

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren:

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year. At the end of the 2007 Masonic Year, the average age of Tuckahoe Lodge was 65.1625 years. This is a decrease of .1792 years from the end of 2006. The members of the Lodge have accumulated 6,862 years of Masonic service.

By now, or at least by January 1st, your dues should be paid for 2008. Wouldn't it be great if I didn't have to include pleas for the payment of our dues so that the Lodge can meet its obligations. This space can surely be put to more educational use.

Remember to support Freemasonry and your Lodge. Tuckahoe needs you. Every Master Mason should realize and be conscious of his responsibility to live Masonry in his daily life. In short, we should practice what we preach. Remember your responsibilities to your Lodge, to your Country, to your God, to your Family, and to yourself. We have the responsibility of living our Masonry before the world. Every Master Mason is charged with practicing those principles and ideals as taught in the Masonic Degrees. Finally brethren, remember when you thank God for your blessings, ask Him --- "Now God, what can I do for you?"

Please come out and support your officers as they start a new year with work in the Degrees. We have an Entered Apprentice and a Master Mason Degree scheduled for January. Check the Trestleboard. We can use your help.

Fraternally, Bob Carpenter, *Secretary*

In Memoriam

WILLIAM SMITH PROCTOR, JR.

Entered Apprentice Degree.....June 8, 1946
Fellowcraft DegreeJuly 9, 1946
Master Mason DegreeOctober 3, 1946
AffiliatedJanuary 7, 1949
DiedNovember 11, 2007

GEORGE NATHANIEL PRUDEN

Entered Apprentice Degree.....June 26, 1969
Fellowcraft DegreeAugust 28, 1969
Master Mason DegreeOctober 23, 1969
AffiliatedJanuary 2, 1976
DiedNovember 20, 2007


WILLIAM MARSHALL BLEDSOE

Entered Apprentice Degree.....May 8, 1970
Fellowcraft Degree.....June 12, 1970
Master Mason Degree.....July 24, 1970
DiedNovember 23, 2007

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Glen Allen, Virginia 23060
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Tuckahoe Lodge

No. 347
A. F. & A. M.

1923




2008

CHARTERED FEBRUARY 14, 1923

MEETS FIRST THURSDAY EACH MONTH, BETHLEHEM AND DICKENS ROADS, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

SEND MAIL TO: 10604 Joseph Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060

*May the Glow of Masonic Wisdom Light
Our Pathways Through Life.*



*May Logic and Reason Forever Prevail
Within The Grip of All Freemasons.*

TRESTLEBOARD

Dear Brother,

You are requested to attend the following Communications of your Lodge to be held in the Masonic Temple, Bethlehem and Dickens Roads, Richmond, Virginia.

STATED COMMUNICATION — Thursday, January 3, 2008

- 5:45 P.M.— Stewards Assemble
- 6:30 P.M.— Dinner prepared by "Sir Master Chef" Whitley - **Ladies Invited!**
- 7:15 P.M.— Open Master Mason's Lodge
General Business - 50 & 60 Yr. Pins
Ballot
Committee Reports and Proposed Budget
Program - Bro. Richard C. Turochy - Masonic Music
Dress for Officers - Tuxedo
Dress for Members - Coat and Tie


CALLED COMMUNICATION — Thursday, January 10, 2008

- 7:00 P.M.— Work Expected in the Entered Apprentice's Degree


CALLED COMMUNICATION — Thursday, January 24, 2008

- 7:00 P.M.— Work expected in the Master Mason's Degree

**Masonic
Recognition
Day on the 1st
of each month**



Virtue and Honor



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ***Tuckahoe Masonic Class**—Meets every Wednesday or Thursday at 7:00 P.M. except in the month of December. Renew and improve your Masonic Skills. Come out and support your officers.
- Robert Lewis Gibbs Saturday Night Class of Masonic Instruction** —Meets every Saturday at 7:00 P.M. at Scottish Rite Temple except in December and on the 4th Saturday when Masters and Wardens meet.
- ***Masters and Wardens**—Meets the 4th Saturday at Scottish Rite Temple. (No meetings in June, July, August and December)
- * **ALL OFFICERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.**

NOTICES

- Report any change of address to Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr., Secretary. Help reduce mailing expense.
- Dues for 2008 were due and payable January 1, 2008 in the amount of \$68.00.
- Report cases of Illness or Distress to our Junior Warden, Brother Barry Faison or any officer of the Lodge. Phone numbers are listed on the inside of this bulletin. *It is extremely important that you tell your spouse, a family member, or a friend to inform the Lodge if you are indisposed in any way.*
- The Lodge Telephone Number is 288-5166.
- If you need transportation to any Lodge Meeting or Special Event, please let the Worshipful Master or any Officer know. The Lodge's Blood Donation Number is 1779.

OFFICERS—2008

ELECTED OFFICERS:

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Wor. J. Larry Mason (H) 741-5736
Wor. R. Alton Wright (H) 360-5598

MASONIC EDUCATION:

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Rt. Wor. Clarence E. Whitley (H) 288-6133
Wor. Clawson D. Barbour (H) 740-3529

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Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter, Jr. (L.I.W.) (H) 527-6543
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Wor. R. Alton Wright (H) 360-5598
Rt. Wor. Robert C. Eades, Sr., (D.I.W.) (H) 794-3661

BLOOD PROGRAM:

Bro. John T. Gaywood (H) 360-0244

BUILDING TEAM:

TBD

MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:

Bro. Byron B. Hubbard, Jr. (H) 270-1119

FUNERAL:

Rt. Wor. J. Ned Culler (H) 750-1493
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SUNSHINE:

Bro. Barry C. Faison (H) 741-2331
and all Lodge Officers

PLANNING:

