

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! We will be starting this program in the near future.

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.**

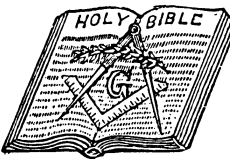
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Bailey, C.D.54th	Hartman, W.T.36th	McCune, E.F., Jr. 52nd
Chafin, A.B., Jr.23rd	Hayes, J.F.63rd	Powers, D.A., III 30th
Collier, J.W.49th	Heltzel, W.R.5th	Redmond, D.M. 31st
Conrad, S.A.30th	Hurt, J.W.57th	Smith, D.F. 2nd
Dyer, P.A.2nd	Kuper, I.W.63rd	Townsend, W.J. 41st
Eades, R.C., Jr.5th	Lee, W.G.40th	Weitzel, R.W. 52nd
Gaywood, J.T.21st	Martin, F.G., III46th	Wray, N.E., Jr.34th
Gregory, A.B., Sr.7th	Martin, K.E.46th	Wright, R.A.48th

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Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr., Secretary
10604 Joseph Court
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060
Address Service Requested



Tuckahoe Lodge

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


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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, May 1, 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 Grand Master of Masons in Virginia –
Mt. Wor. Edmund Cohen
General Business
Committee Reports
Program – Mt. Wor. Edmund Cohen

Dress for Officers - Tuxedo
Dress for Members - Coat and Tie

**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

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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
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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

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. D. J. L. Bloomquist, W. G. Lee, J. W. Hurt,
A. O. Ballinger, H. L. Atwell, C. P. Johnson, R. C.
Wood, D. M. Lovelace, J. G. Smith, J. C. Wood,

FROM THE EAST

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

Brethren: After a delicious roast beef dinner prepared by Rt. Wor. Sir Master Chef Whitley and served by our stewards, our ladies remained in the dining room and were treated to the musical talents of the James River Trio. .Our thanks go to Bro. Richard Turochy, our Lodge Musician and member of the Trio, for arranging this entertainment.

We received the District Deputy Grand Master for District 15-C, Rt. Wor. Samuel E. Dunn, on the occasion of his official visit and The Tuckahoe Trio rendered a stirring presentation of the Star Spangled Banner as the flag of our country was posted.

The Lodge nominated Wor. Albert A. Dranoff, Past Master of Fraternal Lodge No. 53 and Wor. V. Stuart Cook, Master of Washington & Henry Lodge No. 344, for the position of District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-C for the years 2009 and 2010 respectively.

Wor. Douglas Messimer, Lodge Education Officer, presented the program for the evening; another of his “Nuggets from the Quarries of Freemasonry”, entitled: “The Length of My Cable Tow”. As in previous presentations, Wor. Doug’s thoughts were stimulating and thought-provoking.

Rt. Wor. Dunn opened his remarks by expressing his pleasure at being in Tuckahoe Lodge and indicated the positive nature of his relationship with the Brethren. He then presented, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Wor. Herbert H. Eades , Master of Tuckahoe Lodge in 2006-2007, with a brass year attachment to be added to our Seymour Jonas Levy award in recognition of our continued support of the Grand Lodge Masonic Community Blood Program.

Rt. Wor. Dunn then presented Bro. Byron B. Hubbard, Jr., with his warrant from the Grand Lodge of Virginia to serve as the MAHOVA Ambassador for District 15-C. Our congratulations go to Brother Hubbard as he takes his enthusiasm for the Masonic Home to another. Bro. Hubbard has indicated he will continue as our Lodge Ambassador.

The District Deputy Grand Master then concluded his remarks with a description of Grand Master Edmund Cohen’s support for Masonic Programs and the efforts of the Grand Lodge to support the Lodges.

Bro. Willy Hall has published a schedule of Lodge fishing trips for this year: April 21, May 12, June 30 and November 17. These are opportunities to socialize with good Brothers and enjoy a day of fishing as well. For details and to sign up, call Bro. Hall at (804) 749-3687. Our thanks to Brother Hall for his efforts!

At our May Stated Communication we will receive the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen. MW Cohen has emphasized not only the charities that Virginia Masons support, but has established an aggressive program to

provide assistance to Lodges on a variety of subjects. His presentation is sure to be a positive one!

A special offering for our ladies will be provided by a well-known florist in Richmond, “Flora Culture”, who will present a program on “Spring Flowers”, and demonstrate floral arrangements.

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

SECRETARY’S CORNER

Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter, *Secretary*

Brethren: Brethren, there are still 7 brothers who have not paid their dues for 2007, and they are now delinquent. If your dues card does not say 2008, you are one of them. Please help Tuckahoe by meeting your obligation.

Last month I wrote that Tuckahoe is run by those who show up. This is never more evident than at our Stated and Called Communications. We see the same faces on the sidelines supporting Tuckahoe Lodge almost every month. We have approximately 240 members. About 20% live out of state. Another 15% are an extended distance outside of Richmond. This leaves 65% of 240 (or 156) members who should be making an effort to come to Lodge, at least once in a while, if they are able. Guess what? We have enough seats for all of you. Our seating capacity (counting officers and without adding chairs) is 162.

We are receiving the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia at our May Stated Communication. Let’s not allow Mt. Wor. Edmund Cohen to be received into a sparsely populated Lodge room. Let’s show the Grand Master that Masonry is alive and well in Tuckahoe Lodge. We have the promise of some forthcoming Petitions, but we need more. We also have the prospect of some brethren who may wish to affiliate with Tuckahoe Lodge.

Brethren, rededicate yourselves to Masonry and to Tuckahoe Lodge. Let’s fill our Lodge room and watch your officers swell with pride when we have visitors that see our enthusiasm. It is contagious, brethren. We can do it if we put our heart and soul into it. Remember those principles that caused you to say, in many cases just a few years ago, “How do I become a Mason?” Remember? I do. I think about it almost daily. It was one of the best things that has ever happened to me. That pride in Masonry and my Lodge continues to grow, day by day, month by month, year by year. We all have a way to go. Start now.

See you in Lodge!

In Memoriam

SPOTT CHARLES KRAUSSE

Entered Apprentice 3/18/1949
Fellowcraft 4/1/1949
Master Mason 4/29/1949
Affiliated 1/15/1988
Died 3/22/2008

GEORGE FOX BURNLEY

Entered Apprentice 8/1/1952
Fellowcraft 9/5/1952
Master Mason 10/3/1952
Died 4/6/2008

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

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