, and you all, a great opportunity to look forward to their year. It has also provided a little break for me to sit back and take couple months off. On another note, unfortunately, in recent months, many of our Past Masters and members have passed away, which reminds us of how important it is to remember that the fragile and frail the threads of our mortality are slowly cut over time. This reminds and teaches us all that we are traveling along on the sands of time in an ephemeral life, to arrive in an eternal one in that undiscovered country with God.

In that same regard, the flags of our great country may fade, tatter and rip over time in the elements and need to be laid to rest. As when they no longer serve This should be done in the most dignified fashion. The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k states-“The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” So come out after our meeting and join the James Monroe Camp, Heroes of’76 from the Ft Lee-Richmond Chapter of the National Sojourners conducts a most dignified Flag Retirement Ceremony followed by 'Echo Taps', presented by the Tuckahoe Trumpeters.

Don’t forget to come comfortably dressed (casual slacks and collared or Lodge shirt) to the meeting, which will start at 6pm under dispensation. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

*THE SECRETARY’S MYSTERY CLOSET...RW Bob Carpenter*



**MYSTERY HISTORY**

Edwin T. Booth. Do you remember him from your history lessons? Probably not. He was, however, a famous actor in the 19th Century and was known throughout the United States and Europe for his Shakespearean performances. Especially “Hamlet”. Maybe not your favorite category. I know it’s not mine. You may recognize part of his name. He was the brother of John Wilkes Booth, who shot President Abraham Lincoln. The brothers were not close and the assassination almost destroyed Edwin. He described it as the worst day of his life.

Edwin Booth was a Masonic brother, being raised on September 11, 1857 in New York Lodge No. 330. Having a vast knowledge of theater, he understood the essence of tragedy. Here is how Brother Booth evaluated the legend of Hiram: “In all my research and study, in all my close analysis of the masterpieces of Shakespeare, in my earnest determination to make those plays appear real on the mimic stage, I have never, and nowhere, met tragedy so real, so sublime, so magnificent as the legend of Hiram. It is substance without shadow – the manifest destiny of life which requires no picture and scarcely a word to make a lasting impression upon all who understand. To be a Worshipful Master, and to throw my whole soul into that work, with the candidate for my audience and the Lodge for my stage, would be a greater personal distinction than to receive the plaudits of people in the theaters of the world.”

Now you have been introduced to Brother Edwin Booth and now you know - the rest of the story.

As a final thought – please pay your dues. In addition to your attendance, Tuckahoe also needs your financial support. Keeping your dues current is so very important. If your dues card does not say 2020, please correct the oversight. Dues notices for 2021 will be mailed shortly and are due and payable by January 1st. Thanks for all you are doing to help make Tuckahoe Lodge one of the best Lodges in the State.

**ELECTED OFFICERS for 2020-21**

- Wor. James P. Gregory, III (Jemma) . . . . . Worshipful Master (H) 741-8123 (C) 814-3769 (E) jamesgregory3@msn.com
- Bro. David E. Dubois (Manda) . . . . . Senior Warden (C) 757-277-1491 (E) david.dubois.0827@gmail.com
- Bro. Jonathan M. Lumpkin (Deborah) . . . . . Junior Warden (H) 405-0976 (E) jmlumpkin@gmail.com
- Wor. G. Wayne Boswell (Jody) . . . . . Treasurer (C) 356-8292 (E) gwbos@aol.com
- Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr. (Paige) . . . . . Secretary (H) 527-6543 (C) 837-0360 (E) b555carpen@verizon.net
- Bro. Benjamin K. Smith (Virginia) . . . . . Senior Deacon (C) 314-7666 (E) htimsneb@gmail.com
- Bro. Matthew D. Harris. . . . . Junior Deacon (C) 922-7758 (E) mharris37@vcu.edu

**APPOINTED OFFICERS for 2020-21**

- Wor. Barry C. Faison (Edith) . . . . . Chaplain (H) 708-0682 (E) bfaison@varetire.org
- Vacant. . . . . Sr. Steward (C) (E)
- Bro. Russell G. Davis . . . . . Jr. Steward (C) 240-7410 (E) rustygdavis@yahoo.com
- Wor. Michael J. Caro (Jenni) . . . . . Marshal (C) 517-8376 (E) mjcaro89@gmail.com
- Bro. James A. Dabney . . . . . Tiler (H) 288-3629 (E) jdab28@verizon.net
- Bro. Richard C. Turochy (Elsie) . . . . . Musician (H) 741-0660 (E) rcturochy@aol.com
- Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr. (Linda) . . . . . Assistant Treasurer (H) 270-2215 (E) herbeades@verizon.net
- Wor. Douglas M. Messimer . . . . . Assistant Secretary (H) 270-3454 (E) doug@messimer.net

**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

**COMMITTEES**

- TRUSTEES:**
  - Wor. G. Wayne Boswell . . . . . (H) 740-7608
  - Wor. J. Larry Mason . . . . . (H) 741-2768
  - Wor. Barry C. Faison . . . . . (H) 708-0682
- MASONIC RITUAL:**
  - Rt. Wor. Robert C. Eades, Sr.COW . . . . . (H) 794-3661
  - Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr, LIW . . . . . (H) 527-6543
- MASONIC EDUCATION:**
  - Wor. Michael J. Caro, LEO . . . . . (H) 553-0396
- BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM:**
  - Wor. Butch Ammon, Jr., District A Blood Coordinator. . . . . (C) 307-1488
  - Red Cross Blood Donation # 1779
- MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:**
  - Bro. James P. Gregory, III, L.M.H.A. . . . . (H) 741-8123
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**
  - Wor. Thomas W. Voltz, Jr. . . . . (C) 687-8207
- SECURITY:**
  - Rt. Wor. Robert C. Eades, Sr . . . . . (H) 794-3661
  - Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr, . . . . . (H) 527-6543
- INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS:**
  - Bro. Ben K. Smith, WebMason (E) bsmith@tuckahoeLodge347.org
  - 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 . . . . .2020-2021



\* 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,  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> for 15-A and B, and for other districts on October 10<sup>th</sup>.** One day conferral at the SRT.  
**October 17<sup>th</sup>,** Richmond Scottish Rite Fall Reunion.  
**November 7<sup>th</sup>,** The Grand Annual Communication will be shortened to a half-day session, with limited attendance, at the Hilton Hotel.



Jachin and Boaz...the pillars at the porch of King Solomon’s Temple.

***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>