Wor. R. Alton Wright, Wor. Marshall H. Messimer, Jr.,
Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr., and Bro. James A. Dabney

COMMUNICATIONS:

TBD

GREETERS

Wor. Clawson D. Barbour, Bro. Donald J.L. Bloomquist,
Bro. Dorman Watts, and Bro. Lin Schwartz

PAST 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
* Warner Pierce 1933
* J. W. Snedden 1934
* Dr. E. L. Copley 1935
* A. E. Call 1936
* J. M. Jennings, Jr. 1937
* B. H. Bradley 1938
† W. A. Rudasill, Sr. 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, Jr., P.D.D.G.M. 1960
* W. Y. Roper, Jr., P.D.D.G.M. 1961
* J. H. Shinault, Jr. 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
† 1969
* E. L. Walker 1970
* Don Williams 1971
* E. W. Oakley 1972
* P. D. Lawrence 1973
* G. F. Paul, Jr. 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. Larry 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 2002 - 2003
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M. 2004
J. T. Quinley 2005
H. H. Eades, Jr. 2006 - 2007

ASSOCIATE PAST MASTERS

F. G. Martin, III, P.G.M. (344) 1989
G. H. Brooks (352 & 10)
J. R. Quinley, P.G.M. (211) 1990
N. E. Vine (Charles River, MA) 1990
C. T. Morriss (302) 2005
J. H. Crowder, P.D.D.G.M. (177) 2004-05

*Deceased †Demitted ‡Suspended

F. Burnley, C. P. Johnson, R. C. Wood, D. M. Lovelace, J. G. Smith, J. C. Wood, C. D. Bailey, M. A. House, F. L. Elmore, Jr., J. R. Williams, C. C. McCoy, R. F. Westbury, Sr., H. E. Franklin, J. B. Datig, E. F. McCune, Jr., R. W. Weitzel, P. F. Giles, W. R. Westbury, Jr., R. L. Fagg, III, H. C. Jones

FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

I bring you greetings for the New Year and hope that your Christmas or Hanukah was a joyous one.

The passing of three of our brethren to the Celestial Lodge above saddened our December Stated Communication. Their names and significant dates appear elsewhere in the "Trestleboard". Wor. Douglas M. Messimer then presented a stirring memorial to the ten brothers who passed during 2007. Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr., did his usual outstanding job in directing the election of Officers for 2008.

Rt. Wor. Carpenter, with the assistance of Wor. Douglas M. Messimer as Installing Marshal and Secretary, and Rt. Wor. James H. Crowder as Deputy Marshal, then led the Installation of Officers at the Open Installation on Saturday, December 8th. I was honored to be installed by my birth brother as well as my fraternal Brother, Wor. Douglas M. Messimer. The Installation was well attended by the members of Tuckahoe No. 347 and also featured many visitors with fraternal ties to the brethren of our Lodge. Rt. Wor. (Sir Master Chef) Clarence E. Whitley prepared the refreshments for the reception after the Installation with the outstanding quality we have come to expect.

The New Year will begin with our Stated Communication on January 3rd. I will be presenting the budget for 2008 and an overview of the activities planned for the year. "Nuggets from the Quarries of Freemasonry", as presented by the Lodge Education Officer, Wor. Douglas M. Messimer, will be a regular monthly feature, and Bro. Richard Turochy, the Lodge Musician, will present another selection of "Masons and Music".

Also in January, in addition to the traditional tomatoes and black-eyed peas, a traditional meal from my youth (as well as Wor. Doug's) will be offered - pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and apple sauce! To help with quantity planning, please call me!!

As I embark on my year of presiding in the East, I am grateful for the assistance and encouragement I have received and I thank each and every one of you for the confidence you have placed in me to lead Tuckahoe Lodge.

Remember, your Lodge needs YOU! Bring a Brother!

Fraternally, Marshall Messimer, *Worshipful Master*

FROM THE BLOOD PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Brethren:

A challenge has been created for the 2008 blood drive in memory of MW Albert Hugh Tignor, Jr. Last year's drives were most successful. This year's first on January 19th, 2008, is most important.

Tuckahoe is on its own for this January 19th drive. Therefore, every member of No. 347 who did donate in 2007 and are not medically restricted are encouraged to do so starting in the New Year.

A most important point! Changes have been made relative to medications which may have previously prevented your donation. The staff at the Virginia Blood Services will be delighted to clarify this for you.

Therefore, all members of Tuckahoe Lodge are encouraged to come to the Lodge on January 19th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, enjoy a free breakfast and gifts, and support those able to donate. Remember to bring a relative or friend with you!

Fraternally, John Gaywood, *Chairman*

JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(644 years of service)

Conner, R.H. 42nd
Crowder, J.H. 29th
Evans, J.T. 1st
Fagg, R.L., III 50th
Franklin, H.E. 52nd
Gilmore, J.S., III 25th

House, M.A. 53rd
Jones, H.C. 50th
Lovelace, D.M. 54th
Match, N.T. 26th
Moore, T.L., Jr. 60th
Randell, M.J. 25th

Smith, S.C. 44th
Strong, N.T. 35th
Todd, J.B. 13th
Wood, F.S., Jr. 43rd
Wright, B.L. 42nd

HONORARY MEMBERS

Rt. Wor. C. E. Whitley, Rt. Wor. J. N. Culler, Bro. J. S. Gilmore, III, Mt. Wor. F. G. Martin, III, Mt. Wor. J. R. Quinley

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. A. J. Drescher, W. H. Lawrence, Jr., J. F. Hayes, I. W. Kuper, H. S. Brown, T. L. Moore, Jr.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. S.C. Krausse, D. J. L. Bloomquist, W. G. Lee, J. W. Hurt, A.O. Ballinger, H. L. Atwell, G.