

1923 -2021 98 Years of Masonic Service



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 1,177th STATED COMMUNICATION - THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

ATTENTION, Brethren. No meals or refreshments will be served before or after Lodge Meetings. 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 April: Casual slacks and collared shirt.

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

Counting the Years

(218 Years of Masonic Service)

Boulson J.B.	5 th	Harris, M.D.	4 th	Keeton, R.R.	30 th
Davis, R.G.	16 th	Hughes, E.R.	52 nd	Walker, E.L.	55 th
Garrett, J.D.	3 rd	Kandris, J.N., Jr.	8 th	Woolard, J.L.	45 th

Our Circle of Concern

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers: Wor. Wayne Boswell, Bro. Jerry Fanning, Wor. Mike Caro, Bro. Kenny Roach, 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 Arthur Bernard Gregory, Sr.

EA: 4/24/2001 FC: 5/1/2001 MM: 5/22/2001

Entered the Celestial Lodge, 2/25/2021

Bro. Art was raised in Glen Allen Lodge 131, and affiliated with Tuckahoe in 2007.

Rt. Wor. Clarence Edward Whitley

EA: 7/9/1965 FC: 8/20/1965 MM: 9/24/1965

Entered the Celestial Lodge: 3/20/2021

Served as Worshipful Master in 1979, DDGM for 15-C in 1986, voted to Honorary Membership in 1995. Bro. 'Whit' also served the Grand Lodge Committee on Education as District Education Officer, and Division IX Provost. 2015 recipient of the J. Ned Culler Award for Masonic Excellence.

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

Spring is in the air! I feel as if there is a renewed sense of optimism and a new age and appreciation for what we have been missing for so long. The simple gift of each other's company, support or just a simple handshake is truly and dearly missed. These tokens of friendship and gratitude remind of all the bonds of our obligations to each other and beyond. I hope and pray as the days get longer that we will once again return to a sense of regularity in the coming months.

This coming stated is somewhat up in the air as far as restrictions go. We are still waiting on the powers that be on whether we will be allowed to have more than 10 attend our April 1st Stated Communication. Keep your eyes peeled for updates as they are released. In addition, our very own District Deputy will be visiting the lodge and joining us during our stated. This will not be an official visit, but an opportunity for us to see him and to review our records required by the Grand Lodge and to assure nobody tries to pull off any nonsense like stealing my gavel or another prank in the spirit of April Fool's day, so don't even think about it! Furthermore, Bro. Benjamin Smith will be providing a program entitled "*So work the honey-bees*", which we will look forward to and distribute to the membership and later discuss in our Zoom meeting along with a short educational program presented by Wor. Mike Caro on April 8th at 7pm.

Ultimately, take care of yourselves, your families and each other. I would urge everyone to get the vaccine so we can safely meet and navigate through these times of trouble and dwell together in unity once again. See you all soon!

Have You Checked Your Tongue Lately? A Secretary's Suggestion!

Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter



The tongue is a very useful organ. Have you given much thought to your tongue? Just what does your tongue do for you? Before reading on, think about it for a few minutes. Make a list. Not too long, just enough to justify having one.

The tongue helps us in the selection of our food we eat and is usually a fine and deserving, if not indispensable, servant. However, what else does it do? It can wag spitefully or irresponsibly. It can be a breeder of trouble. It can be a breeder of all kinds of trouble.

Masons have heard much about the "tongue of good report". Think carefully, brethren, as that is the only tongue a Mason should have. Many, many years ago, the author of Proverbs wrote, "The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness". Think about your daily lives. How many times do you hear tongues conveying good or evil in our world?

There is no end of harm that can be done by an ignorant or vicious tongue. Similarly, can any limit be set to the good that a tongue of good report may convey? Where does your tongue live? Make sure that your tongue resides with the "tongue of good report".

DOES YOUR DUES CARD SAY 2021?

ELECTED OFFICERS for 2021

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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. Snedden1934
 * 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

COMMITTEES

TRUSTEES:
 Wor. G. Wayne Boswell (H) 740-7608
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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

* W. M. McClintock 1994
 J. L. Mason 1995
 * 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,
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., E.L. Walker,
R.C. Turochy, J.H. Frye, W.J. Townsend,
R.H. Word, W.G Lee, J.R. Grove, E.R. Hughes,
W.A. Cauthorn

ASSOCIATE PAST MASTERS

F. G. Martin, III, P.G.M. (344) 1989
J 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



One of the symbols of the Fellowcraft Degree is the letter ‘G’. The degree plainly, and quite obviously, explains its meaning to the candidate. But why the emphasis upon geometry? "Prove all things - hold fast to that which is good (from I Thessalonians :21). There is no such thing as a proof of a belief which has no evidence; therefore, man cannot "prove God" in the same way in which he can "prove" an algebraic equation. Faith is a matter of the heart; geometry is a matter of the mind. But there is a meeting point where mind and heart touch. And there is a meeting point where faith and science touch. It is Freemasonry.

Douglas Messimer, PM

Matters of Interest

- * Report any change of residence or e-mail address promptly to the Lodge Secretary.
Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.
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, 8:30 AM at Tuckahoe Lodge or by ZOOM.
- *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>