

1923 - 2021



Tuckahoe Lodge 347

A.F. & A.M.



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

Send all correspondence to: 10604 Joseph Ct., Glen Allen, VA 23060-6490

*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 1,175th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

ATTENTION, Brethren. No meals or refreshments will be served before or after Lodge meetings for the foreseeable future, 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. By order of the Grand Master, attendance at Communications of Tuckahoe Lodge is limited to ten (10) members.

Dress Code for February: Casual slacks and Tuckahoe or collared shirt.

7:15 P.M. Open Master Mason's Lodge - Business - Close Master Mason's Lodge.

Counting the Years

(280 Years of Masonic Service)

Bailey, S.A.	43 rd	Longfellow, D.C.	21 st	Pickels, K.B.	11 th
Blaylock, W.D.	57 th	Mason, J.L.	30 th	Sarate, D.C.	11 th
Brown, J.E.	7 th	McClain, W.C.	12 th	Wood, J.C.	67 th
				Wright, D.L.	21 st

Our Circle of Concern

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers: Wor. Wayne Boswell, Bro. Chris McCombs, Bro. Jerry Fanning, Wor. Mike Caro, Bro. Kenny Roach, Rt. Wor. Clarence Whitley, 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

Brother Augusts Benton 'Ben' Chafin, Jr.

EA: 11/9/1984 FC: 4/19/1985 MM: 5/24/1985

Entered the Celestial Lodge, 1/1/2021

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

As we begin a new year with renewed hope and cautious optimism, I would like to again thank everyone for all their patience, commitment, resolve and resilience as 2021 progresses. Even though nobody has a crystal ball, there is no doubt that we will prevail over this pandemic. With the development of a vaccine, COVID-19 will be diminished to nothing more than a common cold after herd immunity is attained. I hope by June or July we will reach this goal and emerge stronger, more resilient and most of all, more grateful for each other. As social creatures, we yearn to have many of those seemingly little social interactions and gestures that we miss. Simple gestures or tokens of friendship and brotherly love such as a handshake, high five or pat on back are missed beyond belief.

Until the day comes that we can return to our usual interactions, Tuckahoe's lodge Officers and I have been brainstorming ways to keep everyone together as social gatherings are limited to so few. Much has been on my mind over the past couple of months along with concerns over our lodges ability to attend, participate and engage for almost an entire year now. Thanks to some of your lodge officers' ideas, I have come up with a strategic plan that will provide a framework for engagement, assure safety, and promote inclusiveness as follows:

- 1) Meetings will continue as allowed/according to CDC and state regulations and precautions. This may require limiting meetings to select officers for now.
- 2) Programs will be short and continue to be presented at every stated communication.
 - a. Lodge line officers, Musician and Chaplin will present a program in lodge which will then be sent out electronically (via email, Facebook page or webpage)
 - b. Lodge educational officer will present a program in lodge (when restrictions are lifted) or distribute an educational program electronically (either via email or on our webpage) when restrictions are still in effect.
- 3) Social/Interactive time is important. Every 2nd Thursday at 7pm, Zoom meetings (secured by password) will held with the following objectives:
 - a. Serve as a check-in social time for all members.
 - b. Keep up to date on important changes as they occur.
 - c. Provide an opportunity for members to ask questions or make remarks on the program presented/distributed at the last stated communication.
- 4) Ritual Practice Every 3rd Thursday will continue and be held and focus on Degree and Floor work.
- 5) Individual or small group instruction will be offered Every 4th Thursday. We will not have regular practice, but rather a week off or time for individual instruction for line officers and others who are looking to attain their certificate or learn a lecture.
- 6) Catechism Practice will occur on the Wednesday preceding each Stated Communication.

