

INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Wor. Douglas M. Messimer, *Co-Chairman*

Important information. You really need to read this!!!

My brethren, at our February meeting I presented a plan to begin bringing our communications with Lodge members into the 21st century. We now have a very clean looking, efficient, well designed and easy to navigate web site, thanks to our Senior Deacon, Bro. Ben Smith. (Kudos, Ben!) It is a fine looking site that has a lot of current information about our coming events, the monthly Trestleboard, a page devoted to Masonic Education, and many other interesting links. I strongly encourage you to visit the web site... tuckahoelodge347.org...mark it as a favorite on your PC, and make it a habit to check back often.

This brings me to the part of the plan regarding the Trestleboard (our monthly bulletin). We are faced with having to cut expenses for mailing the bulletin to over 340 names each month. This process has become a nearly \$300 burden each month on our Lodge budget. At the February Stated meeting we asked those present who would be willing to get information about the Lodge electronically to do one of two things...either visit the web site to get their Lodge bulletin, or give us an email address and we'll send it to them. We also gave those who don't have access to a computer or the Internet the option to have the bulletin delivered by the Postal Service, as in the past.

If you were not present at the February meeting, you now have the same opportunity to sign up for this service. You need to make a choice...(1)...send a message to (doug@messimer.net) if want to get your Lodge information on line or by email or, (2)... call our Secretary, Bob Carpenter at 264-2050 (office), 527-6543 (home), or if necessary send a written request to 10604 Joseph Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060, indicating that you need to receive the bulletin by US Mail.

Once we have your email address we will remove your name from the list of those now receiving it by US Mail. Our goal is to get the list of those requiring a hard copy of the bulletin down to fewer than 100 members, possibly as low as 60. This will not happen in just one or two months.... but it is going to happen. So, we need your help in cutting Lodge expenses by using the Internet or email to get your bulletin. Do it now, please!

CHOOSE HOW YOU'LL RECEIVE YOUR COPY OF THE TRESTLEBOARD

- 1. The Best Way...**on line each month at tuckahoelodge347.org.
- 2. A good alternative...**receive it by email...send your email address to: doug@ messimer.net.
- 3. By U.S. Mail...**call the Lodge Secretary at 264-2050 (O), or 527-6543 (H) to let him know.

Printing and mailing expenses are increasing. Help your Lodge cut expenses, and become more efficient with our communications.

APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

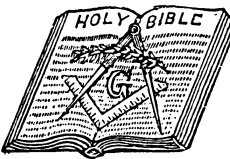
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Baxter, B.C. 2nd	Justice, G.E. 41st	Proffitt, F.E. 46th
Datig, J.B. 52nd	Keeton, R.R. 17th	Przybyla, S.M. 10th
Davis, R.G. 3rd	Krausse, S.C. 59th	Walker, E.L. 41st
Hott, R.C. 7th	Major, H.E., Jr. 4th	Wettstone, D.E. 32nd
Hughes, E.R. 39th	Myers, R.L. 25th	Winchester, P.C. 49th
Jones, L.K. 47th	Nuckols, C.W., III 8th	Woolard, J.L. 32nd


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No. 347
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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

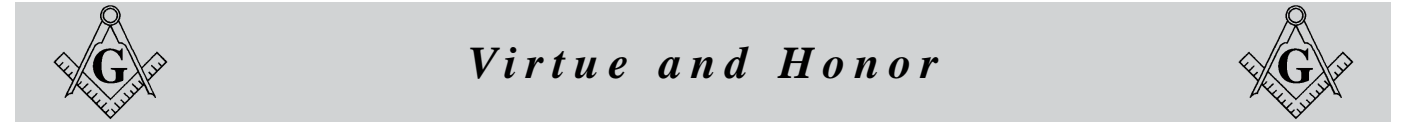
Dear Brother,

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, April 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
- Reception of the District Deputy Grand Master – Rt. Wor. Samuel Emmett Dunn
- General Business
- Nominations for DDGM in 2009 & 2010
- Committee Reports
- Program – Our Grand Master's Programs – Rt. Wor. Samuel Emmett Dunn
- Dress for Officers - Tuxedo**
- Dress for Members - Coat and Tie**

Masonic Recognition Day on the 1st of each month



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. R. Alton Wright Assistant Chaplain
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ACTION TEAMS

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

MASONIC EDUCATION:

Wor. Douglas M. Messimer (L.E.O.) (H) 270-3454
Rt. Wor. Clarence E. Whitley (H) 288-6133
Wor. Clawson D. Barbour (H) 740-3529

MASONIC RITUAL:

Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter, Jr. (L.I.W.) (H) 527-6543
Rt. Wor. J. Ned Culler (H) 750-1493
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:

Wor. Herb Eades (H) 270-2215
Bro. Willy Hall. (H) 749-3687

MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:

Bro. Byron B. Hubbard, Jr. (Dist. 15-C) (H) 270-1119

FUNERAL:

Rt. Wor. J. Ned Culler (H) 750-1493
Wor. R. Alton Wright (H) 360-5598

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

LIBRARY/SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Wor. Jack Cooke (H) 752-2117

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

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. F. Burnley, C. P. Johnson, R. C. Wood, D. M.

