

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren:

Our candidates, brethren, are the future of Tuckahoe Lodge. When was the last time you signed a Petition for the Degrees. I'm sure all of you know a worthy friend, relative, or business associate who ought to be a Mason. Ask them, "Why haven't you ever joined a Masonic Lodge?" Ask them, "Why aren't you a Mason?" Ask them, "Would you like some information about Masonry?" If you feel uncomfortable pursuing their answers, refer them to one of your officers. We'll take it from there. Make that first contact and ask that first question. Please notice that you are NOT asking him to join the Lodge, but asking him why he hasn't become a Mason. If there is interest, he will ask the right question.

Bring your potential Petitioner (and his wife) to dinner. Let him experience for himself the fellowship that abounds in Tuckahoe Lodge. Let him experience the thrill of being made to feel at home. Let him experience a little bit of being a member of the oldest and most benevolent fraternity in the world. Let him see first hand, what it means to be a Mason. You could become a Mentor for him. What is a Mentor, you say? "A close, trusted, experienced, counselor or guide..." a "teacher, tutor, coach..." This is one way you can help your Lodge. Help a Brother stay active.

Be a leader. Being a leader is never easy, and that is particularly true in Freemasonry. Lead by setting an example. Lead by truly educating your brethren in the meaning of Freemasonry. Lead by allowing others to make use of their God given talents. Inspire them to share their nature and their talents in the greatest arena possible ---- your Blue Lodge. How grateful I am that my life, thanks to my father, has been graced by so many good men. Men who without thought of compensation or desire for credit gave me the gift of Freemasonry. If you too would be leaders of our great and gentle Craft, then you too must fan the glowing embers of greatness that lie within you --- that greatness that prompted you to ask, "How do I become a Mason?"


Love has no value, no meaning, until it is given. Freemasonry can never truly belong to you until you have given it to another man. How sad, that the only things that cannot be lost to us, that are truly ours, are the things we give away --- freely give away: Love, Freemasonry, Trust, Leadership, Loyalty, Inspiration, Obedience, Understanding, Assistance, and many others. Giving actually renews its source: over and over and over again, and at ever greater levels. Be a leader among your brethren. Fan that growing ember of greatness that lies within you --- fan it into a flame --- and then you must give it away!

Come out to our Stated and Called Communications. Witness the enthusiasm that is alive and well in Tuckahoe Lodge. Call a brother who hasn't been to Lodge in a while, and bring him with you. We want to see you at the meetings. The Lodge needs your attendance and support.

Finally brethren - remember to thank God for your blessings. Practice those principles and ideals as taught in the Masonic Degrees. If they have slipped your mind, come and watch the Degrees again, and refresh your memory. Keep in touch with our sick, distressed, and shut-in brethren. And most importantly, ask Him --- "Now God, what can I do for you?"


Brethren, please do not forget to make sure your dues are current and that your dues card says "2008". Several of our members have not paid their 2007 commitment, and we will be contacting you shortly. Remember, being a leader includes being in good standing in your Lodge.

Fraternally, Bob Carpenter, *Secretary*



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
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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.*

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, February 7, 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
Ballot
Committee Reports
Tuckahoe's 85th Anniversary
Program - Official visit of the DIW and DEO
Dress for Officers - Tuxedo
Dress for Members - Coat and Tie


CALLED COMMUNICATION — Thursday, February 21, 2008

- 7:00 P.M.— Work Expected in the Fellowcraft'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.

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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. 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
* Warner Pierce1933
* J. W. Snedden1934
* Dr. E. L. Copley1935
* A. E. Call1936
* J. M. Jennings, Jr.1937
* B. H. Bradley1938
† W. A. Rudasill, Sr.1939
* 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, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.1960
* W. Y. Roper, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.1961
* J. H. Shinault, Jr.1962
* G. A. Tuckwiller1963
E. F. McCune, Jr.1964
* R. D. Woolard1965
* J. S. Gary, Jr.1966
* W. J. Haid, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.1967
* J. G. Clark1968
†1969
E. L. Walker1970
* Don Williams1971
* E. W. Oakley1972
* P. D. Lawrence1973
* 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, 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, Jr.1989
G. W. Boswell1990
W. A. Edmonds1991
B. V. Petrone, Jr.1992
C. H. Hilgenhold1993
W. M. McClintock1994
J. Larry Mason1995
L. A. Jackoway1996
C. H. Hilgenhold1997
R. S. Lanier1998
* D. G. Thomson1999
C.D. Barbour2000
R. A. Wright2001
J. G. Cooke2002 - 2003
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.2004
J. T. Quinley2005
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, C. R. Hodge, F. J. Trexler, Jr., W. R. Westbury, Jr., R. L. Fagg, III, H. C. Jones

FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

Our January Stated Communication began with some traditional menus: Rt. Wor. Sir Master Chef Clarence Whitley prepared outstanding ribs, tomatoes, and black-eyed peas. Bro. Art Gregory and his wife, Cora, prepared the pork, sauerkraut, and applesauce, while Rt. Wor. Whit contributed the mashed potatoes to make this tradition in my family complete. These three along with our Stewards deserve our thanks for their contributions to Tuckahoe! Wor. Doug Messimer presented his "Nuggets" entitles "Masonic Resolutions", and our Musician, Bro. Dick Turochy, involved us all in his presentation of "Music by Masons" featuring the works of Bro. George Gershwin.

The following is an extract from my remarks at the January Stated Communication. It is included as it addresses what I believe is one of the missions of Tuckahoe Lodge.

To provide the best possible instruction and learning opportunities to candidates and members alike so that they may learn, understand and apply the tenets of our Institution.

"Based on my conversations with members and my own feelings on the matter, effective immediately Tuckahoe Lodge will endorse and **STRONGLY** encourage bringing candidates through the three degrees of Masonry by the traditional method of committing to memory the catechism of each degree.

"This will be affected, in addition to the appointment of a Brother to provide personal instruction, by committing an hour of our Masonic class time to the three catechisms in round-robin style, with the remaining hour to be used for personal instruction as required and floor work practice for the next meeting or other degree work as necessary.

"By making this the policy of Tuckahoe Lodge, the statement that we 'endorse and STRONGLY encourage' will have meaning, as we are committing our time to provide the candidates the opportunity to progress. Also, as more Brothers will be involved in the round-robin process, it is reasonable to expect that some may achieve proficiency to the level where they may become mentors or instructors for future candidates.

"This policy will also give those who petition a clear goal and an understanding of what is expected of them, and form a sound basis of understanding ritual for those who may want to consider becoming an officer in the future.

"The introduction of this policy means that all members of the Lodge must be aware that if they choose to endorse a Petition, it will be their responsibility to tell the petitioner up front, that this is the way we in Tuckahoe Lodge encourage him to advance in Masonry. This will also be emphasized by those conducting candidate investigations, so there is no question in a candidate's mind of what is expected.

"If it is determined that he cannot, or has difficulty learning the 'question and answer' process (because of memory problems or other reasons) an alternative method will be available upon discussion with, and approval of the Master of the Lodge."

At our February Stated Communication, Rt. Wor. Rob Eades, District Instructor of Work (DIW) and Bro. Ray Lindquist, District Education Officer (DEO), will make their official visits to Tuckahoe Lodge. Wor. Doug Messimer will present another "Nugget", and will also comment on the history of our Lodge on the 85th anniversary of our Charter: February 14, 1923. Believe me, this is Stated Communication you won't want to miss!!!

Also, one of our inflated costs is the printing and mailing of the "Trestleboard". We will be exploring the use of email to deliver the "Trestleboard" and save a significant amount of money. If you have not yet given you email address to our Secretary, please do so, or give it to us when you come to Lodge.

Remember, your Lodge needs you! Bring a Brother with you!

Fraternally, Marshall Messimer, *Worshipful Master*

FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(583 Years of Masonic Service)

Atkinson, E. F.44th
Bailey, S. A.30th
Barbour, C. D.29th
Blaylock, W. D.44th
Desmond, M. P.11th
Gallant, P. L.25th

Johnson, J. K., Jr.24th
Longfellow, D. C.8th
Lyman, T. E., Jr.33rd
Martin, K. F., Jr.54th
Mason, J. L.17th
McClintock, W. M.39th

Peaco, C. D., III38th
Smith, J. G.54th
Williams, N. J.35th
Wood, J. C.54th
Wood, R. C.55th
Wright, D. L.8th

HONORARY MEMBERS

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