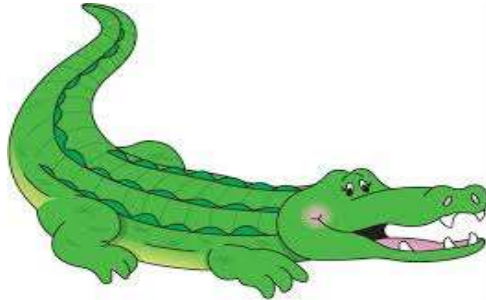
Additionally, as I continue to reflect on 2020 and beyond, I wanted you all to know just how much our lodge is fortunate to have such resiliency in its membership and a great cast of officers for 2021. We are truly blessed to have continued top notch instruction in order to keep our ritual fresh, an awesome line, great support and leadership from our past masters, treasurer, secretary, musician and on and on. Even though this year is starting off with continued restrictions, we will soon someday be back to what we all remember as normal. I am certain that we will all look back and be proud of how we were still able to find ways to carry on through these most challenging times. I feel this is the best we can do for everyone's safety, while also keeping our masonic health maintained. When restrictions open up, we will have an opportunity to hold open house events, Community engagement, have guest speakers etc., however all of this will be assessed and planned at a later time. For this coming stated communication, we will only be allowed to have ten in our building at the most in order to abide by the restrictions set forth by our governing bodies. Therefore, only the following will be allowed to attend as follows: Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, Treasurer, Secretary and assistant Secretary, Chaplin and Tiler. Unfortunately, no other members will be permitted at this time. We will have a program presented by our Junior Warden Jonathan Lumpkin on Social Media and Technology as it relates to our craft. This will set the stage for how we can utilize technology to our advantage, be agile, while abiding by the rules set forth by the Grand Lodge.

From the East...continued

Hopefully, as the situation improves (and it will), we will welcome back everyone back with open arms, open doors and open hands. Ultimately, I applaud all of you for standing strong by each other's side in these times of trouble. Lending each other a hand or checking on a brother or widow. Something as simple as making a phone call can be very meaningful to each other and a way to stretch forth your hand to sustain a falling brother.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Jim Gregory.

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S UNDERGROUND POND
RW Bob Carpenter**



HISTORICAL TIDBITS TO CHEW UPON

The *Regius Manuscript*, written in Middle English, is the first known document about Freemasonry. It was written about 1390 A.D. and was apparently copied from an older document. Athalstan (925-940) virtually King of all England, and according to the *Regius Manuscript*, called the Masons to meet at York, England sometime between 926 and 932 A.D.

In Scotland, the earliest lodge records still in existence were recorded in Aitchison's Haven in 1598 and minutes of Mary's Chapel Lodge at Edinburgh are unbroken from 1599. In England, only the records of Alnwick between the dates of 1700 and 1717 are known to have been recorded. To be historically accurate, we cannot go beyond six centuries to find lodges of Masons accepting men of other than operative craftsmen.

Stonemasons, in some form, have existed all over the world since the dawn of time and long before the building of the pyramids in Egypt. It is not difficult to imagine that there had to be stone masons, and other craftsmen, since men first began to build edifices to protect themselves from the elements.

If this message has touched your interest and will prompt you to do some further research in the ancient records of Masonry, then it has accomplished its object. Take it upon yourself to look up the history of such things as – where did the term lodge come from? What other manuscripts are important in Masonry? Seek and ye shall find the history of Freemasonry.

Remember to support your officers. Your officers need you in attendance at our Stated Meetings when the attendance requirements permit. Call your officers – phone calls are not restricted. Neither are emails. Let them communicate with you how your Lodge is progressing and how much your interest in Tuckahoe is meaningful to them. Renew your friendships, maybe some you have forgotten. Let us welcome you to Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347, in person, by phone, or by email as we progress through our 98th year. Soon it will be 100 and I know you will want to be in Lodge for that momentous occasion. Remember, it will only happen once. As Walter Cronkite used to say, "What kind of day was it? A day like all days. Filled with those events that alter and illuminate our times. And YOU were there." And you can be.

DOES YOUR DUES CARD SAY 2021?

ELECTED OFFICERS for 2021

COMMITTEES

Wor. James P. Gregory, III (Jemma) Worshipful Master
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Wor. G. Wayne Boswell (Jody) Treasurer
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APPOINTED OFFICERS for 2021

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(C) (E)
Bro. Russell G. Davis Jr. Steward
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Bro. James A. Dabney Tiler
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Wor. Douglas M. Messimer Assistant Secretary
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WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