FROM THE EAST

Marshall H. Messimer, Jr., *Worshipful Master*

Brethren:

After a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by Rt. Wor. Sir Master Chef Whitley and served by our stewards, the Grand Lodge Masonic Community Blood Program Chairman, Bro. James Presgraves began the evening’s recognition ceremony by presenting Bro. Arthur B. Gregory, retiring District 15-C Blood Program Coordinator, with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Grand Lodge for his exceptional service and dedication to the advancement of the Grand Lodge Masonic Community Blood Program in District 15-C.

Brother Gregory and Tuckahoe Lodge’s Blood Program Coordinator, Bro. John Gaywood, then presented certificates and distinctive Grand Lodge pins to those who were donors. Special certificates were presented to those who contributed their time and efforts to the myriad of activities necessary to conduct successful blood programs.

At the Stated Communication, Bro. Byron B. Hubbard, Jr., our Ambassador to the Masonic Home of Virginia, presented Wor. R. Alton Wright with a certificate to the prestigious “Grand Master’s Club” for his exceptional service to our Masonic Home.

Wor. Douglas Messimer, Lodge Education Officer, presented the program for the evening. Another of his “Nuggets from the Quarries of Freemasonry” entitled, “Laws Rules and Regulations”. As always, Wor. Messimer’s presentation was thought-provoking and added to the further understanding of Masonry for all of us.

At our April Stated Communication we will receive the District Deputy Grand Master for District 15-C, Rt. Wor. Samuel E. Dunn, on the occasion of his official visit. We will also make our nominations for DDGM for 2009 and 2010.

A special musical offering for our ladies, “A Train Trip Through the South”, featuring music from the ‘30’s and ‘40’s, will be presented by the “James River Trio”, under the direction of our Lodge Musician, Bro. Richard Turochy.

Bring a friend and your lady! Support YOUR Lodge!!

SECRETARY’S CORNER

Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter, *Secretary*

Brethren:

Spring! That time of the year when the flowers bloom, showers are usually in the air, and your yard work takes a good portion of your time (unless you are on the golf course). Try and save one night in April for our Lodge. We would love to see you at the Stated Communication. A full Lodge room breeds confidence among your officers, a commitment to attend among the members, and good impressions for our visitors.

Please bring your completed Petitions For The Degrees to the Stated Meeting. We continue to lose our members to death. Unfortunately, the average age of our Lodge (66 years) should be a reminder to all that we must work doubly hard to grow our membership. Plenty of Petitions and pamphlets are available for you to hand out. This is one way that each and every one of you can support the future of your Lodge. In other words, the future of Tuckahoe Lodge is in your hands. Remember those words in the Charge at Closing, "...forget not the duties which you have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcible recommended..." Also remember that the future of your Lodge is one of your "duties". Your Lodge needs you now. SHARE YOUR GIFT OF FREEMASONRY WITH OTHERS. Ask your friends if they belong to a Masonic Lodge. If they say “no”, ask them “why not?” Then give them a pamphlet. Let them see for themselves a little of what Masonry is about. Many of them will inquire further and you may be asked for a petition.

Come out in April and participate in the nomination for the District Deputy Grand Masters for Masonic District 15-C in 2009 and 2010. Your Lodge has accomplished many things in the past year. Each of you can be a part of these accomplishments. Come out and ask how you can participate. We will find some activities for you. Every activity within the Lodge is helping your Lodge to grow and prosper. REMEMBER, TUCKAHOE LODGE IS RUN BY THOSE THAT SHOW UP! President John Quincy Adams said, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” Make sure you are one of those that shows up and helps your Lodge. If you would truly be among the leaders of our Craft, then you must fan that glowing ember of greatness that lies within you, and then you must give it away.

Use your Masonry. Use your knowledge. Use the gift that has been given you. An important benefit of Masonry is the feeling that we are part of something permanent. The traditions, the values, the emotional and spiritual anchor that is Freemasonry. Masonry reminds us that we have a meaningful and productive life. A benefit to yourself and to others. You must be Master of yourself and not a slave to passions. You must not be afraid of shadows or the unknown. You must not give way to self interests or place your interests above those of others. Think of how far you have come. You have only started the journey.