* J.O. Harris1923-1924
* A. N. Revere1925
* C. M. Selph1926
* P.L. Ruehrmund1927
* N. C. Phillips1928
* H. J. Perrin1929
* M. H. Dicks1930
* R. C. Parks1931
+ R. D. Powers1932
* W. Pierce1933
* J. W. Snedden1934
* E. L. Copley1935
* A. E. Call1936
* J. M. Jennings1937
* B. H. Bradley1938
+ W. A. Rudasill1939
* T. B. Towill1940
* R. K. Allen1941
* W. S. Brent, P.D.D.G.M.1942
* F. W. Biesecker1943
* J. W. Mullins1944
* G. G. Finney1945
* J. H. Russell1946
* W. R. Perkins1947
* J. E. Kirk1948
* J. G. Johnson1949
* B. O. Baird1950
* W. G. MacDonald1951
* T. J. Rumley1952
* R. D. Stahl1953
* G. T. Taylor1954
* F. G. Wood1955
* R. S. Love1956
* J. V. Elliott1957
* H. O. Butler1958
* 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. Shinault1962
* G. A. Tuckwiller1963
* E. F. McCune, Jr1964
* R. D. Woolard1965
* J. S. Gary, Jr1966
* W. J. Haid, Jr, P.D.D.G.M.1967
* J. G. Clark1968
X1969
E. L. Walker1970
* D. Williams1971
* E. W. Oakley1972
* P. D. Lawrence1973
* G. F. Paul1974
* 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, II1978
C. E. Whitley, P.D.D.G.M.1979
* O. J. Oaks1980
D. M. Messimer1981
D. A. Powers, III1982
* J. McD. Wolf1983
R. W. Carpenter, Jr. P.D.D.G.M.1984
* R. W. Carpenter1985
* L. E. Stott1986
T. B. Jarrell1987
J. L. Woolard1988
* W. P. Gilliam, Jr1989
G. W. Boswell1990
* W. A. Edmonds1991
B. V. Petrone, Jr1992
* C. H. Hilgenhold1993
* W. M. McClintock1994
J. L. Mason1995

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
Bro. Christopher W. Geary (C) 757-650-6341

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

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Bro. Christopher W. Geary (C) 757-650-6341

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Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr, (H) 527-6543

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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. Jackoway1996
* C. H. Hilgenhold1997
R. S. Lanier1998
* D. G. Thomson1999
* C. D. Barbour2000
* R. A. Wright2001
J. G. Cooke, P.D.D.G.M.2002-2003
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.2004
J. T. Quinley2005
H. H. Eades, Jr.2006-2007
M. H. Messimer, Jr2008
B. C. Faison2009-2010
+ S. M. Przybyla2011
G.W. Bradford2012-2013
* W.Y. Roper, III, P.D.D.G.M.2014
C. S. Ammon, Jr.2015
T. W.Voltz, Jr2016-2017
R. L. Crouch, Jr.2018
M. J. Caro2019
J. P. Gregory, III2020-2021



* 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 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

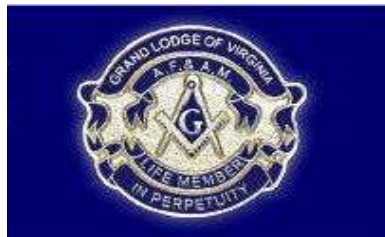
ASSOCIATE PAST MASTERS

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

* Deceased

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



Brethren, The Secretary keeps reminding us...’Have you paid your dues for this year?’ If you have...wonderful! If you haven’t here’s a reminder about Life Membership in Perpetuity in Tuckahoe Lodge. An LMIP is available so that you don’t have to pay dues every January any longer, and it benefits the Lodge financially, forever... even after you enter the Celestial Lodge above. It’s a legacy for the future of your Lodge. As of January 1st, we have 51 of our members who have taken advantage of this opportunity. Those 51 members are honored on a beautiful plaque in the Lodge library. The cost is 25 times your annual dues....yes, \$3,000 is a lot of money, but you don’t have to pay it all at once, and you can make credit card payments if you wish. The Grand Lodge website <https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/life-membership-in-perpetuity/> has all the details and the necessary forms. Consider giving yourself a gift of life membership, and your Lodge some financial security down the road.

Matters of Interest

- * Report any change of residence or e-mail address promptly to the Lodge Secretary.
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10604 Joseph Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6490.
- * Annual Lodge dues for 2021 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 each Saturday, 9:00 AM at Tuckahoe Lodge.
 - * Masters and Wardens meets 3rd Saturday, 8:00 AM by Zoom meeting.
 - * Richmond Lodge No. 10 meets 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe.
- * Virginia Court No.1, Order of Amaranth meets 2nd Monday 7:30PM at Tuckahoe (except July & August).
 - * Areme Chapter No. 17, OES meets 3rd Monday, 7:30 PM at Tuckahoe (except July & August).
- *The Scottish Rite Valley of Richmond meets 4th Monday 6:00 PM at Tuckahoe (except July & 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, 7:00 PM at Washington & Henry Lodge.
- * Richmond Assembly #10 International Order of Rainbow for Girls, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM at Varina Lodge.
 - * For other upcoming events visit the Grand Lodge website at: <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org>